

MINUTES  
SMITHS GROVE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2009 7:00 P.M.

All members present. Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce, Commissioner Martin and Commission Higginbotham

Also present City Attorney Wes Milliken

All recited the pledge of allegiance.  
Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (July 27, 2009)

Motion was made by Varner second by Higginbotham to approve the July 27, 2009 minutes. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting (August 7, 2009)

Motion was made by Varner second by Pierce to approve the August 7, 2009 Minutes. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report (July 09)

Motion was made by Higginbotham second by Pierce to approve the July 09 Treasurer Report. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Street Report-

Varner said the county came out and sprayed for mesquites. The alleys were not completed so he is going to meet with Farron again before the city pays the bill.

Police Report-

Pierce read the police report. Piece asked Chief Suoy if he had anything. He said he was able to get the breathalyzer for the amount of \$ 317.00. He has already had to use it.

Public Safety, Health& Welfare Report

No report. Still have not got word on the flu shots.

### Cemetery Report

Higginbotham said that the city got their first donation for the cemetery Improvement Fund. \$100.00 from Custom Memorial. Also, Kustom Kut Mowing quit the mowing service. The city paid Shannon Doyle/ Two Brothers Lawn Care they went and cleaned the mess up. Looks better.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Christmas Report- Martin said still trying to get something going with cars.

Annexation Report- Higginbotham no report

Aging Report- Varner said Bradd will be having a meeting this coming Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Cemetery Mowing-

Watt said that he spoke with Kevin with Kustom Kut on Tuesday night he informed him he will not be doing the cemetery any more. He got hold of Jeremy Doyle and Shannon Doyle to go and get the cemetery cleaned up because Kevin had not completed the job. Jeremy was higher so gave Shannon the job. Watt feels that Kevin should be paid for the last mowing and that total would be \$ 238.39. Martin agrees with the Mayor. Now Pierce and Higginbotham feels he breached his contract and should not be paid.

Mayor asked the Commission what is there pleasure, a motion was made by Martin second by Varner to pay Kustom Kut for the last mowing of a total of \$ 238.39.

Ayes: Varner, Watt and Martin Nays: Higginbotham and Pierce. Motion carried with a vote 3-2.

Mayor Watt said that Two Brothers will take over the contract that the city had with Kustom Kut Lawn Care for the remaining year. The amount will be \$937.50 a month to be paid at the last Friday of the month. Motion was made by Higginbotham second by Pierce to start the contract on Tuesday August 25, 2009 will be paid one more weekly amount of \$234.40, there after monthly payments of \$937.50.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

#### Ordinance # 10-01-230.10 an Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2010 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft

Motion was made by Piece and second by Martin to approve Ordinance # 10-01-230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2010 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

#### Discussion on Insurance Premiums-

Watt opened the floor to the Commission explained that the city is at 5% now could go as far as 8%.also the Restaurant Tax is a open discussion, you need to have a committee appointed and open a special account and can only use the funds for tourism. The Commission all was all in agreement to have a workshop on both these issues.

Pay Increase for Chief of Police and City Clerk.  
Motion was made by Pierce second by Higginbotham to increase the pay by 3%.  
Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Lapel Pins

Motion was made Higginbotham second by Martin to approve purchase again with the city's logo on the pins. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Mayor Watt said with no further discussion 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 Donna L Looney City Clerk