

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY AUGUST 28, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Pierce. Absent none ..
There was a full quorum

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt said he wanted to thank everyone for being here that each one is a special guest. He also would like everyone to know it is great to have Commissioner Varner here he had surgery last Friday, all of our prayers are with him. He would like to let Officer David King to know he and the Commission thanks him for being here and for his services.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (July 24, 2006)

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

Minutes of Special Meeting (July 25, 2006)

Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Watt asked for discussion Commissioner Pierce had a correction on the minutes, to change puppies to purpose. With no more discussion. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting (July 28, 2006)

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

REPORTS

Treasure Report (July 06)

-Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they have any questions with none motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve July 06 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Police Report

Commissioner Varner said he wanted to thank everyone for their prayers he went on to read the Police Report

Emergency calls (9) Non Emergency calls (13) Arrests (6) Complaints (27)
Traffic Stops (17) Citations (10) Courtesy Notices (8) Escorts (2) Motorist Assists (2)
Accidents *W/* Injuries (0) Accidents *W/O* Injuries (2) Assist other Departments (9)
Cases Opened (5) Thefts (2) two stolen vehicles recovered. Burglaries (0) Warrants
served (3) Civil Documents Served (6) Animal Complaints (0)
Total miles patrolled 2,709. Commissioner Varner asked Chief Vance if he has anything
he would like to discuss. Chief Vance said that on August 5 he had worked with about 60
children, IGA had put together he was there from about 10-3. On the 10th there was a
storm that had knocked a big tree down, he the Mayor some of the Commission and so
many citizens helped get the tree up. He wanted to thank, Kenneth Marr, Kevin Turner,
Steve Wilson, Jim Potts and Tom Maxwell. Mayor Watt said he really appreciated
everyone also and told Chief Vance the chain saw needed to get maintenance done also.
Chief Vance said he had went to a Emergency Management class today and he had
learned a lot, one of the things the city needs to set up is a call list, if there were any
damages as far as tress down that he would get ahold of the Mayor, and the Mayor will
call Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Martin will notify all the Commission and
those that want to be on a contact list. Also if there were a major disaster such as a
tornado, train derailment or what ever the Mayor is to contact the City Clerk and she is to
contact the Commission. We need to make up some ID cards which Chief Vance will get
this done tomorrow, tonight Commissioner Martin is to take everyone's pictures. Also we
need to maybe start stocking up on water and supplies and keep here at the City Hall.
Chief Vance said that he was able to get back \$1264.00 on drug money and a Drug Fund
had been opened up. That is all he has on Police Dept.

Cemetery Department

Commissioner Higginbotham said that since the last time they had so many complaints
hopefully the cemetery will get back on tract with the mowing, he had seen it this
evening looks o.k. for now.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said he has nothing to report he would like for the city to get a
weed eater but it is not in the budget he will put in the budget for next year, don't mean he
will get it. Mayor Watt said that the county has weed eaters and they will come out and
cut those weeds down. Kenneth Marr had agreed on this as well.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Pierce said he only has a concern with maybe see about getting another
cows on the other side of the tracks so people on that side of the town can hear the calves
go off.

REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said they had meet 2 times since the last meeting They had
discussed a donation from the Garden Patch for the New Park, The Lion's Club donating
funds for the beautification of Smiths Grove, cleaning up areas around Smiths Grove.
Having a yard of the month to promote keeping Smiths Grove clean. Clean up Smiths
Grove Days more then once a year. We also discussed the Lion's Club donation to be
used to have a sign on 101 at the city limits. Also we are going to meet to decorate for
fall on the 30th of September. Jimmy Cline said he would finish the straw.

Christmas

Commissioner Martin, said they meet Thursday night everything is going good. Big Red
is 99% sure to be there, maybe Dr Rasdall to be the Grand Marshalls, he would like to

know if the city can make a purchase for a CD player because the one they had Brandon Porter let them use and that will not be available no longer. Mayor Watt asked the clerk to have that put on the agenda for next month.

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said he don't know if they can get anyone to be coached or not, still making progress. He really would like everyone to know if it was not for Jimmy Cline and his dedication driving to Bowling Green to get maps and what ever and with the cost of gas and all, would like everyone to thank him and his hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading Ordinance # 07-01 230.10

Mayor Watt read Ordinance # 07-01230.10 Assessing and Levying the 2007 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft

Asked the Commission if they have any questions with none motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve First Reading Ordinance # 07-01 230.10

Assessing and levying the 2007 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicle and Motorcraft With no more questions a roll call was taken Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce.

Property Tax Software

Mayor asked the clerk if she can explain what this software is all about, the clerk had explained that this software will keep better records. It will take from the beginning to the end about 2 months and with the software about 2 weeks.

Commissioner Pierce asked if this is a one-time fee. The clerk responded yes.

Commissioner Martin asked if the software was going to have upgrades. The clerk explained no you will not have to. Mayor Watt asked if the Commission had any more questions with none. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to purchase the property tax software for the amount of \$1495.00. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Park Benches & Flagpoles (City park Project)

Mayor Watt said that the flagpoles that the state was going to give the city had been stolen, so now the city would have to purchase the poles. Mayor Watt said he had spoke with Ron East and he suggests that the city should get (1) 25ft and (2) 20ft.

He had also spoke with Mike Murphy on this issue as well as park benches Mike is suppose to check on prices for the benches. Mayor Watt would like a motion to let Mike Murphy go ahead with the project and just charge the city. With no more discussion motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Pierce to allow Mike Murphy to continue with the project and just bill the city for the charges. A roll call

was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Mayor Watt said that Ron East also had given a price on the city flag for (1) one the cost is \$198.00 but if the city were to buy (3) three the cost is \$120.00 each. Mayor Watt said he personally thinks the city should get (3) three. The Commission agrees. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Varner to purchase (3) three flags. With no more discussion. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Lion's Club Donation

Mayor Watt said the city does not even know how much the Lion's Club is wanting to donate and really until we know this we really can not do much until we know something. Commissioner Higginbotham said he would find this information out. Sherry Higginbotham said that the Beautification would like to put a sign going out of town Welcoming into Smiths Grove. Mayor Watt said he has no problem with that, but until we get more information on how much they are going to donate we need to put this off until next meeting.

Taser Gun

Mayor Watt said the drug money that Chief Vance had received the City had opened a Drug Fund the dollar amount was \$1264.00. Chief Vance could explain about the Taser Gun. Chief Vance said that in a study conducted by the LAPD the Taser was shown to have the lowest injury rate of any force option. This is both suspect and officer. The Phoenix PD reports 67% decline in suspect injuries. Chief Vance had demonstrated with the use of the Taser gun used on Officers. He said he would be going to have the same thing done as well. All this does is puts an electric shock to the person. The Mayor and Commission feel that this would be good for Chief Vance to go ahead and get this Taser Gun. With no more discussion. Commissioner Higginbotham makes a motion seconded by Commissioner Varner to make the purchase from the Police Drug Fund to get a Taser Gun. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Mayor Watt said that if no one has any more questions this meeting is adjourned.

Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney