

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

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

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 said everyone is a special guest. Thanked Jolynn Vincent with Bradd for being here.

Wanted to thank Roger Thomas for being here wanted everyone to know he will be opening a small animal clinic over at the Old City Hall.  
Also here tonight his David Gilbert with Gilbert & Gilbert the City's CPA.  
David thanked the Mayor and Commission said each one has a copy of the annual audit, he first would like everyone to know that he had conducted the city's audit and the city is sitting very well. This audit is the best any city can get .The City's net asset is at 955,671, very strong numbers. David went on to say that the city will always have the one finding because there is only the one clerk and with the size of the city, that is dual control.  
Asked the Mayor and City Commission if they have any questions with none Mayor Watt thanked David for being here

**Reading and Approval of Minutes (September 25, 2006)**

Minutes of the above-referenced motion made by Commissioner Pierce seconded by Commissioner Varner to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none. Roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none.

**Reports**

Treasurer Report (September 06)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Pierce. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce.

Cemetery Reports

Commissioner Higginbotham read the Cemetery Quarterly Report said he has nothing more to report.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said that the city is waiting on funds for the amount of \$1 0,344, that the State is giving the city if they have had any roads re-surfaced which the city had the cemetery done, so that is why we will get the funds.

### Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Pierce said he would like to know what everyone else thinks about getting another C.A.L.V.E.S. Mayor Watt said the city has not budgeted for that, but that is something that each one can think on. Mayor Watt asked Commissioner Pierce if he had got anything going for the flu shots. Commissioner Pierce said he would ask is Dad.

### Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the police report. Mayor Watt said for those of whom are no aware the city has purchased a Taser Gun. Chief Johnny Vance and Officer Thurman went and got their certification last week and tonight we will see that event on video, also Deputy Chris Shelton will be getting shot with the taser tonight Chief Vance will be the one to administer that.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said their last meeting was short, they discussed on getting the picnic tables cleaned up. Mayor Watt said that Bobby Cowles would get this put up for the city.

#### Christmas Parade

Commissioner Martin said everything is going really well and that they will be having the applications up on the web site if anyone has any questions they can ask Tammy Turner or Donna.

#### Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said that right now they will just have to put things off because it will cost a lot to hire out someone to come and survey and this is not in the budget. They have come along way but more to be done.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### Second Reading Ordinance # 06-01-230.00 (An Ordinance assessing and leVYing the 2006 Annual Property Tax and Tangible)

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Varner to accept Ordinance # 06-01 230.00 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2006 Property Tax and Tangible Tax .115 for Real Property and .115 Tangible Tax.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any more discussion with none. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none.

#### Second Reading of Ordinance # 06-01-820.00 An Ordinance Adopting the Extension of Beeler Ave to Hwy 101)

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Pierce to Adopt Ordinance # 06-01-820.00 the Extension of Beeler Ave to Hwy 101. Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any more questions. Commissioner Varner feels like all of the entrances out there should not be just Beeler. Mayor Watt said that if there were an Emergency called out there it would be just in reference to the cemetery. Any more questions with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C.Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C.Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Varner.

Lion's Club Donation

Commissioner Higginbotham said that the Lion's Club agreed to buy one of the Park Benches.

Police Cruisers

Mayor Watt said that Kenneth could do the cruisers for a small amount. Kenneth Marr said he would do the cruisers less then \$200.00 that is for the vinyl and the materials. Mayor Watt said all we need to do is vote on this to allow Kenneth to get this done. Motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve Kenneth Marr to do the Police Crusiers for no more then \$200.00. With no more discussion. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

**New Business**

Cemetery

Beautification

Martha Mcquirk and Judy Mitchell with the Woman's Club presented on the computer changes they are asking the Mayor and City Commission if they can do out at the cemetery. They went on to say that there will be no cost to the city for anything other than restoring of the stones maybe later on. It might be a two year project. The Mayor said he will need a motion for Martha Mcquirk and Judy Mitchell to go ahead with this beautification project. Motion was made by Commissioner Varner seconded by Commissioner Higginbotham to allow for Martha Mcquirk and Judy Mitchell to go ahead with their project for the beautification of the cemetery. Mayor Watt said he would like for them to let himself and the Commission know when they are doing changes keep him updated. Thanked the ladies for giving to the city. With no more question. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none.

Mayor Watt would like everyone to know that Halloween Night will be Tuesday, Hours are 4-7. The next meeting November 27, he would like to encourage everyone to be here for the Ed's Spears Park Exspansion meeting held here at 6:00 p.m. the City's Regular Meeting will follow after.

Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney