

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 7:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Mayor Stiffey

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner Gary Vincent called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.
Invocation was given by Chaplin Casey
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Special Meeting (September 11, 2017)

The minutes were approved by acclamation

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (August, 2017)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham 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

In Mayor Stiffey's absent Commissioner Vincent asked Clerk Brewer if she knew of anything that needed to be reported. Clerk Brewer stated that VanMeter Heating & Air had replaced the AC unit and she believed the cost came in quite a considerable amount cheaper than the quote from R&R. The Mayor did get at least four (4) or five (5) quotes on the job.

At this time Attorney Moore stated that he had contacted the Mayor in regards to two different SCRTC Franchise Agreements that he had received. He was unsure why they were so different but thought this was something that should be discussed at the next meeting.

At this time Clerk Brewer informed Attorney Moore that the Franchise Agreement he had received from the Mayor was the one that had been typed up by her.

Attorney Moore informed the commission that the one from SCRTC seemed like it was an easier one to get out of if the city ever wanted to and he would recommend that they go with that one.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Stidham reported that Professional Concrete had started the paving on Cave Street. Main Street has been finished and looks good. Cave Street will be finished before the festival.

Commissioner Stidham informed all present that he had talked to Dennis at Scotty's about splitting the paving job and only doing Laurel before December.

Commissioner Stidham stated that she is concerned about doing any paving with Atmos tearing up streets at this time and replacing them with concrete.

Commissioner Stidham stated he thought concrete was better than pavement but that we may need to either wait it out or contact Atmos and see what their plans are.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Stiffey reported that there had been a lot of traffic stops in the month of August. Forty six (46) to be exact. She asked Chief Vance to explain what the twenty nine (29) complaints were.

Chief Vance explained that a complaint could be anything not warranting a dispatch call, or things they are dispatched to by the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Vance also reported that there had been several calls questioning as to why the State Police had been setting up on our bridge. They are working on Federal overtime and it does not involve our police department.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported that not much has been done in the cemetery at this time due to it being so hot & dry. He has not even been able to paint the posts because of the heat. However, the Mayor did call him with a quote from Kenneth Cowles of one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,950) to match the existing concrete on the triangle area where the Drutt's are buried. Also, we just had a member of that family buried in that area this week.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Buehl to accept the bid from Kenneth Cowles for one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,950) to match the existing concrete on the triangle area where the Drutt's are buried. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent stated that there are still a couple of places that are out of compliance. One of them is an absentee owner and the other has stated that they are not

going to do anything to correct the problem. Commissioner Vincent would like for the Commission to give him permission to hire someone to mow and clean these properties. Matthew Cook is already taking care of 475 Cave Street and maybe we could get him to do the other two.

At this time Commissioner Stidham made a motion for the commission to give Commissioner Vincent permission to hire someone to mow and clean the two properties that are out of compliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl and discussion was called for.

Chief Vance stated that he was concerned because one of the properties in question is being lived in by the property owner.

Attorney Moore stated that if the property owner tells them to get off of his property then they should follow his lead and do so.

With no further discussion roll was called for. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging Committee

No report at this time.

Smiths Grove Days Festival

Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent asked Commissioner Stidham to report on the festival since he seemed to be the person in charge of it.

Commissioner Stidham stated that he was not in charge of the festival. Clerk Brewer and Assistant Clerk Joyner had done the majority of the work. However he did have a lady that would be coming with some inflatables and games for kids and she has already supplied the city with her proof of insurance.

At this time he asked Clerk Brewer if she had anything else to report. Clerk Brewer stated that Assistant Clerk Joyner had put the festival information on every Community Calendar and radio station that we could get free publicity on. K.O. Blankenship of Psycho Granny's Quilt Shop and More had used her add in the Know U Didn't paper to advertise the festival. Also, on Wednesday Esli Pelly from the Garden Patch and either the Mayor or the Clerk will be on WBKO Mid-Day on to talk about the festival.

At this time Mrs. Diana Varner of the Lions Club asked if someone from their organization could go too because they were not able to get a spot. The commission was agreeable to this and consent was given.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid for replacing the concrete triangle at cemetery entrance

Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent stated that this matter had already been discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

Second reading of Ordinance Number 17-002 230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2018 annual property tax on motor vehicles and watercraft in the City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to accept Ordinance 17-002 230.10 as written and read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Second reading of Ordinance Number 17-004 230.00 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2017 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property within the City of Smiths Grove.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stiffey to accept Ordinance 17-004 230.00 as written and read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Street lights in the Meadows Subdivision

Since Mayor Stiffey had arrived Commissioner Vincent deferred this matter to him at this time.

Mayor Stiffey stated that the Meadows has now reach almost fifty (50) homes he felt that the city should take some responsibility for a portion of the street lights in the Meadows. It would only be fair for the city to pay their portion of the street light bill that they would pay for any other street lights in the city.

At this time the residents of the Meadows annually pay five thousand five hundred eighty three dollars (\$5,583) on their property taxes which go to Warren Rural Electric. There are eighteen (18) street lights in the subdivision. They are not the same type of lights that are in the rest of the city so the cost is different. The annual street light assessment per owner in the Meadows is one hundred eleven dollars and sixty six cents (\$111.66).

For Fiscal Year 2017 the city paid twelve thousand eight hundred eighteen dollars and eighty three (\$12,818.83) for one hundred twenty seven (127) street lights. There are approximately four hundred eighty one (481) taxable properties in the city limits. Therefor if each parcel owner had to pay annually for street lights it would cost twenty six dollars and sixty five cents (\$26.65) per parcel.

Commissioner Stidham stated that the city had no say so in what type of lights were installed in the Meadows Subdivision at the time it was built.

Commissioner Vincent stated that the owners of property in the Meadows pay city property taxes just like everyone else and it would be nice if the city paid their part for the lights.

Mayor Stiffey reported that the city would make the payments to the Meadows Home Owners Association instead of to Warren Rural Electric.

Commissioner Vincent suggested that the commission have Debbie Richey or a representative from the Home Owners Association come to the next meeting.

Commissioner Stidham asked who would be the owners of the street lights to which the mayor replied the meadows would.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah Brewer City Clerk