

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 28, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin. Absent: Commissioner Varner

Also present Wes Milliken

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance  
Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (March 24, 2008)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none, minutes of above-reference motion was made by C. Pierce second by C. Higginbotham to approve said minutes. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Special Meeting

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Minutes of the above –reference motion was made by C. Martin second by C. Higginbotham to approve said minutes. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Special Meeting (April 2, 2008)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Minutes of the above-reference motion was made by C. Pierce second by C. Martin to approve said minutes A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Mayor Watt said before we go any further he would like for everyone to keep Jessie and his family in your prayers, his son had surgery today.

**REPORTS**

Treasure Report (February 08)

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to accept the 08 Treasurer Report  
Commissioner Martin second. A roll call was taken: Roll call:  
Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting yes: none.

### Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said no report.

### Police Report

Mayor Watt read the report and said that also with Commissioner Varner not here there was another item on the agenda and that was to discuss Officer Bob Smith to go on payroll. Said this will be put on the agenda for Friday's meeting.

Asked C. Vance if he had anything to add. Chief Vance said he wanted to thank several for helping out with cruisers. Kenneth Marr had done the detailing on the vehicles; Godfather graphics had donated the graphics. Bob Smith had helped with all the labor many hours he had put into this. He should be getting the MDT installed next week.

### Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said that the cemetery has not been looking good going to really see how they do for the holiday coming out. C. Martin asked Martha Watt to read the Cemetery Financial Report- Martha said the carry forward balance is \$ 7022.77. The CD's have a total of \$ 67,179. The expenditures were \$5104.78.

### Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said where Mr. Wardlow his culvert when it rains mud is just running all the gravel away. The lights all look good. There have been several complaints about the speed bumps. He allowed the citizens to comment on the speed bumps. No one likes them. Mayor Watt said he would need a motion to change the speed limit.

C. Higginbotham makes a motion to amend an Ordinance or make a new one to reduce the speed limit to 25 M.P.H. except on Main Street. C. Pierce seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none. Mayor Watt said that he needs a motion if the Commission thinks those bumps needs to be removed or if the purchase of more bumps just the strip kind.

Commissioner Martin makes a motion to go ahead and purchase the speed bumps for the amount of another \$ 800.00. Commissioner Pierce seconds. Mayor Watt asked the Commission for comment. C. Higginbotham said he thinks the City should not purchase the speed bumps just try and see how the reduce speed limit works that way the city is not out of the funds again. Mayor Watt said that the officers could start issuing tickets and not courtesy notices. Commissioner Martin rescinds his motion and C. Piece makes a motion to reduce the speed limit to 25 C. Higginbotham seconds the motion. A roll was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that they had a meeting discussed the planting of shrubs by the air conditioners out here in side of the building. Wall decorations they are deciding what to do there.

Christmas Report-  
No report

Annexation

C. Higginbotham said the County Clerks office is working on the surveys.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Paying Elected Officials for missing meetings**

Commissioner Martin asked if that could be tabled until another date.

Mayor Watt said with no further questions the meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:10 p.m.

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

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

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

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney