

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2007 7:00 P.M.

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin. There was a full quorum.

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being there. Said David Gilbert is here for the city's annual audit. David handed the Mayor and City Commission and the clerk the entire audit. Explained that this year the city as always will have a finding with not having dual control, but there is another finding the city will have from now on as well. It is creating the financial statements. All the 5 class cities will be getting this finding also.

The city has in net-asset ending \$1,037.053. David said it is his responsibility to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. Overall the city got the best audit a city good get. David asked the Mayor and Commission for any questions. Commissioner Martin asked where was the page it shows the actually amount the city had spent. David explained to him where. With no further questions Mayor Watt thanked David for being here and for another year.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (October 22, 2007)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions, with none. Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by Commissioner Varner second 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.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (October 07)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none Commissioner Pierce made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for October 07.

Commissioner Varner seconds. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said the only thing is the flu shots there was a good turn out; hopefully next year can get them to come here earlier.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the report. Commissioner Varner asked Chief Vance if he had anything to report. Chief Vance said he applied for a MDT computer that goes in the car. He hopes he will get a response soon. Commissioner Martin asked the question about the citations for parking on the sidewalks. Chief Vance said that Planning and Zoning is

inviting all Public Officials to a lesson on Code of Enforcement on November 27 at 5:00 p.m. He will see if that will give him some idea how to do this.

Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said that there was a sign down he got and all the lights are working. He asked Ralph Anderson to give an update with the sidewalk project. Ralph said that they are having a lot of complaints and problems. He thinks the Mayor and Commission needs to meet with them and the check needs to be held until these issues get resolved. Commissioner Pierce also said that Mr. Bashman needs an address he is not able to get some things turned on because there is no such address. The Mayor explained that this is an alley so probable needs to just name it Post Office Alley. Mayor Watt makes a motion to name this alley Post Office Alley Commissioner Martin seconds. With no more questions. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said the cemetery looks really good he would like for Jeremy Doyle to come up front the city would like to present a plaque of our appreciation for doing such a great job out at the cemetery. Mayor Watt said that Chief Vance needs to get the estimate to the parents that the girl had done the damage to the door out at the cemetery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said that she had done some plaques up for Woodman and Garden Patch giving appreciation for their donations. The committee had got the decorating done. Thanks also to Terry and Bert for their help. They need to have some kind of fund raising project to get new decorations. The Mayor and Clerk had explained that there is a budget set-aside for that. That account has \$500.00.

Annexation

Bert said that by the next meeting the maps should be ready to view.

Christmas Parade

Porter said that so far there are 41 entries. Looks like everything is going to plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Vance had explained that the insurance that was passed on our last meeting there has been a change the state cannot allow him to change the insurance because he is tied in for 3 years. However, he can have is upgraded and Donna can just have the same plan. It actually is less on the city. Commissioner Higginbotham makes a motion to upgrade Chief Vane's health insurance and add the clerk Donna Looney. Commissioner Pierce seconds. Mayor Watt asked for any further questions with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin.

Mayor Watt announced to keep Jimmy & Wanda Jackson in everyone's prayers. The Christmas Tree Lighting is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Parade Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Watt also wanted everyone to know that year there was a committee formed to view the Outstanding Community Service Award. The committee felt that 2007 the award is going to Officer Bob Smith. He is volunteering his time to the Police Department keeping the city safe. He is not here this evening he will get with him when he gets back from class. One more thing there will not be a meeting in December the city wishes everyone a Happy Holiday.

With no further questions this meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk, Donna L Looney