

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY MARCH 27, 20067:00 P.M.

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Pierce.
Absent none: There was a full quorum.

Also present City Attorney Wes Milliken

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

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here, said everyone is a special guest.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 27, 2006

Minutes of above-referenced motion were made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve said minutes as written.

Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none, a roll call vote was taken. Roll call:

Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce

Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting March 20, 2006

Minutes of above- referenced motion were made by Commissioner Higginbotham seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none, a roll call vote was taken. Roll call: Voting yes:

C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce

Voting no: none

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (February 06)

Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the February 06 Treasurer Report. A roll call vote was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce

Voting no: none

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Mayor Watt said he would like everyone know that he had closed out an account, for the amount of \$80,292 and put it into a CD that will increase the rate of 3% more than what it was getting, that will help the city out more.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner mentioned that one of the Police Vehicles had got new brakes on as of March 24, 2006. Read the Police Report and asked Chief Vance if he had got any quotes for tires? Chief Vance said he did \$380.00 for the 98 Cruiser.

Commissioner Varner said that will get taken care of.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said that he is still looking at April for Scotty's to start out there to get the paving done. Mayor Watt said the part that will be black topped, gravel will be getting done in about a week. Esquire Hunt will be helping us out with that.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said that he had spoke with Kent Gilley on the issue about putting signs and marking, at the Library. He said he would be getting with some engineers on that. He and the Mayor had fixed temporarily the hole up at Donita's hoping to get a grant that will widened that area. The drainage problem on Cave Street hoping to get that done tomorrow. Jack Estates had also taken out the shrubs out at the cemetery, want to thank him for doing that.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Commissioner Pierce said that weight watchers still have not got nothing on that, on the Health Welfare will be having a meeting next month on that that. That had changed will be now in October.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Watt said he would like the citizens to know the City did receive a grant for \$13,000 on the City Park. He spoke with Mike Murphy, the park project will start soon. Also the sidewalk grant, finished all that paper work last Friday, will be hearing on that grant in June. Total on that grant will 219,894 our amount will be 43,979 that is a 20% match. If anyone would like to see the sketch of the sidewalks that will be getting done, let him know, keep in mind subject to change. Also would like everyone know that the Spring Clean Up this year will be May 6th 2006, at ED Spear's Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Commissioner Higginbotham said that his wife is the head of the beautification and she is sick. Last month there was not a meeting because not enough could attend.

Christmas

Commissioner Martin said no report

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said he and Jimmy Cline and Commissioner Pierce will be discussing after the meeting to start a better strategy to work on. Mayor Watt explained that in the near future there needs to be an agenda posted for when the meeting is to be held, this month there was not a meeting because proper procedures had not been done. Make sure you give a 24-hour notice.

Aging

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Contract on Old City HaW New City Hall

Mayor Watt said he realized in the past when the contracts for the cemetery and the Old City Hall was brought forth, only one contract was passed, but feels they need to be separate. He spoke with Pete with Pete's Total Lawn Care and he wants to exercise his option again for the Old City Hall, so all he needs is a motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Varner to accept Pete's Total Lawn Care to exercise his option at the Old City Hall/New City Hall.

Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting No: none

Discussion on Main Street

Commissioner Pierce said he would like to see no parking on Main Street, because of the last wreck they had up there, someone did get hurt. The issue on Main Street is still a danger, parking on both sides starting from 2nd through 6th Street. Laurel Ave can have the parking still. There is still ample parking in those areas. He thinks people should just start using the alleys to get to their property. Commissioner Higginbotham has talked to several people that are opposed to it. He also talked with Jimmy Cline and Mayor Watt and he feels like compromise is something we should do. Mayor Watt said he could recall the state will not move that centerline. Commissioner Pierce said that he thinks they will do what ever we wanted to do, bring the yellow line up or even putting the signs up what ever we need to do the state is willing to work with us. Mayor Watt said maybe just reducing the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph. Mayor Watt said that in the daytime there is really not a lot of parking. Commissioner Martin said he could not see the city or state to furnish parking space for any person. The Mayor said he has a problem with the citizens not having front door access and if we take their parking, we are taking that from them. He would not want his company to have to come through his back door to visit. Several citizens address their concerns as well. Mayor Watt said we would table this until next meeting asked the clerk to have this on next month's agenda.

Monarch Environmental

Mayor Watt said he had a meeting with Shirley Flerner and Louis White on getting a Dumpster out there at the cemetery. They can furnish keys, for the Dumpster one to the city, and to the contractors. He just hopes that people don't just start putting their trash by the dumpster, but the city can try this and if it don't work, well we can stop it at any time. The amount will be \$20.00 a month; they will dump the Dumpster twice a week. He would like to wait although for Esquire Hunt to put the gravel down before they have a Dumpster brought out. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to have Monarch Environmental to bring the City a Dumpster for the amount of \$20.00 a month. Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin and C. Pierce

OLD BUSINESS

Old City Hall Building

Commissioner Varner said he had spoke with SGT Picket with the Kentucky State Police Department and they are ok with that as long as they could get other agencies to work out of the building, now they would prefer to work at the New City Hall. He still needs to get ahold of someone to get an ambulance service up here, also speak with the County as well.. Mayor Watt said we would table this until next month, to give Commissioner Varner more time, asked the clerk to have that on next month's agenda. Asked if anyone had any more discussion with none Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney