

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2012 6:00 PM

All Members Present:

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Police Cruiser

Commissioner Martin stated that unit 702 has needed quite a large amount of work done to it lately and that just this week we have had to spend \$280.11 in repairs.

Last week Chief Suoy presented him with a flyer that he had received from Wildcat Ford Lincoln Mercury in Nicholasville, KY, which stated we could purchase a new 2011 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor for \$21,515 delivered. Since we now have \$25,822.24 in our vehicle replacement account (\$16,234.76 and \$9,587.48 in CD) that we should purchase a new vehicle from Wildcat. This price would not include the cost of lights, lettering or a new radio if needed but it is less than we paid for the last cruiser we purchased.

The motion was made by Mayor Higginbotham to purchase the new cruiser and was seconded by Commissioner Pierce.

In discussion, Mayor Higginbotham stated that he wanted Commissioner Martin to take full control in purchasing the cruiser and all items that would be needed for it. The question was asked as to what to do with the old cruiser. Chief Suoy had printed out what the NADA value for a 1998 Crown Victoria with 90,000.00 miles would be. For what is considered a good trade-in the price was \$3,300 and a clean Retail would be \$5,100. Chief Suoy also stated that 702 has less than 90,000 miles on it. He has been approached by one of the local Constables that may be interested in purchasing it and if that was the case we would not have to remove the lights off of the unit. Mayor Higginbotham stated that he would check but that he believed we have to either take sealed bids for the purchase or auction it off. He will check into and report back his findings on the matter.

With all items having been discussed, roll call was taken for the vote. Ayes all members, Motion passed.

Cemetery Chapel Repairs

Commissioner Pierce stated that he and Commissioner Stiffey have decided on a color for the roof (copper). He has been in contact with CMS Roofing and they are sending a color chart by e-mail because they are not sure they have the exact color.

They have decided that we should go with a "D-Rib" because the company can almost guarantee it will not leak and with the other type you have a greater possibility of leaks because you have to drill through it.

Also, CMS is going to pick up all items that will be needed for grounding the lightning arrester and install it under the new roofing. This will not cause any leaking and it will protect the finish of the roof by putting it underneath it instead of over it.

Commissioner Pierce is taking bids to paint the exterior of the Chapel. We will need to get quotes for the soffit, trim, doors, scraping, caulking, and painting. The clerk is to contact painters that put in bids for City Hall and see if they want put in bids for the Chapel.

Maintenance of cemetery (mowing of the new grounds)

Commissioner Pierce has talked to the mower, Jeff Phillips, in regards to mowing the new area that has been cleaned off and they will mow it weekly.

Also, he brought up the fact that the items on the ground are not being removed before/during mowing and that the flowers are not being pulled off of new graves after funerals. Last week Commissioner Pierce and his wife personally cleared off flowers on the ground in the cemetery and placed in the dumpster. Mr. Phillips informed him that he was not able to do that last week because the dumpster was full. Commissioner Pierce had filled it up and there was no room for him to add garbage. Commissioner Stiffey informed us that the dumpster is only emptied every other week on Thursday.

Recyclables behind the Fire Department

Commissioner Pierce stated that two (2) weeks ago he contacted Southern Recycling because the dumpster had not been emptied in quite some time and there was trash and items all around the dumpster. They assured him they would look into and take care of. A week later nothing had been done. Commissioner Pierce then called Magistrate Hunt and discussed the problem with him.

This past Monday, Commissioner Pierce once again contacted Southern Recycling, this time asking to speak to the manager. The manager could not tell Commissioner Pierce how often the dumpster was supposed to be emptied but told him he would get taken care of. Commissioner Pierce informed him that if not taken care of a citation would be issued by Chief Suoy for littering. The dumpster was emptied within forty-five (45) minutes after the call ended.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk