

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY AUGUST 27, 2007 7:00 P.M.

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin. There was a full quorum. 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 thanked everyone for being there. A special thanks to Esquire Tommy Hunt, Bob Smith and his wife Rita, Ralph Anderson and Jim Adams.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 23, 2007

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for discussion with none. Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Pierce second by C. Higginbotham to approve said minutes. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (July 07)

Mayor Watt asked for any questions with none. A motion was made by C. Varner second by C. Pierce. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety Health & Welfare

Commissioner Higginbotham said he his trying to get the flu shots going. That's all he has to report.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the report. Said that the city would like to thank Officer Brown and his wife for being here. Chief Vance is sick and would like to let everyone know he has another addition a little girl. Also the 31W corridor blitz is starting up September 2 and our officers will be doing that. That is a 100% reimbursement. Mayor Watt said we need a motion so Chief Vance can do this. Commissioner Varner made a motion to accept Chief Vance to do the 31W Corridor Blitz Commissioner Pierce seconds. With no further discussion, a roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Commissioner Varner also wanted everyone to know that Chief Vance also put in a grant for police radios, he will know something in about a week.

Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said that the last sidewalk project was in 1998 a grant for 85,000. He went on to allow Ralph Anderson to talk more on the latest of the sidewalks. Ralph said that the advertising will be going out in the next couple of days, and the pre- bid conference will be at

the city hall at 1:00 p.m. on the 6th of September. The opening and awarding of the bids will be on September 10,2007 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said that the mowers would be out there the weekend before the holiday, also the grass out there is just about dead.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that the next meeting is Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Parade

Porter said that their meeting is Thursday at 6:30 also.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance # 08-01-230.10 (Assessing and Levying the 2008 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft)

Mayor Watt asked for discussion Commissioner Higginbotham said that the decimal point needed to be corrected with that change he makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 08-01 230.10 Assessing and Levying the 2008 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft, Commissioner Pierce 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 discussion on curfew, Chief Vance would like us to put this off until next month when he is here.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Higginbotham said that there are now at a point where the city needs to hire to annex the plots, the city had placed 10,000 on the budget for this next step. Jim Adams said he can do this under that amount. Commissioner Higginbotham makes a motion to hire Jim Adams to pre plot for 3 sections in and near Smiths Grove. Commissioner Pierce seconds with no further discussion. 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 asked the Commissioner if there were any more discussion with none he adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Watt mentioned to everyone to stay and introduce themselves to Officer Smith and his wife.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by Donna L Looney City Clerk