

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2008 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 here, wanted to say that Debbie Samios and her Branch Manager Brad Golden is here to share about Public Funds. Debbie said she really enjoys Smiths Grove and she would like for Brad to talk about the public funds. Brad thanked the Mayor and Commission for allowing National City to talk about public funds. He wanted to assure the city that their funds are FDIC approved for 200,000. Thanks the city for their business and hopes to continue to work with the city.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 28, 2008

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none, Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham second by C. Varner 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.

Mayor Watt said that before the reports he would like to change the agenda around and have New Business next so the contractors on the cemetery does not have to wait.

Mayor Watt had Commissioner Martin open and read the sealed bids.  
Doyle's Lawn Care 18,000  
Stiffy Lawn Care 26,000  
Bowling Green Private Gardening 10,800  
Signature by Landon 12,240  
Kustom Kut Lawn Care 11,250

Mayor Watt said he wants to thank everyone for their bids asked if everyone understood the specifications that were given. With no further questions Commissioner Higginbotham made a motion to for Bowling Green Private Gardening to be awarded the contract for the cemetery. Mayor Watt seconds the motion. A roll call was taken: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Martin.

Commissioner Martin said that Jeremy did a great job and the city last year did not go with the lowest bid. Mayor Watt asked the new contractors if they knew what all needed to be done, and they need to get with the clerk to get the contract and insurance on file.

Mayor Watt also wanted the Commission to know that 10,500 has been drawn already for the cemetery expenses only budget 14,000 which still have four months in this fiscal year. The city might have to raise that next budget.

## **REPORTS**

### Treasurer Report (January 08)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none given.

Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept the January 08 Treasurer Report seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham. A roll 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 no report

### Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the police report and asked Chief Vance if he had anything to say. Chief Vance said he wanted everyone to know that Officer Bob Smith went today to get certified for the taser gun, he of course had to be tased. Asked Officer Bob Smith if he had anything to share. He said he would not go through that again. C. Vance said that he feels the city should invest in another taser because he might not be around when Officer Smith needs to use one. So he is asking the Mayor and Commission if they can allow the police department to purchase a taser gun. He gets \$ 480.00 to put into the drug fund for the calendars. Which will bring a total of 1004. In the account the taser should be around 763. C. Varner makes a motion to purchase the gun second by C. Higginbotham. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

### Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said that a stop sign needs replaced on Witherspoon & Laurel.

### Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said that he would get the signs up when the weather warms up.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said no report

### Christmas Report

No Chairman Commissioner Martin said.

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said no report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

First and Final Reading Amending Chapter 91.47.

Street and Sidewalk Obstruction Mayor Watt said the amendment is to state No Parking on Sidewalks. Commissioner Martin makes a motion second by Commissioner Pierce to Amend Chapter 91.47 Street and Sidewalk Obstruction. A roll call was taken: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no. None.

Mayor Watt said with no more questions the meeting is adjourned approximately at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONNA L LOONEY, CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by City Clerk, Donna L Looney