

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BULIDING  
MONDAY JULY 23, 2007**

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members of the Commission was present. Commissioner Vamer led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watt recognized the attendees. He further advised that City Clerk, Donna Looney is recovering from back surgery. He expressed thanks to the Commission and other attendees on behalf of Donna for all the cards, flowers, and telephone calls wishing her well.

Lastly, Mayor Watt reiterated that pursuant to his policy regarding order of business, only those items listed on the agenda would be brought up for discussion and/or action.

Pursuant to the agenda, the Commission then began the reading and approval of minutes from three previous meetings.

The Commission first reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2007. Commissioner Martin noted that on page 2 of the minutes under the street report, a correction should be made in that the referenced stumps were to be removed from the cemetery. This correction was duly noted. Commissioner Higginbotham then moved to approve the minutes, with Commissioner Varner seconding the motion. After opportunity for further discussion the following role call was taken:

Commissioner Higginbotham	YES
Commissioner Varner	YES
Mayor Watt	YES
Commissioner Pierce	YES
Commissioner Martin	YES
Voting No	None

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 25, 2007 were therefore unanimously approved.

The Commission then reviewed the minutes of the special called meeting of July 9,2007. Commissioner Varner moved to approve the minutes as written with Commissioner Higginbotham seconding that motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the following role call was taken:

Commissioner Higginbotham	YES
Commissioner Varner	YES
Mayor Watt	YES
Commissioner Pierce	YES
Commissioner Martin	YES
Voting No	None

The minutes of the special called meeting of July 9,2007 were therefore unanimously approved.

The Commission then reviewed the minutes of the special called meeting of July 12, 2007. Commissioner Pierce moved to approve the minutes as written with

Commissioner Varner seconding this motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the following role call was taken:

Commissioner Higginbotham	YES
Commissioner Varner	YES
Mayor Watt	YES
Commissioner Pierce	YES
Commissioner Martin	YES
Voting No	None

The minutes of the special called meeting of July 12, 2007 were therefore unanimously approved.

The Commission then took up the Treasurer Report dated July 16, 2007, attached hereto as part of these minutes. Upon review of the report, Commissioner Pierce moved to accept the report, with Commissioner Higginbotham seconding the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the following role call was taken:

Commissioner Higginbotham	YES
Commissioner Varner	YES
Mayor Watt	YES
Commissioner Pierce	YES
Commissioner Martin	YES
Voting No	None

The Treasurer's Report dated June 2007 was therefore unanimously approved.

The next item of business on the agenda was the street report. Commissioner Pierce indicated there was one pot hole to be fixed that he was aware of. Commissioner Pierce then called on Engineer Ralph Anderson to report to the Commission regarding the progress concerning the new sidewalks.

Mr. Anderson indicated that the Department of Transportation has now indicated that they are through with their review and that the plans would now be forwarded to the Kentucky Heritage Council for their review. He indicated that he had been advised that it would take approximately thirty (30) days for the Kentucky Heritage Council to do their review. Mr. Anderson left a set of the plans at City Hall for inspection by the public.

Mr. Anderson expressed some dissatisfaction with the delay with the Department of Transportation's review of the plans and indicated that he was still hoping that the sidewalk project could be completed before Christmas. He suggested shortening the construction time from 120 days to 90 days, indicating that it should be able to be completed in that amount of time. Mayor Watt thanked Mr. Anderson for his update.

The next item of business on the agenda was the police report. Commissioner Varner related the activity report for the Smiths Grove Police Department for the month of June 2007 as follows:

Emergency 911 calls	8
Non-emergency calls	20
Arrests	4
Complaints	24

Traffic stops	15
Citations	8
Courtesy notices	6
Escorts	2
Motorist assists	5
Accidents with injuries	0
Accidents without injuries	3
Assist other departments	14
Cases open	4
Thefts	0
Burglaries	0
Assaults	0
Warrants served	1
Civil documents served	1
Animal complaints	0
Total miles patrolled	690

Chief Vance indicated that he wanted to put a review of the curfew on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Watt then asked Chief Vance a question regarding the average monthly gasoline expense and Chief Vance indicated that it was between \$250.00 and \$300.00 per month. The Mayor noted that the budget allotted \$500.00 per month for gasoline expense and vehicle replacement, and indicated that any left over at the end of the year would go toward vehicle replacement.

Attendee Velta Rose Smith then indicated that she wanted to thank Chief Vance for his speaking to the Junior High and High School students recently.

Lastly, in response to a question about parking on the sidewalk in the City, Chief Vance indicated that he was having citation books printed up so that he could address that issue more effectively.

The next item of business was the cemetery report. Martha Watt presented the Smiths Grove Cemetery financial statement from July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Commissioner Martin then added that the stumps have now been removed from the cemetery. Chief Vance then indicated that we were still obtaining estimates on repair to the damage to the chapel, and that the other cleanup at the cemetery should be done by the end of the week.

Next item of business on the agenda was the Public Health and Safety Welfare Report. Commissioner Higginbotham indicated that he had no report to make, but did present the Mayor with a four page summary regarding the Disaster Preparedness Plan.

The next items on the agenda were the committee reports.

Mrs. Higginbotham indicated that the beautification committee would have a meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to discuss flowers for City Hall.

Tim Hunt was not present and there was therefore no report regarding the

Christmas Parade.

Mr. Cline had nothing to report regarding the annexation committee.

The last item of business was Janet Cline from the Smiths Grove Library. She indicated that the Library had received a two month reprieve and that there were positive responses on the library staying open. She indicated that she was appearing before the Commission to ask for an increase from the City for the year 2008. She quoted statistics on the Smiths Grove Library use and urged the Commission to consider increasing the amount the City commits to the Library in the next budget.

There being no further business, Mayor Watt then adjourned the meeting.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
WESLEY V. MILLIKEN

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

These Minutes were prepared by City Attorney Wesley V. Milliken