

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**APRIL 23, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin  
Absent none. There was a full quorum.

Also present City Attorney: Wes Milliken

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here.

Mayor Watt said that the proposals on the Engineering are going to take more time so will get to that last.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (March 26, 2007)

Commissioner Varner said that in the March 26, 2007 minutes there needs to be a correction, it states Commissioner Pierce had made the motion and seconds the motion. With that correction and no further discussion. Minutes of the above- referenced motion made by Commissioner Varner second by Higginbotham to approve the March 26, 2007 minutes. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting (April 3, 2007)

Minutes of the above -referenced motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham to correct the minutes to add those who were absent Commissioner Pierce second. With no further discussion. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting (April 17, 2007)

Mayor Watt said that the Minutes of April 17, 2007 Needs correction to change where Chief Vance is to continue with BP Travel Center and Chevron not Shell and Chevron. With those changes to be made, motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham second Commissioner Pierce to approve said minutes of the above-referenced. With no further discussion. A roll call was taken: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report-

Mayor Watt explained to the Commission that the figure that is on the balance sheet is incorrect that until the clerk can get with David Gilbert on how to correct the problem it will show the incorrect figure. With no further questions. A motion was made by

Commissioner Varner second by Commissioner Pierce to accept the March 07 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

#### Public Safety & Health & Welfare Report-

Commissioner Higginbotham has nothing to report.

#### Police Report-

Commissioner Varner read the police report. Mayor Watt asked Chief Vance if he could elaborate on the arrest fees. Chief Vance said that the city is going to start getting the arrest fees. Attorney Wes Milliken said it will be around \$30.00 per arrest or around there. Vance said he averages around 10 a month.

#### Cemetery Report-

Commissioner Martin asked Martha Watt if she could give the quarterly report.

Martha said that the funds carried forward are \$4765.91.

The expenditures were \$3945.21 Total funds available is \$ 9171.01

Commissioner Martin said that there were some stumps out in the cemetery that the Women's club is going to remove. But they would have to have the city do this and then reimburse the city. Commissioner Martin makes a motion for the city to do this. Mayor Watt said he had spoke with Martha McQuirk on this but she is aware that the city can not do this until the next fiscal year so asked Commissioner Martin if he could amend his motion. Commissioner Martin amended his motion to make a motion to make sure that in the next fiscal year that the funds will be allocated, to allow the stumps removed and the Women's club will reimburse the city of the cost. Commissioner Varner seconds with no further discussion. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Commissioner Martin said that Jeremy Vincent had went out and mowed 1 day earlier then his contract stated. He had done a great job and he would like to pay him extra for going out there and doing this. He had picked up all the limbs and had extra help with the mowing. Mayor Watt said that he had made it clear that if the contractor was not willing to go out there one day earlier then just have them start the next day upon their contract. Commissioner Higginbotham asked how many times have they been out there.

Commissioner Martin said two times. Commissioner Higginbotham stated that they would owe us money. Commissioner Pierce said he does not feel like the city should have to pay someone extra when they are doing their job. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to pay Jeremy \$200.00 more Varner seconds. With no more discussion. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Martin and C. Varner. Voting no: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Pierce.

#### Street Report-

Commissioner Pierce said the last meeting he and Chief Vance had went to check which lights were working. Pierce will get with the clerk and let her know which ones are out. On Laurel, Main and Mill Streets potholes that need more patching.

#### Beautification-

Sherry Higginbotham presented a proposal to the Mayor and Commission said that this is the flowers, the beautification had selected. The Modem Woodmans Donation will be \$

200.00. The cost will run around \$ 207.00. Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept the proposal second by Commissioner Pierce. Roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposals on Engineering/Landscaping

Mayor Watt said that each of the Commission has a copy. He would like to take a 10-minute recess to go over these proposals. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Watt opened the meeting back at 7: 50 p.m.

Mayor Watt and the City Commission had asked several questions with two of the individuals that were representing their firm. Colette with Anderson's Engineering and Mark Arnold with Design Works Engineering. Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they felt they needed more time to make a decision the Commission was all in agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to have a special called meeting on Friday at 4:30 p.m. second by Commissioner Varner. With no further questions. A roll call was made. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce And C. Martin. Voting no: None.

Mayor Watt said if no further questions, the meeting was adjourned approximately at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney