

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2012 5:00PM**

Members Present: Mayor Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, and Commissioner Pierce.

Members Absent: Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Stiffey

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 4:59 pm.

Mayor Higginbotham explained that this meeting was to discuss purchasing a new/upgraded tax software program for the city since we have been having problems with the current one and it is antiquated. He explained that he and the clerk have talked to three (3) different companies this year and have finally found one that is affordable and can do the items we need. With our current software we can't print out our own tax bills so therefor we have to pay them an additional fee above our annual charge. We have found a program with a company named Data Design Inc. that can import all our old information, allow us to be able to print out our own tax bills and even give us the capability to add in charges for items such as property clean-up to the tax bills once proper procedures have been followed. The program is a window based program and would be maintained mainly by the clerk. The initial cost for the program and training will be \$2,300 and the cost for maintaining and importing data from PVA will be \$750.00 per year thereafter. We are already paying \$650.00 per year for what we have that is outdated.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce to purchase the new program and was second by Commissioner Varner. Ayes: All members present.

The next item on the agenda was the mowing of the property on Main Street in front of the Car Wash and between it and Wendy's. The clerk stated that this property belonged to Green Grove Realty and Truecare which belong to Dr. Pravin Avula and that she would be glad to send him a letter. Mayor Higginbotham asked if it would be best to have it mown and bill Dr. Avula or to give him notice to do so first. Commissioner Varner stated that he felt we should give the property owner notice and if not mown then we should take action. Commissioner Pierce stated that if it was not mown he would be glad to contact Chris Coomer and see if they would be able to mow it at the same time they mowed the park. It was agreed by all that this would be the plan of action.

With there being no other business to discuss, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.

APPROVED

BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST

DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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