

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MONDAY JULY 28, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, and Commissioner Martin. Absent: Commissioner Pierce

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting (July 28, 2008)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none the minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by Commissioner Martin second by Commissioner Varner to approve said minutes.

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

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report (July 08)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions The Clerk asked the Mayor if she could explain the report. There will be some changes, Mayor Watt had asked if the funds were going to be secured so when I had asked that question to the bank The answer was no. All of the money with the exception of \$232,000+ is secured.

So I had to take \$232,000+ from one bank to another because that bank did not have the funds secured. Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions the Commission did have several questions. C.Higginbotham moves to accept the

June 08 Treasurer Report. C. Martin seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call:

Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare

No report

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the police report asked Chief Vance if he had anything to add, he went on to say that he needs to have the lights brought up to purchase because the lights that is on the cruiser now is borrowed. Mayor Watt said that is an agenda item and will be brought up next meeting.

### Street Report

Mayor Watt said Commissioner Pierce is not here. The only thing is that on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street needs patching. When the city gets the inmates we have them do that.

### Cemetery Report

C. Martin said that he is still having problems with the lawn care guys. The light on the flag is out. The rock wall still needs to check around on that. Commissioner Martin read the Cemetery report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that they cleaned up by the pit over by the Fire Department. They have another meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August they want to get the benches up by the car wash done also.

### Christmas

C. Martin said everything is going good.

### Annexation

C. Higginbotham said Jim Adams said he has about 95% done on the ground, maybe in two weeks have legal council.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Final Reading Ordinance # 420.20 An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Cave Street

C. Higginbotham makes a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance # 420.20.

An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Cave Street. C. Varner seconds. Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call:

Voting no: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Final Reading of Ordinance # 08-01-240.20 Amending Ordinance # 05-01-240.20 Setting an Annual Salary for the Smiths Grove Mayor and City Commission

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none. C. Martin makes a

motion to accept the final reading of Ordinance # 05-01-240.20 Setting an Annual Salary for the Mayor and City Commission C. Varner seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call:

Voting yes: C. Varner and C. Martin. Voting no: C. Higginbotham and Mayor Watt.

Motion fails.

Final Reading of Ordinance # 08-01-430.10 An Ordinance of City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky establishing Motor Vehicles Speed Limits within the city limits.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none.

C. Higginbotham makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 08-01-430.10 An Ordinance of City of Smiths Grove Kentucky establishing Motor Vehicles Speed Limits within the city limits. C. Varner seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham,

C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Pay increase for City Clerk and Chief of Police

Mayor Watt said that he had forgot to add Bob Smith on the agenda for a raise as well.

Mayor Watt said that he thinks 3% is a good increase last year they got a dollar increase.

The Commission was all in agreement. Mayor Watt moves to increase the city employees at 3% of their gross. C. Higginbotham seconds the motion. A roll call was taken:

Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Martin.

Voting no: none.

Mayor Watt asked if there were any further questions with none Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Minutes prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney