

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY JUNE 23, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Commissioner Varner, Commissioner, Lawrence Stiffey, Commissioner David Stiffey, and Mayor Higginbotham

Members Absent: Commissioner Pierce

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Higginbotham recognized special guests Albert Rich with Planning & Zoning, John Wayne Smith candidate for State Representative and Rebecca Simpson who is running for Family Court Judge.

At this time Mayor Higginbotham gave Rebecca Simpson time to address all present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (May 26, 2014)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (May, 2014)

Report was approved by acclimation

Public Works Report

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey reported that he has not been able to get WRECC to change out the two lights as he requested.

Clerk Brewer informed him that on May 27th she had e-mailed Mike Bell a letter from Mayor Higginbotham and had received an e-mail back stating that he would have Mr. Alexander contact Commissioner Stiffey for clarification as to what he was wanting done. Clerk Brewer then proceeded to read the letter from the Mayor and the reply from Mr. Bell. Commissioner Stiffey advised the Commission that he would call Mr. Bell on Tuesday.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Varner read the Police Report for the month of April and also read a press release that mentioned our Police Department assisting the Warren County Sheriff's office on an accident.

At this time Commissioner David Stiffey inquired as to if we had received a donation this year from the City of Oakland and was told no. Commissioner Varner stated he would send a letter inquiring about.

Cemetery Report

In Commissioner Pierce's absence Mayor Higginbotham stated that he knew of nothing to report but that Brian was doing a great job.

Commissioner David Stiffey stated that he had helped Brian Gaul trim the tree line towards Kenneth Lowes property. He also asked if we had heard anything more on the survey. Mayor Higginbotham said he had asked them not to finish with it until after July 1st so it would be on next year's budget however he suspected we would hear more on it about October or November.

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey inquired about the monuments that were still over turned. Mayor Higginbotham stated he thought we were going to have to find someone else to repair stones since Mr. Bishop had not finished the job and we could no longer get him to reply to us. Commissioner David Stiffey stated that he had spoken to Brian Gaul in regards to him repairing the stones.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner David Stiffey reported that we still have the same old issues. However, Rabbitt Pearson had bush hogged part of the property located at 5th and Cave and he (Commissioner David Stiffey) has mown it twice now.

Commissioner Stifey has tried to contact Kevin Turner, Code Enforcement Officer for Warren County, in regards to some properties but has not received a return call yet.

Commissioner David Stiffey stated that Jimmy Cooke has graded the alley behind his house. To this Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated that he has considered asking Mr. Cooke if he is interested in doing all of the alleys. Mayor Higginbotham stated he thought that would not be a bad idea.

COMMITTEE REPORT

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

150 W. Third Street

Attorney Milliken reported that all parties except family members and unknown spouses of family members have been contacted and replied back that they had an interest or did not have.

A Warning Order Attorney has been appointed and has about twenty-five (25) more days left to try to find all other parties. He will send a letter of notification to them at the last known address the attorney can find. After fifty (50) days he will file a report with the court. Once the report is filed all persons involved will be considered "served"; Attorney Milliken hopes to have a report for us at the next meeting that he has filed for a Summary Judgment.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 01-14

A project with KOHS for Police supplies

In Chief Suoy's absence Mayor Higginbotham reported this was a small grant with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to procure items for our Police Department. The Resolution gives the Mayor authorization to execute and furnish all required documentation to KOHS for furtherance of the project and to act as the authorized correspondent for the project.

Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to accept the Resolution as written and the motion was second by Commissioner Varner. Roll was called. Ayes all members present so the motion passed.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk