

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY MAY 26, 2014 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Commissioner David Stiffey

Also Absent: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Higginbotham recognized special guests Jonathan Bledsoe with Atmos Energy, Matt Brewer with Top Quality Gun Repair, Albert Rich with Planning & Zoning, John Wayne Smith candidate for State Representative, Sherry Higginbotham, & Diana Varner.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (April 28,, 2014)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (April, 2014)

Report was approved by acclimation

Public Works Report

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey reported that here are two street lights he has been working with WRECC in regards to two street lights. One on College Street that he wants moved down one pole, which is already there, and one on Webb Avenue that he just wants an extended arm on.

Clerk Brewer informed him that we had received a letter in regards to and thought it had been taken care of. Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated that it had not because they were awaiting approval from the Mayor. Mayor Higginbotham stated he would look into the matter tomorrow.

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Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Varner read the Police Report for the month of April.

Commissioner Varner inquired if Chief Suoy had anything to add. The Chief stated that he had left the information regarding a LEPP Grant he is working on for Ammo on Clerk Brewers desk and that needed to be approved and a Resolution would be needed for it.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Pierce stated that he had nothing to report at this time because everything looked good.

Code Enforcement Report

In Commissioner David Stiffey's absence, Mayor Higginbotham reported that he has been working with Craig Hunt with Warren County to get a program set in place to enforce KRS regarding condemning buildings.

He also reported that Clerk Brewer has located persons in charge of the estate for Evelyn Donnel Franklin located at 476 Cave Street and they are supposed to be going to clean up the property. They are also going to start paying the delinquent property taxes. They were under the opinion the taxes had been sold and the property no longer belonged to them.

At this time Commissioner Pierce stated that Kevin Turner with Warren County Code Enforcement is supposed to be here tomorrow to talk about some properties.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Aging Committee

Commissioner Varner reported that the Aging Committee met this past week and the next meeting will be August 18th. Between now and then they will be nominating officers for the new year.

OLD BUSINESS

350 W. Third Street

Attorney Milliken was not present to update the Commission on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Gas Franchise

Mayor Higginbotham reported that the only bid received was from Atmos Energy and was opened on May 5, 2014. The bid was placed in response to enabling Ordinance 14-001 550.00. At this time the Commission needed to formalize the agreement. Mayor Higginbotham made the motion to approve and the motion was second by Commissioner Varner. Discussion was called for.

With there being no discussion roll was called. Commissioner Varner – Yes, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey – yes, Commissioner Pierce – Yes, Mayor Higginbotham – Yes. The motion passed with 4 – 0 vote.

The Gas Franchise will become effective July 28, 2014 and remain in effect for twenty years.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 14-002 230.20

2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year Budget

Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance as is and the motion was second by Commissioner Pierce. Discussion was called for.

With there being no discussion roll was called. Commissioner Varner – Yes, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey – No, Commissioner Pierce – Yes, Mayor Higginbotham – Yes. The motion passed with 3 – 1 vote.

Walk In Items

Albert Rich with Planning and Zoning reported that at their last meeting there had been an approval to re-zone some land belonging to Stanley Rice just outside of the city limits. A gentleman with the last name of Freeman will be putting in a cleaning company something like ServPro on the property.

Commissioner Pierce stated he thought the city should approach them in regards to be put in the city limits.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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