

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY AUGUST 25, 2008 7:00 P.M.

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin. Absent: none.

Also present City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Watt opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watt said he wanted to thank Esquire Tommy Hunt, Steve Hunter, Tim Hunt and Marshall Robertson and everyone else for being there.

Mayor Watt said that he is going to turn the floor to Steve Hunter with Planning & Zoning. Steve said that he has some maps to let the Mayor and City Commission get an idea where there is going to be changes for the comprehensive plan. The future plan is to have everyone in the county to have sewer. Of course there is no sewer in Oakland, which they would like to get changed. There is 48,000 acres they want to add into the plan.. They is so much that needs to be done once they get everything passed and put together they will come back to the Mayor and Commission to pass an Ordinance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (July 28, 2008)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the Minutes to July 28, 2008 Commissioner Varner seconds. With no more discussion a roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 6, 2008)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the August 6, 2008 minutes C. Pierce seconds Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none. A roll call was taken: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (August 08)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the August 08 Treasurer Report C. Higginbotham seconds. Mayor Watt asked the commission for any questions C. Martin asked several questions. No further discussion. A roll call was taken: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

No Report

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the report
Asked Chief Vance if he had anything Vance said no.

Street Report

C. Pierce said he still has the holes that need fixed. Mayor Watt said they had already repaired those. Mayor Watt asked the commission what they thought about getting the banners back up. He went and looked and there are 8 brackets that need to be replaced. We will have to buy about 8 more banners. C. Martin said it would not be a problem to put them up after the Christmas decorations come down. C. Pierce said he would check into business owners if they would like to buy banners with their names on the banners. Mayor Watt asked C. Pierce to start checking into that.

Cemetery Report

C. Martin said that the city hired a new contractor Kustom Kare they are doing really well. He is checking into getting a grant to get the wall repaired. Mayor Watt asked if the light got repaired? C. Martin said no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that they had cleaned up by the car wash and trimmed the creep myrtle They will have a meeting on October 4th and that is when they will decorate for fall outside the city hall.

Christmas Parade

Commissioner Martin said everything ok

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Purchase of Police Lights

Chief Vance said that he called Hammerhead Emergency Vehicle Lighting, Inc They have two prices on the lights one is \$ 509.98 the other is \$649.00 5 to 10 year warranty. Mayor Watt moves to purchase the light bar for the new police cruiser for the amount of \$ 509.98. C. Higginbotham seconds the motion. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading Ordinance # 09-01-230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2009 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft

C. Higginbotham makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 09-01-230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2009 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft. C. Varner seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Mayor Watt said that the Attorney needs to discuss some litigation matters Mayor Watt moves to go into closed session at 8:10 p.m. C. Higginbotham seconds. A roll call taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.

Mayor Watt opens the floor back into session and adjourns the regular meeting at approximately 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

