

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY OCTOBER 25, 2010 7:00 P.M.

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

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 introduced David Gilbert, Gilbert & Gilbert CPA's who presented to the Commission the City's Audit Report. Mr. Gilbert briefly explained highlights from his report and stated that his firm had given the city an unqualified opinion as to the financial affairs of the city for the year ending June 30, 2010. An unqualified opinion is the best opinion that an auditing firm can give to its' clients. There were two findings in the report that were repeated from previous years – but both of the findings were merely due to the small size of accounting staff in Smiths Grove and could not be prevented. Mr. Gilbert also distributed a peer review letter that stated that his firm has been reviewed by his peers and received the highest grade available.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 27, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting

Motion made by Varner, second by Higginbotham to approve the September 27, 2010 minutes.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (September, 2010)

Motion made by Higginbotham, second by Pierce to approve the September, 2010 Treasurer Report. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Street Report

Varner reported that no further progress had been made since the last Commission meeting regarding repairs to sidewalks on both Laurel and College Streets. He wanted the matter deferred until the November Commission meeting.

Police Report

Pierce read the police report and asked Chief Suoy and Officer Hollis if there was anything to add. There was a discussion about the need for tires on the second cruiser. Mayor Watt asked Chief Suoy to obtain estimates for the tires and, if necessary, the Commission could approve said purchase at a later time.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Martin reported that the annual flu shot day took place on October 14, 2010. Thirty-seven doses were given by staff from the Bowling Green Warren County Health Department.

Cemetery Report

There was a brief discussion regarding the current policy for there to be a minimum of four plots purchased by the citizens. It was unclear as to whether there were state regulations in place for this policy and Commissioner Higginbotham was to research this and report back to the Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas Parade

Commissioner Martin reported that applications for the parade had begun to be received via the city web site. The parade is scheduled to take place on Friday evening, December 3, 2010. Mayor Watt will serve as Grand Marshal. It was suggested that the Oakland Mayor and City Commissioners be invited to the Smiths Grove Christmas Parade.

Aging

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of Ordinance #10-01 230.00 an Ordinance Assessing and Levying Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property with the City of Smiths Grove.

Motion made by Higginbotham, second by Varner to approve Ordinance #10-01 230.00.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DANIEL C. JONES, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by Daniel C. Jones, City Clerk

