

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022, 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Steve Roney, Mayor David Stiffey, Police Chief Jason Franks, Assistant Police Chief Rick Bessette, City Attorney Hamp Moore, and Assistant City Clerk Paula Sleeman

Members Absent: Commissioner Bob Buehl

Recognized Guests: Warren County Clerk Candidate, Johnnie Blissett; Candidate for Magistrate, Terry Hendrick; Jennifer Cartwright, Candidate for Smiths Grove City Commission; Stan Beard, Buc-ee's.

Invocation was given by Mayor Stiffey

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022. With no additions or revisions, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – June 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Marr to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Roney. The Treasurer's Report was approved by 4-0 vote.

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey had nothing new to report.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated that we are still waiting for paving to start, but expecting it will be done in the next five to six weeks.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader had nothing new to report. Chief Franks stated that June had been a busy month and there is still a trend in gas thefts reported. Ch. Franks further stated that he has heard some concerns regarding increased traffic on I-65 and Main Street. Ch. Franks emphasized not to wait to report any suspicious activity.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated that due to the heat the grass has not been growing and that hopefully the forecasted rains will help the grounds.

Code Enforcement Report

Chief Franks reported for Commissioner Buehl and stated they are still working with the properties at 466 and 476 Cave Street and has reached out to Cooke's Lawn Care for maintenance. Ch. Franks further stated that eight property owners have received letters of notice regarding their properties. Ch.

Franks stated that another community clean-up day will be scheduled and has heard concerns about the sidewalks on W. 3rd Street regarding damage due to parking on them

COMMITTEES

There are no committee reports, but Mayor Stiffey reminded all in attendance that the Smiths Grove Christmas Parade will be held the first Friday in December.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Stiffey introduced the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2002-004 Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds by the City of Smiths Grove, KY to finance the Buc-ee's Smiths Grove, LLC project. He read the full introduction and asked if there was a motion. Commissioner Schroader made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-004 Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds by the City of Smiths Grove, KY to finance the Buc-ee's Smiths Grove, LLC project. Commissioner Marr seconded the motion. Ordinance 2022-004 was approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stiffey requested approval for the purchase of body cameras and related equipment for the Smiths Grove Police Department. Chief Franks explained that the equipment is beneficial as insurance for the Police and the City against complaints and misinformation. Ch. Franks presented a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. that included two body cameras, docking and charging stations for up to eight cameras, insurance and warranty on the equipment, an evidence management program, cloud-based storage for footage and evidence, and upgrades as they become available for a one-time payment of \$11,893.00 or \$2,378.60 per year for five years. After some discussion Commissioner Schroader made a motion to approve the purchase of the body cameras and related equipment. Commissioner Roney seconded the motion, and the expense was approved 4-0.

Mayor Stiffey stated that the 2022 Dodge Ram SSV has been purchased and paid for. He further stated that it is currently at L&W Emergency Equipment in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky to be outfitted with police equipment.

City Attorney Hamp Moore and Stan Beard with Buc-ee's had a brief discussion with those present regarding the benefit of using Industrial Bonds rather than a bank loan to finance the Buc-ee's project.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED



DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST



PAULA SLEEMAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE



Minutes were prepared by Paula Sleeman, Assistant City Clerk