

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2005 7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Watt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt recognized Esquire Tommy Hunt and his lovely wife Gracie Hunt thanked them for being there said we have another special guest

Steven Elder with Edward Jones Mayor Watt asked Mr. Elder if he would like to explain why he is here. Mr. Elder said that they will be opening a business here in Smiths Grove that will be representing Smiths Grove and surrounding areas. He went on to say he has met several people and is looking forward to meeting more and really likes Smiths Grove. Thanked the Mayor and the Commission for their time.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 26, 2005

Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to accept the minutes of September 26, 2005

Commissioner Martin seconds Mayor Watt asks for roll: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, and Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes C. Pierce yes

Minutes of Special Meeting October 4, 2005

Mayor Watt asks the commission if they had any questions with none given

Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept the minutes of October 4, 2005

Commissioner Higginbotham seconds the motion Mayor Watt asks for roll:

C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Minutes of Special Meeting October 5, 2005

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they had any questions with none given

Commissioner Martin makes a motion to accept the minutes of October 5, 2005

Commissioner Varner seconds Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higgingbotham yes,

Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer Report for September 05 with none given Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to accept the September 05

Treasurer Report 05 Commissioner Higginbotham seconds roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the monthly report said he also had a complaint filed on speed on Laurel Ave between the hours of 5 p.m. 8 p.m. and is asking all the citizens to pay attention to the speed to 35 mph or less. That is all he has

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Higgingbotham read the Quarterly Cemetery Report said if anyone had any questions Martha Watt could answer them. Went on to say he and the Mayor had put lights out in front of the flagpole and they keep going out something they need to check into. Scotty's is suppose to get out they're to get the black topping done by the end of the month. Mayor Watt said he had asked Chief Vance to patrol more out there.

Commissioner Pierce said all that brush out there the Fire Department would have that. burned on the 17th of November.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said he wanted to thank Magistrate Tommy Hunt for bringing out the county to use a bull dozer to get a lot of the brush and getting it all cleaned out, looks really good out at the cemetery. Also said that Kenway will get the blacktop going and the alleys as soon as we get some nice weather

Mayor Watt said he wanted to let everyone know also that he had talked to Kenway on getting the alleys done. If no bad weather sets in before winter will get to us.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Commissioner Pierce said that he has 3 complaints on a piece of property with the grain bins the health department has been notified and if everyone can have patience they are doing everything they need to do on this issue. He wants everyone to know on the Health Fare set for next June this will be a big health fare, several places such as Greenview Hospital, Convention Center, Mobil Lab Unit all of this will be for the citizens of Smiths Grove. This will be an annual event here in Smiths Grove. There is another issue with rodents. Several Citizens had spoke in reference to these complaints, Mayor Watt had assured them that this problem will not lie to rest, they will do everything within power to get this issue resolved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Commissioner

Gerald Brown said that he would be retiring as of the first of the year. He thanked the Mayor and Commissioner for letting him work on the behalf of Smiths Grove for 13 years with Planning & Zoning, he had not been asked to do this by no one, his decision to do this is his alone it is something he needs to do.

Beautification Committee

Sherry Higginbotham said that the plants down at the Old City Hall had died looks really bad. she said the next project is to work on the park benches over there that's all other than they will start on ideas for the Christmas decorating

Christmas Parade Committee

Mayor Watt asked Commissioner Martin if he can let everyone know what is going on Commissioner Martin said the Parade will be on December 2. 2005 this year this will be on the web site as well you can go on the web site to get a application

Annexation Committee

Commissioner Pierce said they decided to put 11 people on the committee this will be a time consuming project these are the names that will be on the committee

Terry Pierce. Bert Higginbotham. Jimmy Cline. Robert Vincent. Walt McCay. Jackie Lightfoot. Roger Thomas. Robert Vincent. Commissioner Pierce said that leaves three two have not got back with them one he was asked by Mayor Watt to leave open Had the first meeting last Monday night figuring out ideas focus on what needs to be done first Mayor Watt said that we need a motion on the committee members Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to accept all members Commissioner Varner seconds Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Lighting

Commissioner Pierce said he is do some checking into getting a tree Joyce Masey will pre pay for a tree and if there is additional the city will take care of that. Mayor Watt said no matter what there would be a tree and the tree lighting will be on November 30.2005 at 5:30 p.m. he wants the City Hall lighted up when the Christmas Parade comes down by the City hall.

City Banners

Commissioner Pierce said that we have banners that are in bad shape he had asked Park City to fax over some information to the clerk on how they get the businesses to have a banner what the business do is have there name on the banner and they pay for the banner Asked everyone what they thought Mayor Watt said he thinks that they should talk to the businesses to find out what they would like to do. Everyone was in agreement

City park

Mayor Watt said that he had a meeting at BRADD and they had informed of out of 17 grants Smiths Grove was one of those 17 to not get turned down, he is hopeful he feels need to just go forward and advertise and start getting bids on this. Commissioner Pierce makes a motion to go ahead and advertise Commissioner Varner seconds Roll call C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes, C. Martin yes, C. Pierce yes Mayor Watt said before he adjourns the meeting he would like for Gerald Brown to come up Mayor Watt said that on the behalf of the City of Smiths Grove he wants to present him this plaque for serving the Planning & Zoning Commissioner for 13 years and had said the position will not be hard to fill but his place will be. Wants everyone to know there is cake and refreshments, this meeting is adjourned approximately at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR, LARRY STEVE WATT

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK, DONNA L LOONEY

DATE: _____