

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL ROAD AID HEARING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY MAY 27, 2008 6:45 P.M.**

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

Mayor Watt said that every year they are to have a public hearing for the public to be aware of what he is proposing to the City Commission and Citizens for the upcoming Proposed Budget 08/09. 1. The goal is to continue to obtain a balanced forward-looking Municipal Program for this year. 2. Annexation to help the City with new growth and expansion.3. Purchase of new Police Cruiser.

Mayor Watt also said that the Municipal Road Aid Funds balance carried forward as \$ 44,516 Anticipated Receipts \$ 12,000 Interest \$ 400.00

Available for appropriation \$ 57,416. Commissioner Pierce asked if the speed bumps can be purchased using the MRAF Mayor Watt said that could be used for that, Also the resurfacing the parking lot at the city hall is going to have to be re-done.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any more questions with none the Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY MAY 27, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of Regular Meeting April 28, 2008**

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none

Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve said minutes. 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 2, 2008

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for any questions with none minutes of the above referenced motion was made by Commissioner Varner second by Commissioner Martin to approve said minutes. 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

Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to approve the April 08 Treasurer Report Commissioner martin seconds. A roll Call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none. Commissioner Martin said that the cemetery chapel should be inspected for termites. The Mayor and the rest of the Commission agreed the Mayor asked the clerk to check into that.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Higginbotham next meeting he will have something put together that will be passed out to businesses and other places in case of an emergency.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner wanted everyone to know that Byron is doing well and thanked everyone for prayers and calls.

Commissioner Varner read the report asked Chief Vance if he had anything else to add Chief Vance said the new car has the computer installed now he has to take an 8-hour course on the 2nd of June to learn how to use it.

Street Report

Commissioner Pierce thanked C. Vance for having the inmates get the patch done on Mill Street

C. Vance also said the Mayor had got that hole on Mill Street patched, had the inmates planted shrubs, flowers and the tree out in the park, put new mulch in the beds also.

Commissioner Pierce said that the Mr. Warlow is wanted to know when are they going to put speed bumps out there on Hedge Street. C. Higginbotham said he thinks the speed bumps are the wrong ones everyone agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that they had a meeting last week and the committee will be meeting Saturday to do some planting on the side of the building. They are planting 3- Dwarf boxwoods 6-dwarf spruce will be moving some silva from the south side of the building.

Annexation

C. Higginbotham said the surveying will be some of it going on this week maybe next month he might have something put together by then.

Christmas Parade

C. Martin said they had a meeting and now they have a chairman Casey Alford.

Mayor Watt called a 5-minute recess at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Watt called the meeting back into session at 7:35 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paying City Officials for missing meetings

Commissioner Martin makes a motion that who fails to attend any meeting shall not have to forfeit his/her salary for that month. Commissioner Pierce seconds the motion.

Commissioner Varner said that he understands if someone has an emergency but not just miss meetings. Commissioner Higginbotham said he gets penalized for getting paid for the meetings he wishes they did not get paid.

Commissioner Varner asked for a recess. Mayor Watt recess 5-minute at 7:45

Mayor Watt opened the floor at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Watt read KRS 83A.040 (9) authorizes the city legislative body to remove any elected city officer from office for misconduct, inability or willful neglect in the performance of the duties of the office.

Meeting and continuing to meet throughout the term. This is also under the caption of "Failure to Qualify".

Also keep in mind if this were to get passed it can not be affective until January 1, 2011. If any changes of Compensation, it is to be passed on the 1st Monday in May in their year of the election. Mayor Watt said with all of this said he amends the motion and who so ever misses 3 meetings shall be subject to be considered failure to qualify and removed. Commissioner Higginbotham seconds. Mayor Watt said he needs a roll call on the amendment. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, Mayor Watt, and C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Higginbotham and C. Martin

Mayor Watt said take roll for the motion. Roll call was taken: Voting yes:

C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: Mayor Watt.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance # 08-03-230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for discussion.

Several questions were asked C. Martin asked the clerk on the cemetery the totals needed to be changed from 30,454 to 20,500, with those changes on the ordinance

C. Pierce makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 08-03-230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Commissioner Martin seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes:

C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: None.

Cave Street

C. Vance said that they are having problems on Cave Street need to have an Ordinance in place to have people to quit parking on the West Side, only on the Eastside of the road can allow parking. School busses have had to back out because can not get through there. Just getting really dangerous. Mayor Watt said he needs a motion to have the clerk do an Ordinance. Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to have the Vehicles Park only on the Eastside of the road not on the West Side of the road. Commissioner Higginbotham seconds. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.
Voting no: none.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they had any further questions with none Mayor Watt mention that the City Wide Yard Sale is June 7th. Also to let everyone to know that on July 4th the Cemetery Chapel is being used to have a wedding and a \$50.00 donation will be given. That is what that chapel is for funerals and weddings.

Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney