

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY AUGUST 22, 2005 7:00 P.M.

All members present Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Pierce
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 said the first thing on the agenda is recognizing special guest

First thing he congratulates City Commissioner Bert Higginbotham and his lovely wife Sherri, he welcomes them. And we also have the new Chief of Police Johnny Vance and his wife Angie but at this time it is Officer Johnny Vance until he is officially sworn in on September 9, 2005. Welcome them also.

We also have here tonight David Gilbert as Gilbert & Gilbert the City's CPA.

David, welcome, you may go ahead and have the floor.

David said thank: you; well first of all he wants the Mayor and City Commission to review their audit reports he had presented. On pg.2 is the Independent Auditor's Report they are to give an opinion, his opinion is that the City of Smiths Grove has no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported. The City is in good shape; we are shy from having a million in Net Assets.

There will always be one finding the City will always have, in the size and that is Lack of Segregation, but we could not had got a better report than we had got. Everything is real good. Commissioner Pierce said he had asked this question before, but for those new in the Commission, in order for us not to have that finding the City would have to hire on another full time employee, David said that is correct the clerk as of now does everything.

David asked if there were any more questions with none given Mayor Watt thanked David for coming.

Mayor Watt opened the meeting up by saying To the Commission: in the next 1 ~ years we will conduct our meetings, by agenda items only, if you feel anything needs to be on the agenda we will discuss possibility making it on the agenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes July 25, 2005 Regular Meeting

Mayor Watt moves that the Minutes July 25, 2005 Regular Meeting to be accepted as written Commissioner Martin seconds. Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Minutes August 1, 2005 Special Meeting

Mayor Watt moves that the August 1, 2005 Special Meeting to be accepted as written Commissioner Martin second Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Mayor Watt asked if anyone has any questions Commissioner Higginbotham asked the clerk what was the splits on the register report the clerk said that was a good question it is something new, those are the Insurance Premiums being deposited. For audit reasons she is doing something different to keep better record of the premiums.

Mayor Watt moves that the Treasurer Report to be approved Commissioner Varner second Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Street Report

Commissioner Varner said that the last storm we had there had been several trees that needed pruning the total cost was \$1700.00 He wants to have a meeting to discuss the pruning of all the trees that are in danger of this happening again. Mayor Watt said that we could discuss that on next month's agenda, Commissioner Varner said also that Kenway would get to the alleys before the weather gets bad.

Police Report

Mayor Watt said we have not had a report in the last 2 months but we will have a Chief of Police on September 9th and wanted Officer Vance to know we will have a special called meeting on the other items that they had discussed.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said he had called several contractors to bid on the blacktop out at the cemetery and that only one had showed up, so he is going to have to get some more bids. He should have those done in about 2 weeks. Had a tree taken care out there due to the storm also? The office also has a new copier Lang Office Solution has given the City a loaner until they can get ours brought up.

The web site is really going good as well, if anyone has anything they would like to suggest or add on they're just let him know.

Public Safety, Health & welfare Report

Commissioner Pierce said he had a meeting with Bobby Gilbert and they had about 9 or 10 people show up and they decided to have a Booth set up over at the Fire Dept, the date will be on Community Days, that way it will benefit the City better because what it will do is give the citizens better health wellness. He hopes they can have this done every year like Bowling Green offers there City. Also on Webb Ave where Chris Alderson lives 117 Webb and where Lewis lives on 103 Webb Ave the addresses are all messed up he and Jessie is wanting to get something done about getting those addresses correct over there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Park-

Mayor Watt, said he had went to BRADD meeting and just to let the Commission know there is another grant out there, but to keep in mind it will or can take a year before we will here anything. He would like this to get going because it has been put off for 3 years, but also the City would not have to pay for all of it. He is asking for the Commission to let him know what they want to do. Commissioner Pierce said they have the three flag poles donated and the lights also. Kenneth Marr can get the inmates to help out with the

labor and that will not cost the city anything. Mayor Watt said we would discuss this issue more when we have a Work Session next week.

Christmas Tree

Mayor Watt said that this has already been approved and they had waited too long last year to get it into the ground a live tree. He feels that they need to get something done now. Mayor Watt had talked with Commissioner Pierce and feels maybe getting an 8' to 10' tree. Mayor Watt said he thinks a slow growing tree. A citizen had said he thinks it should be planted maybe in October. Mayor Watt said let's start getting prices and get it in the ground.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance # 06-01-230.00 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2006 Annual Property Taxes on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft

Mayor Watt said this Ordinance is An Annual Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Taxes and will not go up will stay at 2% ..

Mayor Watt accepts First Reading Ordinance # 06-01-230 Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 200-6 Annual property Taxes on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft.

Commissioner Martin seconds Roll call:

C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Appoint Commissioners to City Departments

Mayor Watt said

Commissioner Terry Pierce (Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report)

Commissioner Porter Martin (Streets)

Commissioner Bert Higginbotham (Cemetery)

Commissioner Jessie Varner (police Department)

Commissioner Martin makes a motion to accept the appointments Commissioner Varner second Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

City Beautification Members

Mayor Watt said he appoints 5 eager women who want to serve the community.

Martha Watt

Cherri Pierce

Sherri Higginbotham

Donna Martin

Diana Varner

Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept Committee Members Commissioner Martin seconds Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Resolution No. 05-02 (A Resolution Relating to Participation in Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund)

Mayor Watt has asked for Officer Johnny Vance if he would explain this to everyone Officer Vance said this program started in 1999 it is through the KLEFPT Program they pay all certified officers at additional rate of 1.49 an hour they reimburse the City back so actually it does not cost the city anything. ,

Commissioner Varner makes a Motion to accept Resolution 05-01 (A Resolution Relating to Participation in Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund) Commissioner Pierce seconds Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Commissioner Pierce said he had forgot to mention that Kenneth Marr could bring up some inmates to get these streets cleaned up all the curbs and cleaning of the sidewalks. Kenneth Marr said all they will need is like the brooms, roundup other things. Mayor Watt said that would be fine asked Kenneth Marr to get a list and get back with him

Mayor Watt said with nothing else to add on the agenda, he thanks everyone for coming. Adjourns the meeting approximately 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR, LARRY STEVE WATT

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK, DONNA L LOONEY

DATE: _____