

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Stiffey, Commissioner Stiffey, Commissioner Stidham, and Commissioner Vincent

Members Absent: Commissioner Cannon

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Invocation was given by Assistant Chief Claywell
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stiffey recognized special guest Magistrate Rex McWhorter.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (November 28, 2016)

The minutes were approved by acclimation

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (November 2016)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to accept the Treasurers Reports as read and was seconded by Mayor Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey stated that Clerk Brewer had prepared a list for the Commission showing what was budgeted for 2017, what has been spent so far, and what is left in each department's budget for the year. He also reminded everyone that the street budget did not reflect the work to be done for the streets that has already been approved.

At this time Chief Vance stated that he had received a call from the Oakland City Commission inviting the Smiths Grove Police and Commission to their Christmas dinner and open house tonight at the old Oakland School building. It started at 6:30 pm but may still be going on after our meeting was adjourned.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Stidham stated that she had nothing to report at this time other than the paving of the streets being delayed until next spring.

Chief Vance asked Commissioner Stidham if the street light had been installed on Sunset, and Commissioner Stidham answered that it has been. Chief Vance inquired if there was a second one being put up and was told “no”.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he had been stationed at the Baptist Church parking lot during the Christmas parade and he feels that a street light is needed there because it was very dark. He stated that maybe the Commission should look at that matter next year.

Mayor Stiffey reported that, after much confusion, WRECC had come out this week and installed the street light on Witherspoon.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Stiffey stated she had nothing to report at this time and asked Chief Vance if he had anything he wanted to report.

Chief Vance reported that he and Assistant Chief Claywell will be working some overtime hours at Western Kentucky University during sporting events. This will not cost the city anything because WKU will be reimbursing the city for their pay.

Cemetery Report

In Commissioner Cannon’s absence, Mayor Stiffey reported that the cemetery is idle at this time; the Commission will look into the cost of the fence again next year and after the storm last month flowers and debris had been blown all over the cemetery. Brian and Judy Gaul and he cleaned it up quickly.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent stated he had nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas Parade

Mayor Stiffey stated that he thought everything for the Christmas Parade went off just fine.

Commissioner Stidham stated that she thought it was the first time in years that it started at 6:00 pm and she believes that not announcing it helped things to move smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on 150 W. Third Street property

At this time Mayor Stiffey asked Attorney Moore if he could give a status update on this matter. Attorney Moore stated that the city is trying to get the sale confirmed by Judge Steve Wilson. There were 17 additional people added to the claim after the Master Commission sale causing the sale to not go through. There was a meeting with Judge Wilson on December 5 about this matter and there will be another hearing on January 3, 2017. Attorney Moore hopes this matter will be completed by the first Regular Commission Meeting in January.

Attorney Moore stated he would also like to update everyone on the sale of the Old City Hall Building which was held on December 3, 2016. The property was sold to Mr. Billy Miller for

forty eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$48,150) and the contract for sale has been signed. Also, he is getting closer to the signing of the deed for the Lions Club property. He hopes to have both of these completed by the first meeting of next year as well.

Decision on contract to do snow removal on city streets

Mayor Stiffey reminded all in attendance that last month he had received three (3) bids for snow removal. The bids were submitted by Cooke's Lawn Service before the meeting, Potts Lawn Care and Snow Removal at the meeting, and a verbal quote from Mark James. Keith Potts has now removed the retainer he had on his bid and changed the cost to a flat fee of eighty five dollars (\$85) per hour.

Mayor Stiffey stated that the Street Commissioner and maybe one (1) other person should be the ones to decide when streets need to be cleaned off, that way not only one person will be responsible.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he was sure all candidates would do a good job but, he prefers the Cooke's because Matthew has no other job and Keith Potts and Mark James do have and he did not think Mr. James was that interested since he did not submit a written bid.

Commissioner Stiffey stated that she thought it should be the Cooke's because they were local and the others were not. Commissioner Stidham and Commissioner Vincent both stated that they are all local.

Commissioner Stidham pointed out that an hourly price could get quite expensive. For instance, if the job took six (6) hours it would cost five hundred and ten dollars ($\$85 \times 6 = \510).

Commissioner Vincent stated that he also preferred that it be by job and not by the hour because it could be drawn out and the cost could be extensive.

Commissioner Stidham stated that she would like to see it put on a rotation schedule like the wrecker service list that the police department has. This would be fairer and no one would have hurt feelings or feel slighted if it was done that way.

Mayor Stiffey stated that everyone he talked to said they wanted a commitment from the city or they would not commit to the city.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Stiffey to contract the Cooke's to do the snow removal for the 2016 – 2017 seasons. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vincent. Roll was called for, Commissioner Stiffey – Yes, Commissioner Stidham – Abstain, Commissioner Vincent – Yes, and Mayor Stiffey - Yes so the motion passed 3 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Swearing in of new Commissioners

At this time Mayor Stiffey turned the meeting over to Magistrate Rex McWhorter to swear in the Commissioners for the next two years.

The Commissioners sworn in for 2017 and 2018 were Bob Buehl, Anthony Stidham, Martha Stiffey, and Gary Vincent.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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