

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
MUNICIPAL ROAD AID HEARING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY MAY 24, 2007 6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Watt explained that this Municipal Road Aid Hearing is a requirement for the city to allow the citizens, to know, where the road aid fund will be going this next fiscal year. The sidewalks will be getting done. Mayor Watt and Commissioner Pierce went out with Ralph Anderson and Ralph suggested that 2 changes should be made to allow more feet into the sidewalks # 1. Is on 101 don't need to be done. #2. Add on Lawson and Ridgecrest. 101 being a Federal Hwy and with the new bacon act, he feels it will allow more footage on Lawson and Ridgecrest. The budget summary on the MRAF balance carried forward is \$94,348. Total resources available appropriated are \$322,248.

Mayor Watt said that his and Commissioner Higginbotham streets would be the only ones on the Commission that will not be getting done.

The Commission was all in agreement with the changes Ralph Anderson will be doing.

Mayor Watt asked if anyone had any questions with none given he adjourned the meeting approximately 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY MAY 24, 2007 7:00 P.M.

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

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

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of Regular Meeting (April 23, 2007)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none Minutes of the above- referenced motion was made by C. Varner second by C. Martin to approve said minutes as written. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Special Meeting (May 1, 2007)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any question with none. Minutes of the above- referenced motion was made by C. Higginbotham second by C. Varner to approve said minutes as written. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Special Meeting (May 1, 2007)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Martin second by C. Higginbotham to approve said minutes as written. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (April 07)

Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions with none. A motion was made by C. Pierce seconds by C. Martin to approve the April 07 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.

Public Safety Health & Welfare

Commissioner Higginbotham said that he has a meeting with the Emergency Management on May 29 between 6-8 p.m. held here at the City Hall, he would like to get Chief Kenneth Priddy, Chief Vance and the Commission, this is a public meeting for the whole community.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the police report asked Chief Vance if he had anything else to add? Chief Vance said no.

Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said that as soon as Ralph Anderson gets the plan done he would get them to Frankfort. Mayor Watt said that Ralph says they should have the sidewalks completed by Dee of this year if everything goes to plan.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said that Chief Vance had the inmates out there and got it cleaned up they also got the chapel cleaned. There has been vandalism going on out there to the door. Laura Lamb had asked the Mayor and Commission if there could be a curfew for the cemetery? Mayor Watt said that is something to look into. Commissioner Martin said that he also wanted to say that Jeremy Doyle is doing a great job out there in the cemetery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that they had done the landscape out by the parking lot the cost was \$ 207.94 Modern Woodman's donated \$ 200.00 and Commissioner Varner donated \$ 10.00. Therefore, the city was not out any cost. The project was completed the last weekend of April with the help of Martha Watt, Cherri Pierce & Diana Varner. The next meeting will be August 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas

Commissioner Martin has no report

Annexation

Jimmy Cline said they are just waiting to hear from Jim Adams and he is waiting on Frankfort to give him information. The next meeting will be June 11, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance # 07-01 230.20 Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 07/08

Mayor Watt read the Mayor's Budget Message and moves to accept Ordinance # 07-01 230.20 Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 07/08. Commissioner Higginbotham seconds the motion. Commissioner Martin said he could not vote for this budget because he had no input on the budget. Mayor Watt asked if there were any further questions on the budget with none, a roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Martin.

Cemetery Sexton

Mayor Watt said that Ms. Carrie Lee Jordan is in a nursing home and will not be able to be the cemetery assistant and feels that the city should no longer have to pay monthly payments. He had spoken with Joe Jordan about this, and he agrees.

Commissioner Higginbotham asked does there need to be an assistant? Mayor Watt said yes in case David Pelly could not be available. Commissioner Martin asked what is the pay? The clerk responded \$100.00 a month without taxes. Commissioner Pierce asked should whoever is interested needs to feel out an application? The Mayor and Commission agreed to do so. A motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham to stop payment immediately second by Commissioner Martin Mayor Watt said that every bit of the city's money was well spent with Ms. Carrie Lee, he is sad of this situation. Commissioner Varner agreed, said that Ms. Jordan was the sexton since 1961 and no one knows that cemetery better than her.

With no further questions. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.

Mayor Watt read the announcements for the upcoming events asked if there were any further question with none adjourned the meeting approximately 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney