

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 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 7:00 pm.
Invocation was given by Casey Mathias
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Special Guests: Jeff Eaton and Kyle Jones with SCRTC from Glasgow

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (September 26, 2016)

The minutes were approved by acclamation

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (3rd Quarter, 2016 and September 2016)

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

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey reporter that Saturday October 29, 2016 is Hazardous Waste day and asked Magistrate McWhorter if he could give more information on this event.

Magistrate McWhorter stated that the hours would be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the “Salt Barn” on Louisville Road. People can take any hazardous waste items there and they will dispose of them properly.

Mayor Stiffey also reported that the annual Food Ministry Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Saturday November 5th at the Methodist Church at 12:00 pm and all city officials and employees and their families were invited to attend.

At this time Mayor Stiffey turned the floor over to Jeff Eaton and Kyle Johnson for their presentation about South Central Rural Telephone. They explained that their company is installing fiber lines down 68/80 and 31W and they would like to survey the residents of Smiths Grove to see if there was any interest for their services in the area. They offer land line phone service, Digital TV, and High Speed Internet.

Mayor Stiffey made a motion to allow SCRTC to proceed with their marketing survey but this in no way stated that the city is endorsing this service or entering into a franchise agreement with them. It is just to get the residents opinion on if they would like this additional option for services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stidham. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 - 0

Public Works Report

Commissioner Stidham stated that she and Mayor Stiffey had contacted Scotty's about the streets the city wanted paved and were told it will be next spring before they can get to the job. Due to the weather this summer Scotty's has fallen behind schedule and they have also had a shortage of employees.

Commissioner Stidham also reported that the street lights that were out in the Meadows have been replaced, Sanders Tree Service is going to cut back the tree on Sunset so the new light can be installed, and adhesive is going to be purchased for the rumble strip at the corner of Second Street and Main Street so it can be reset.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

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

Chief Vance stated that they do have a few ongoing investigations at this time but he could not discuss them. Also, he has received complaints once again about the big trucks not using, or improperly using the turn lane in front of the truck stop.

Commissioner Vincent asked if the 5 vehicle accidents on the police report weren't high. Chief Vance stated that it was but that several of the accidents had been at the caution light at 68/80 and in parking lots.

At this time Magistrate McWhorter stated that the Warren County Sheriff's Department has offered to bring someone in to do education on neighborhood watch since there have been so many break-ins.

Chief Vance reported that the break-ins were not in the city limits but right outside of the city limits and that he was sure the residents of Smith Grove would appreciate any help.

At this time Buddy Marr asked if the state couldn't be asked to hang signs above the turning lane to help truckers and others see the lane Anthony Stidham, who used to work for the state, stated that the state would not do anything.

Cemetery Report

In Commissioner Cannon's absence, Mayor Stiffey reported that the monument for the unknown buried in the cemetery had been installed about two weeks ago, and that the Smiths Grove Lion's Club has donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000) towards this project for their Centennial Project. However, they do have a request that once the project is completed that the city will put up a plaque stating the donation for their Centennial Project.

Mayor Stiffey also reported that he has had the chapel painted inside and that the funds for this project came out of the Cemetery Improvement account. He stated that the city is grateful for the people who have given these donations because without them we would not be able to do many improvements.

At this time the Mayor asked the commission what they would like to do about the fence around the area for the unmarked graves marker. He stated that a split rail fence had been discussed but that he did not believe it would last long. Commissioner Vincent stated that a vinyl fence had been mentioned but he did not believe this would look tasteful. In his opinion, a nice three foot (3') high black iron fence on a raised concrete foundation would be the best idea.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vincent for authorization to acquire bids for the foundation and the fence. The motion was seconded by Mayor Stiffey.

Chief Vance asked if there would be a gate or just an open side for the mowers and others to enter the area. Commissioner Vincent stated he was thinking just an open side but they could get bids for both ways.

The Mayor asked that roll be called, Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent stated that there are a lot of brush piles around town and that he believes that once the burn ban is lifted the city should check with these homeowners and if they agreed the city would do a controlled burn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging Committee

NONE

Christmas Parade

Mayor Stiffey asked Ms. Ginny Arterburn if she had anything to report at this time.

Ms. Arterburn reported that the parade will be Friday December 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm. and this year it will not be announced as it has in past years. Also, the next meeting will be November 7th at the Lions Club regular meeting.

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 reported that he was continuing efforts to get this property to sale. There have been seventeen (17) additional parties found that have to be notified. Judge Wilson has signed the order adding these seventeen (17) parties and has issued a Warning Order Attorney.

Approval of Contract to auction Old City Hall Building

Attorney Moore reported that Mr. John Tarter has sent him the contract for the sale of the old City Hall property and he has approved it for the city to sign. He has also prepared a contract for the buyer of the property and both contracts will state the CSX encroachment and information about the tenant and their lease. The lease agreement could be terminated in the spring if the new owner wanted to terminate.

NEW BUSINESS

Gravel for Alleys

Mayor Stiffey stated that there are several alleys in town that are in need of more gravel. He would like for the commission to agree and set a limit on what is to be spent.

Commissioner Stidham stated that she only has about seven Hundred dollars (\$700.00) in her budget that she can spend.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to try to do three alleys for no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and was seconded by Mayor Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 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