

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY May 22, 2017 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Mayor Stiffey, Commissioner Stiffey, Commissioner Vincent, and Commissioner Buehl.

Members Absent: Commissioner Stidham

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Casey Mathias

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Municipal Road Aid Hearing (April 24, 2017)

Minutes of Regular Meeting (April 24, 2017)

The minutes were approved by acclimation

**REPORTS**

Treasurers Report (April, 2017)

The Clerk explained that last month's report was incorrect due to the fact that several cemetery CD's were combined into one and that one was not on the report. The amount of that CD was seventy one thousand two hundred thirty one dollars and sixty six cents (\$71,231.66) therefor, this month's financials are increased by that much. These are restricted funds so this does not affect the budget in any way.

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

**Administrative Report**

Mayor Stiffey reported that the air conditioner went out last week but it was a simple fix.

Other than that, the only thing he had to report is that the Smiths Grove Women's Club Memorial Day Service will be held this Saturday May 27, 2017 at 11:00 am at the chapel in the cemetery. He asked that everyone come out and support the Women's Club and remember those who served and continue to serve our country.

### **Public Works Report**

In Commissioner Stidham's absence, Mayor Stiffey reported that all of the paving that was bid and approved last year has been completed except for First Street and the apron for the alley at the Paw Spa.

Also, the sections of sidewalk that were bid out have been repaired. Atmos Energy may have to tear out some others but they will repair them.

### **Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report**

Commissioner Stiffey stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Chief Vance was not in attendance due to the City of Glasgow honoring his father who recently deceased.

Mayor Stiffey reported that Assistant Chief Claywell is going to be leaving us to pursue other interests. However, he is going to try to stay with us until we can get a replacement for the position.

### **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Buehl reported that he has contracted Patton-Brantley Monuments to do a 20x20x10 granite marker for the Lions Club donation to the unknown monument. The marker will only cost the city one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and it will have the Lions Club logo on it.

Also, he is still working on repairing the damaged headstones however it will take a while to do each one and make sure it is done correctly. He has also been informed that a vase on the King monument was broken off sometime in the last year and he will repair that as well.

Mayor Stiffey reported that we have increased the insurance on the chapel from fifty four thousand dollars (\$54,000) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) because he did not feel that the chapel could be replaced for fifty four thousand dollars (\$54,000) should anything happen to it.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Commissioner Vincent stated that he, Chief Vance, and the clerk have sent out around ten (10) letters to property owners in regards to violations and all but two (2) are now in compliance. The properties on Witherspoon and North Main will need to be cited thirty five dollars (\$35) for non-compliance and he asked the clerk if she would get with the Chief and have this done.

He also reported that the property located at 476 Cave Street, which the family members do not think they own any more but no records showing the property has been turned over to Master Commissioners Office, has been cleaned up. He contacted Cook's Mowing and they mowed the property for a fee of seventy five dollars (\$75).

Commissioner Vincent inquired as to how much they would charge to mow the property

every other week and they gave him a price of thirty dollars (\$30) per mowing. He proceeded to ask the commission for their approval to have the Cooks do the mowing. All members present were in agreement.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Aging Committee**

Jessie Varner reported that the Aging Committee met at the BRADD office on May 17<sup>th</sup> and had a guest speaker, Teresa Stokes, from Audubon Community Services. This service would have previously been known as Green Thumb. They are an employment program for seniors. He has requested, with the commission's approval, to have her attend our next meeting in June and give a presentation.

## **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 he had given a copy of the Commissioner's Deed, signed by everyone except Jimmy Pillow, to the Clerk and the Mayor. Mr. Pillow has stated that he is waiting for a day off from work so he can go pay for the property and sign the deed.

Commissioner Vincent inquired as to if the city or Attorney Moore had any idea how much Mr. Pillow has had to pay in legal fees for this matter so the city could reimburse him.

Mayor Stiffey stated that Mr. Pillow has shown interest in the utility trailer, which is confiscated evidence by the police department, and that maybe we could give him the trailer instead. He also stated that he had talked to Attorney Moore in regards to the matter and Attorney Moor advised that it would have to be advertised for twenty (20) days but if not claimed that the city could do this.

Clerk Brewer asked Attorney Moore if once the city was given possession of the trailer would it not have to be sold at auction per KRS to which he replied he did not believe it would have to be if advertised for the twenty (20) days.

### **Cemetery Unknown Burial fence discussion**

Mayor Stiffey reported that he had received a price for four inch pipe (4"), Flat cap, with three (3) ears for approximately one hundred dollars (\$100) each. If we had to use twenty (20) posts it would cost two thousand dollars (\$2,000). He stated that if the fence was done at an angle for mowing it could be dropped top eighteen (18) posts.

Commissioner Vincent explained that the posts would be set in two feet (2') of concrete, and then you would have three foot of the poles above that for a total of five foot (5') for the height of the fence. There will be an opening left for mowing and the fence posts and chain link will be painted black. Of all the options they considered this was the least costly way to go.

Commissioner Buehl stated that he thought this could possibly be a project that the Eagle Scouts to help with labor on.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Buehl to approve construction of up to twenty (20) posts total at a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100) per post. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey. Ayes: All members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance # 17-001 230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018.**

A motion was made by Mayor Stiffey to approve Ordinance # 17-001 230.20 and was second by Commissioner Buehl, Ayes: All members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

**Perpetual Care funds at Cemetery discussion**

Mayor Stiffey differed to Attorney Moore to discuss where we are in the process of trying to get these funds.

Attorney Moore stated that last month he filed action with Judge John Grice's office to consider and decide on the matter. He has also sent the petition to the Attorney General's office and is now waiting to hear back from them. Once he hears back from them he will appear before Judge Grice.

**Update on any movement of truck stop improvements**

Attorney Moore stated that at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting Warren County Planning and Zoning and the City had given the Travel Center until June 16, 2017 to start construction on the property. He gave a copy of the Grading Permit and the plans for construction to the clerk tonight. However, no Building Permit has been issued to date. If they do not meet the dead line they could be charged as much as one hundred dollars (\$100) per day.

**City controlled burn of brush and tree limbs**

Commissioner Vincent stated that he has had several people in the community tell him they think it would be a great idea to have a City Controlled Burn. He would like to have some flyers made and as Chief Vance drives around, if he sees a stack of brush or tree limbs, he could give a flyer to the residents.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he would like to pursue and work out the details tonight such as setting a date and time for the event.

Mayor Stiffey and Commissioner Buehl both agreed that it was a good idea but since it needs to be dry there should be a backup date for the event.

At this time Commissioner Vincent made a motion to have a City Controlled Burn on June 17, 2017 with a backup date of June 24, 2017 and that residents of the city could start delivering brush and tree limbs at 12:00 noon on Friday June 16, 2017 and could deliver until 4:00 pm on Saturday. The motion was second by Commissioner Stiffey. Ayes: All members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Chaplain Mathias said to put the church phone number on the flyer to contact if needed someone to come pick up their brush pile.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation Proclaiming June 5, 2017 – June 9, 2017 National Garden Week**

Mayor Stiffey read the proclamation and then presented it to Mrs. Mary Legge with the Garden Club.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Stiffey adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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