

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY MAY 22, 2006 6:45 P.M.**

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID HEARING

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

Mayor Watt called the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Watt wanted to say first that Commissioner Pierce had called him and can not be here tonight, he was having chest pains and had been taken to the hospital. We all extend our prayers and wish the best for him and his family.

Mayor Watt said that the Municipal Aid Fund the total for appropriation is \$ 83,643.

Out of that amount \$44,000 is budgeted for the city's sidewalks.

Mayor Watt asked if the Commission has any questions on what streets needs done?

Commissioner Varner said that Kentucky Street. Mayor Watt said that Commissioner Martin got Cave & Second Streets taken care of. With no more questions Mayor Watt closed the Special Meeting approximately at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY MAY 22, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

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

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt said Commissioner Varner has some special guest here with him tonight he will let him introduce them. Staff member with Job Corp Tom Monaco, Students with Governor's Association: Chris Arthur, Josh Davis and John McDonald.

Mayor Watt said he also wanted to thank Jolynn Vincent with "Bradd" thanked her for being back to work with the city. Thanked Esquire Tommy Hunt and Gerald Brown.

Mayor Watt said the first thing on the agenda is Gerald Brown.

Gerald Brown asked the Mayor and Commission if they could step down so he could present a photo to them. The photo is of the Water Works dated back in 1924. The Water Works had been built in 1903. He would like to present this to the Mayor and City Commission on the behalf of himself and Annie Brown. The Mayor and Commission thanked Gerald and Annie Brown.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 24, 2006

Minutes of above-referenced motion were made by C. Martin seconded by C.

Higginbotham to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none given. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none

Mayor Watt said for those that were not here earlier he wanted everyone to keep Commissioner Pierce, in their prayers, he had been taken to the hospital having chest pains.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report April 06

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they have any questions with none, motion was made by C. Varner seconded by C. Martin to accept the April 06 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt And C. Martin. Voting no: none

Police Report

Commissioner Vamer read the monthly report Commissioner Varner asked Chief Vance if he had anything to share. Chief Vance said that on Friday May 12th he had a drug arrest, arrested the individuals and recovered \$12,000 in cash and the drugs. Commissioner Vamer said speaking on the behalf of Smiths Grove Chief Vance is doing a great job.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said everything is quiet out at the cemetery. Martha Watt had done her Annual Financial Report to the Attorney General's Office and the report was approved. Had the inmates out their hauling trash, cleaning up the cemetery.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said he only would like to thank Esquire Tommy Hunt, for all he does here in Smiths Grove.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement & Health

Mayor Watt said this is a personnel matter so we need to go into a closed session he needs a motion, motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Varner to go into closed session A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin Voting no: none Closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Watt opened the regular meeting back into session approximately at 7:22 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to accept the Retirement and Health Insurance for Chief Vance. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin Voting no: none

First Reading Ordinance # 06-1320.00 (Creation of Auxiliary Police Force)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they have any discussion with none. Motion was made by C. Higginbotham seconded by C. Varner to accept First Reading Ordinance

06-1 320.00 Creation of Auxiliary Police Force. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin Voting no: none

First Reading Ordinance # 06-1 230.242 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 06/07

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they have any questions. Commissioner Higginbotham said, not enough money projected in for the cemetery. Commissioner Martin said he thought the alley up by the telephone office was budgeted to pave, he does want to check into that more. Mayor Watt had to read an Ordinance concerning this issue. Commissioner Martin said he would have to check into this more.

Mayor Watt asked if there were any more questions with none, motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to accept First Reading Ordinance # 06-1 230.242 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 06/07.

A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt Voting no: C. Martin

CityWide Yard Sale

Mayor Watt said he has had several citizens' address to him that they would like to have a citywide yard sale annually. In the past we have had a spring festival, but they are not able to have a festival. The Mayor would like to go ahead and have this every year the first weekend in June. Commissioner Higginbotham said he thinks it would be a good idea because the Lion's Club holds their breakfast that time and it would draw more people in to the city. It will also be good thing for the antique district as well.

Commissioner Martin said he had someone over at McDonald's in question to the why the festival is no longer being held. Mayor Watt said in the past, it has a lot to do with not getting enough volunteers. He would need a motion so we can go ahead a have this citywide yard sale an annual event. Motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham seconded by Commissioner Martin to have an annual citywide yard sale the first Saturday of June. Mayor Watt asked if there were any more questions with none given

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

Mr. Rankin (Old City Hall)

Mayor Watt said Mr. Rankin is not here, Velta Rose said he asked if she could speak on his behalf. Mayor Watt said that would be fine. Velta said that several citizens are needing a community building to have coffee and fellowship now that Doc Beverly has closed. Something like a senior citizens building. Mayor Watt said that he would like for Esquire Tommy Hunt to address this issue. Esquire Hunt said that those that were not able to attend the ribbon cutting for the expansion of Ed Spear's Park, one of the future expansions on that piece of land, is to get a senior citizens building. Several citizens think that it might be better for the old city hall because of it being closer.

Mayor Watt and the Commission explained that the cost would be a lot, because of the building, it would not be in compliance with the state; the building really needs to be just sold or leased out. Mayor Watt asked if there were any more questions with none given

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Plots

Commissioner Higginbotham said that as he had mentioned last month, the city's cemetery plots should be raised, to help the expenses for the cemetery.

He thinks the raise should be from \$275.00 to \$500.00. Mayor Watt said he thinks the plots should not go to \$500.00. Don't want to be a big jump to put hardship on the citizens. Commissioner Varner suggests \$375.00. Commissioner Martin thinks \$500.00 would be good. Mayor Watt said in one section you still could buy individual plots. The city can go with \$375.00 and see how the cemetery expense is working in a year or two. Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they have any more questions with none given. A motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham to raise the plots from \$275.00 to \$500.00. Mayor Watt asked for a second with none given, died lack of second. Commissioner Higginbotham made a motion to raise the plots to \$450.00 Mayor Watt asked for a second none given died lack of second. Motion was made by Mayor Watt seconded by Commissioner Varner to raise the cemetery plots from \$275.00 to \$375.00 per plot. Roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none Mayor Watt said if no more discussion with none given, adjourned the meeting approximately at 8:10_p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney