

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2018 7:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Commissioner Stiffey

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.
Invocation was given by Chaplain Casey Mathias
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stiffey welcomed all in attendance

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (January 22, 2017)

The minutes were approved by acclimation.

Treasurers Report (January 2017)

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

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey stated that he had nothing to report at this time because everything was going smoothly.

Commissioner Vincent asked that at the next meeting the clerk supply a list of any delinquent Taxes and anyone that has any unpaid bills to the city.

Public Works Report

In Commissioner Stiffey absence, Mayor Stiffey stated that there were two (2) street lights that have been repaired by Warren Rural Electric, there are some street signs that need work, and that we still have paving that was approved in last year's budget to begin when the weather clears up.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith stated there was not much going on at this time. They are trying to keep unit 701 under One Hundred Thousand (100,000) miles and get the recalls on it taken care of.

He has ridden with Chief Vance and has noticed that it is taking the Warren County Sheriff's Office too long to get back with our officers with information on NCIC checks and other information. Therefore; they are going to purchase an Air Card (computer chip) that will allow them to have Wi-Fi and be able to do their own NCIC checks.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl stated that Brian Gaul has placed mulch around some of the trees and shrubs in the cemetery and that mowing will probably be starting early. Also, he will be re-seeding part of the area in the Druitt triangle area at the main entrance of the cemetery again.

Commissioner Buehl reported that he will be going to Diamond Screw to purchase some All Thread in order to repair some of the larger stones he is working on. He has also been talking with Chief Vance about getting a survey camera for the cemetery that will be able to record video as well. Chief Vance has been talking with someone about getting one for the City Hall building and Commissioner Buehl asked the Chief to inquire about one for the cemetery as well.

There are some violations in the cemetery with regards to mementos and shepherds hooks being put in the wrong places in the cemetery. There are several glass items being left that can be broken and cause problems with mowing in the cemetery. He may have to start implementing the ninety (90) day removal policy that was set up in Resolution 05-11 under Removal of benches or other permanent structures.

At this time Commissioner Vincent inquired to the status of the monument for the Smiths Grove Lions Club. Commissioner Buehl informed all present that the monument is ready but is still waiting for a shipment to come this way. If the city were to have the monument shipped by its self the cost would be to great.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent stated that there are two (2) or three (3) Code Violations at this time and that Chief Vance has taken care of one of them. The property at 216 Cave Street has a brush pile with mattresses piled against it in their back yard, and he would like for Chief Vance to a problem with the property at 220 North Main Street.

Commissioner Vincent stated that there are also several garages and storage buildings around town that are in bad shape. He would like for Chief Vance and himself to drive around and look at them. He believes that the owners should be asked to have these buildings removed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging Committee

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Updates/Discussion on any changes in proposed Pension Increases

Chief Vance stated that he has talked to the Retirement Board and he can be changed from Hazardous to Non-Hazardous however it will not be an easy task. Basically, the Commission will have to petition the Retirement Board asking for the change to be made. His job description would have to be changed to state that he is ninety percent (90%) Administrative and only ten percent (10%) Patrol where right now his job description is the opposite. He stated that there may be some changes coming but he figures the government will probably go ahead with the increases as they are.

Attorney Moore stated that the increase may be spread out a little further to allow cities time to budget out the increases.

NEW BUSINESS

Repair of parking lot at City Hall (Sinkhole)

Commissioner Smith stated that he believes that the hole is getting larger and that he has recently noticed a large crack in the pavement and he is concerned about this matter.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he had talked to Scotty's Construction last year about the matter. He believes they do this type of work and that the base amount was around three thousand dollars (\$3,000) which included the paving. However; this will depend on how far they have to dig out to get a solid bed. The further they have to go the higher the cost will be.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he has had previous experience working with sinkhole's and what we are seeing is probably deep. There could even be a cave or something causing the problem. Also, he suggested that the city advertise for bids to do the job.

Mayor Stiffey asked if the commission wanted to advertise for bids or just call a couple of people and ask them to give the city a bid. Commissioner Vincent replied that he thought the Mayor should just call two (2) or three (3) people and ask them to give the city a bid. Mayor Stiffey stated he will try to have these for the next meeting.

At this time Commissioner Smith made a motion for the Commission to go into closed session to discuss a Personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vincent. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0 at 7:21 pm.

At 8:02 pm Commissioner Smith made a motion to go back in to open session the motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. Ayes all members so the motion passed 4-0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah Brewer City Clerk