

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2015 7:00 P.M.

All Members Present

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.
Invocation was given by Wes Milliken
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (September 28, 2015)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (3rd Quarter 2015 & September, 2015)

A motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Treasurers Reports as read and was seconded by Commissioner Martha Stiffey. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey reported that the Community Walk for the students at North Warren was held on October 2nd and that he thought there was a good participation in it. He also stated that he would like to thank Commissioner Stiffey for being here for the event and for helping clean up afterwards. He also thanked Clerk Brewer and her daughter Brittany Shields for putting together the gift bags that were given to all of the students.

Mayor Stiffey also stated that he would like to thank Clerk Brewer for the extra time she has put in getting the 2015 taxes out in a timely manner.

Mayor Stiffey received a call from Porter Martin stating that they would be able to put up the Christmas lights next week. At this time the job of checking the lights has not been completed therefor, anyone that wanted to volunteer to help with that job would be greatly appreciated. Also, he would appreciate any volunteers to help put up the Christmas tree and decorate when the time comes.

Ms. Velta Rose Smith stated that The Garden Patch and several of the antique shops will be having an Open House the second weekend in November and that it might be good to have the tree up by then.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to have the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 23rd about thirty (30) minutes before the meeting, then have the meeting, and after the meeting have Hot Chocolate and cookies for everyone who stayed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stidham. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Stidham reported that the trees in the curve on Hedge Street have been cut down and all of the road work has been finished. Also, the sign for Main Street on Sixth Street has been replaced.

At this time Commissioner Cannon reported that there is a dip at the manhole in the curb on Hedge Street. Commissioner Stidham stated she was not aware of this but would contact Dennis at Scotty's in regards to the matter.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Martha Stiffey reported that the new police vehicle has been ordered and will hopefully be ready to use by the first of the year. Chief Vance stated that we may receive it by the end of November.

At this time the floor was turned over to Chief Vance.

Chief Vance reported that several citizens had asked him if there was anything the city could do about the trucks not using the turning lane correctly out by the Truck Stop. He was told that they would like to see signs put up telling truckers to use the turn lane.

He has done some research into the matter and there is nothing that he could charge them with other than impeding traffic. He asked Commissioner Stidham if she would contact the state and see if they would put up some signs or see what else they could do.

Chief Vance stated that since the last meeting he was able to find the KRS that allowed Golf Carts and electric vehicles on streets. However, if the city wanted to they could pass an ordinance against allowing but neither have been a problem for him.

Chief Vance reported that since the last meeting he has been working on the figures for hiring a Part-Time Police Officer. The way he has figured it the total cost would be eight hundred dollars (\$800) per month or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per year as long as they were already trained and certified. He is in hopes that we can get someone that may be retired from the field and just wants to work a couple of days a week.

At this time Mayor Stiffey stated he would like to give a special recognition to Chief Vance. Any in attendance at our last meeting would remember that there were some burglaries the night before our meeting and Chief Vance was away at training when this happened. However, Chief Vance assisted the Warren County Sheriff's Office and the State Police in the search for the perpetrator each night after his training until the person was found.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Cannon stated that the cemetery is looking great and the paving has been completed there as well.

Mayor Stiffey reported that there is going to have to be some rock put down beside the blacktop in a few places because of elevation, but we will use the rock that was taken up to do this.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent reported that there have been no violations since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging Committee

Jessie Varner reported that the Aging Committee met at the BRADD office on October 20, 2015. They had officer nominations for FY16 and he was elected as first chair, Sandi Joiner as second chair, and Carole Dunn as third chair, with Becky Tinch as an alternate.

He also reported that The Aging Services Review Committee met on October 15th to review the proposed unit price increases for providers due to the Governor's Executive Order to increase the minimum wage to ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) for government workers, including subcontractors. The Review Committee's recommendations were accepted.

He also reported that the September food drive with BRADD/AAAIL and AARP collected over 60bags of items to be distributed to needy elderly individuals in our district.

The next Aging Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10am at the BRADD office.

Christmas Parade

At this time Mayor Stiffey reported that there had been a meeting earlier this month with the Lions Club members. Porter Martin and John Wayne Smith, who were originally on the parade committee, have offered to help this year which will be of great assistance to the new committee.

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm here at City Hall.

He also stated that he had been asked about Trick-or-Treat hours. The city usually goes along with the county whose hours are 4 – 7 pm. However, some people have been told that the hours will be 5 – 8 pm. Since it is a weekend he does not feel that it will be a problem if someone is out past 7 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to sell unit 702 Police Cruiser by sealed bids with a minimum bid posted

Mayor Stiffey has talked to KLC and they said there are several ways we could dispose of the unit however, he believes the best way is to take sealed bids with a set minimum. That way once the car was sold the funds to start a new Vehicle Replacement account.

At this time Mayor Stiffey made a motion to go ahead and start the process for accepting sealed bids and set the minimum bid at four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey and discussion was called for.

Commissioner Vincent asked if the Blue Book value of the car had been looked at for setting the minimum bid. Mayor Stiffey and Chief Vance stated that it had and the amount stated for the minimum was it.

Commissioner Stidham asked what would happen if the lights and all were not removed and someone who not an officer of the law purchased it. Chief Vance stated that the city would not be liable if the person was to go out and run lights or basically impersonate an officer.

Mayor Stiffey stated that the numbers on the vehicles will be changed from 701 & 702 to just 01 and 02 and the new vehicle will be silver not white.

At this time Mayor Stiffey asked Magistrate McWhorter if he had anything he would like to update us on.

Magistrate McWhorter reported that the county has done some work on Rocky Hill Road/6th Street. He and Jerry Young are looking into painting the curve that goes from 6th Street to Rocky Hill Road so people know to go around the curve.

He is still working on getting a walking trail at Ed Spears Park. Chris Coomer is working on this project and hopefully it will be done soon. Also, Stan Regan is working on getting pads put at the park for the Recycle Bins.

Commissioner Vincent brought up the fact that Dr.'s Benson & Thomas had asked about plowing in the last meeting. Magistrate McWhorter stated he was not at the last meeting and was not aware of the request. Mayor Stiffey said he had spoken to Magistrate McWhorter about this matter but would discuss further after the meeting.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he had a concern regarding the traffic congestion at McDonalds. He would like for the city to look into putting up a traffic light.

Chief Vance stated that this had been brought up several years ago and the state was not in favor of a light when they investigated it. They said it would cause more congestion and back up traffic.

Commissioner Stidham stated that since she would be talking to them about signs for turning lane in front of the truck stop anyway she would ask about them coming up for a meeting on the matter.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk