

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
AUGUST 25, 2003 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. with Comm.Cooke,Watt, Martin and Pierce present

Mayor Gilley welcomed all citizens and guest explained all discussions would be by agenda and 3 minutes given
Comm. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gilley asked Lisa Yates as special guest to go ahead with her presentation she stated that she wants to thank Mayor Gilley and the City Commissioner for their time wants to introduce the Sage Garden into the city of Smiths Grove. She hopes that it will be a success to Smiths Grove and hoping to open in mid September. Mayor Gilley thanked her and Comm. Martin thanked her also on the behalf of all of Smiths Grove and welcomed the Sage Garden.

Steve Hunter said he would go ahead and explain to the board about the ordinance that needs to be passed when we get to it

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Comm. Martin made motion to accept the July 28, 2003 minutes Comm. Cooke second the motion
Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

Comm. Martin makes a motion to accept the August 6, 2003 special meeting Comm.
Watt seconds Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm.
Martin yes Comm Pierce yes

REPORTS

Treasurer Report-

Comm. Pierce asked several questions about the finances in the report Comm.Cooke made motion to accept the treasurer report Comm. Pierce seconds Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

STREET REPORT

Comm. Watt said he is going to check back with Kenway to find out when they are going to get the work done on the alleys. Also there is some lights out and was going to get addresses and get that done as well Comm. Pierce said he left several messages with Cox to find out about patching driveways and on Main Street behind Mayor Gilley's shop the gravel needs done as well Laurell Street north side there is potholes that needs done as well

POLICE REPORT

Comm. Cooke read the report and asked Officer Sneed if he had anything else to add and he said no

CEMETERY REPORT

Comm. Martin said she is still getting bids for the painting someone had complained about the entrance to the cemetery, going to check with Pete's Lawn and see if he can not get this done

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Driveway parking- Comm Pierce said that since the Sage Garden is going to be opening up for business we have got to get this parking lot going, the original plan was 18 cars in the back and side. Comm Watt asked would we have to remove a tree in the front to get a parking area out their Comm. Pierce said we need to remove the one because of the problem it causes due to storms anyway. Steve Hunter said he knows the measurements for an office it is one space per 300 square feet so if this is a 3000 sq. foot building 10 spaces for parking. Comm. Pierce makes motion to have all the measurements in by the next board meeting to get bids for the parking lot Comm. Cooke amends the motion and said we need to find out the amount what it is going to cost Comm Watt seconds Roll call Comm Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin no Comm. Pierce no Mayor Gilley asked for the Roll call on the motion Roll call: Comm Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin no Comm, Pierce no

Park

Comm Pierce makes a motion to get a sight plan and cost by the next board meeting to get this park done, several citizens have complained wanting to know where their money is and what is going to be done about this. Comm.Martin seconds the motion and said she also had complaints she had talked with Scott Murphy the cost is around \$20,000 Comm.Watt said we need to start the project and to start getting the bricks sold to help with the cost Mayor asked for roll call: Comm Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

FIFTH & CAVE STREET

Comm. Pierce said that Ronnie Pearson went and mowed the weeds down and would like to continue to do so if the City wants to pay him, the Mayor said we have come across this problem before if one wants this done then everyone will want this done.

Comm. Pierce said we need a code enforcement board that he has at least 15 houses that are bad. Comm, Pierce makes motion to that when the city sends out a letter with notification take action with lien or citation no later than 30 days. Comm. Martin seconds the motion Roll call: Comm.Cooke no Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance # 03-01-820.00 Proposed Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Steve Hunter explained to the board that this ordinance has not changed much but that the city's needs to pass this first reading some changes are going to be done should have them done by the next board meeting Comm. Cooke makes motion to accept Ordinance # 03- 01-820.00 Comm. Martin seconds the motion Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

First Reading of Ordinance #03-01-230.10 2003 Annual Property Tax Motor Vehicles/Watercraft

Comm. Watt makes motion to accept the first reading Comm. Pierce seconds Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm.Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

LEASE PAYMENTS

The clerk had explained that the lease payments are changing over to monthly payments instead of quarterly and it is also going to be lower if we do this monthly Comm. Cooke makes motion to pay them monthly if this is going to benefit the city. The clerk had explained also that Nancy Willie came out to talk with Comm. Cooke and the Mayor and said this was a fixed rate and we need more understanding on these payments the Mayor said to have the Attorney look this over Comm. Pierce amends the motion to have our accountant review this. Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes Carrie Lee Jordan (Cemetery Sexton Asst.) Comm. Watt makes motion to hire her as the Cemetery Sexton Asst. Comm. Pierce seconds Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

PUTTING IN SIDEWALKS

Comm Pierce said we have the funds to do these sidewalks makes motion to get the footage figures for the next meeting Comm. Martin seconds Roll call: Comm. Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm. Pierce yes

OPENING ACCOUNT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Comm Cooke makes motion to open an account and start putting in \$500.00 a month For the vehicle replacement account. Comm. Watt seconds Roll call: Comm Cooke yes Comm. Watt yes Mayor Gilley yes Comm. Martin yes Comm Pierce yes

Mayor Gilley called meeting adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor Donna L Looney City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____