

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING WORK SESSION
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2006 6.00 P.M.

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Jessie Varner, Commissioner Bert Higgingbotham, Commissioner Porter Martin, and Commissioner Terry Pierce

Wes Milliken City Attorney is also present

Mayor Watt called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Watt said the first discussion on the agenda is about the

ADA

He asked Wes Milliken if he can address to the Commission on where the City is on this issue.

Wes Milliken said he had spoke with Henry Gullett, up in Frankfort, he is a very nice guy. Said basically all the city needs to do is acknowledge the findings and send a letter to Frankfort. The letter is to let the state know how long it will take for the city to correct these violations. The time can be of course years, as long as the city is trying. What Wes Milliken needs to let the Mayor and Commission know is he will be sending a letter out, letting them know what the city's intentions are? He and the Mayor have spoke on these issues, and both agreed the letter needs to be sent out, the commission is in agreement as well.

Monarch Environmental

Mayor Watt said he wanted the Commission to know that he will meet with Monarch on Friday February 10,2006. Their contract is coming up. Wes Milliken said he was wondering if this letter that he has, if they just want to exercise their contract. Mayor Watt said that is what he is thinking.

Mayor Watt said he and Commissioner Varner would meet with them on Friday to find out. Commissioner Martin asked if they could mention curbside pick up where the citizens would only have to pay an addition of \$5.00. Mayor Watt said he would bring that up.

Mayor Watt mentioned that he would give each one an up date on the Regular Commission Meeting, on where the City of Smiths Grove is with Monarch. Asked the Commission if there is any more questions with none given, Mayor Watt called a recess at 6:35 p.m. for 5 minutes. Mayor Watt called the work session back in session at 6:40 p.m.

City Flag

Mayor Watt would like everyone to start getting ideas put together before they finish the park. He would like to get a city flag before they complete the park. There will be 3 flagpoles. Kenneth Marr designed a nice idea he really likes. If someone has any other ideas lets start putting these ideas together. Mayor Watt also mentioned that he is

checking on a grant for the water tower to have the emblem on it, along with the name City of Smiths Grove.

Police Department

Mayor Watt said he wants to get the Commissions ideas on hiring of a part time police officer. Commissioner Varner said he thinks it is a good idea because our police officer needs vacations, days off and sick time. Mayor Watt said we do have the county and state who has been backing the city up when Chief Vance is off. Asked Chief Vance if he has been letting these other agents know when he is going to be off? Chief Vance said yes. Commissioner Pierce had to leave; Mayor Watt asked his thoughts on this, Commissioner Pierce said he is for hiring of a part time police officer.

Commissioner Martin said he is for this as well, even looks at 3 or 4 days a week. Mayor Watt said well the city, could not do that, we have really extended our police department with expenses. Chief Vance said he knows a couple of individuals that are interested for \$6.00 an hour just so they can keep their certification active. Mayor Watt said keep in mind the only way we can do this is stop taking the \$500.00 out of the vehicle replacement account. The next budget we can put that money back, but we would have that expense as well as the hiring of another police officer. Commissioner Martin said that the money for the vehicle replacement account defiantly needs to go back. Commissioner Higginbotham thinks the city could use another officer as well, part time that is. Mayor Watt said he needs a vote on what the Commission would like to do. Mayor Watt said we need to advertise as well.

Chief Vance said he wants to find out if the State & County can use the city hall to plug in for computers, with this in mind the county and state will be more available here in Smiths Grove. They will be here for reports and so fourth. Commissioner Varner said that is what he wants to use the old city hall for.

The State and county can use that down there, also he is looking at getting an ambulance service as well. Commissioner Martin said he thinks that the state and county getting different agencies, working down there, will not work. He thinks using the new city hall will work better. Commissioner Higginbotham said he thinks having them around all the time would be good. Mayor Watt said he has a concern with security like the doors need to be locked not knowing who is coming in and out but that won't be a problem that issue can be taken care of. He thinks that would be a good idea as well. Wes Milliken said he thinks the city having more officers seen around in the area would be a good thing.

Mayor Watt said that this could be thought over we will bring this up in the next regular meeting. Asked if anyone had any more questions with none given Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

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