

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 5:00 PM

All Members Present:

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Ordinance Number 12-004 230.00

Mayor Higginbotham explained that the figures we had received from the PVA office for the 2012 tax rate were incorrect. This was due to the fact we had not been given the Additions and Deletions for our calculation therefore our numbers were wrong and we had to have a new first reading of the ordinance.

The mayor made a motion to accept the corrected Ordinance Number 12-004 230.00 which now shows Real Property amount of \$42,696,640 versus \$42,696,440 and Tangible Personal Property of \$3,218,541 versus \$3,275,581. With the change in figures the new tax rate is ten and one-twentieth cents (.120) per one hundred dollars (\$100) instead of ten and twenty-one hundredth cents (.121) per one hundred dollars (\$100). The motion was second by Commissioner Pierce. Ayes all members so the motion passed.

Results from sale of Old Library building

Mayor Higginbotham explained that on Monday he met with Jeff Lyle, Tarter Realty and Mr. Lyle's lawyer in Glasgow to close on the sale. The mayor gave everyone a copy of the details from closing spread sheet he had devised. The Total receipts for the City of Smiths Grove was \$43,923.35 from the sale of the Library, Police Cruiser and other items. The city did receive the 7% buyer's fee on the sale of the building but did not on the other items. The total cost to the city was Forty Two Dollars (\$42) for deed stamps and One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and Fifteen cents (\$1,447.15) for advertising.

Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer

The mayor informed all those present that Chief Suoy has applied for a position with WKU and therefore that puts pressure on the city to hire a part-time officer soon in case Chief Suoy leaves us.

The city has had one applicant, Mr. Sam Renfro of Edmonson County. Mr. Renfro in the past worked for KSP and is retired from the department of Fish and Wildlife. Originally, Mr. Renfro thought that all he would need to do will be getting current with all certifications in order to qualify for the position. However, Chief Suoy was informed by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council that ,”he would need to complete the POPS testing prior to his hire date and Basic Training within one year of his hire date.” Chief Suoy stated that it would take 18 weeks for the Basic Training and the city would be responsible for the tuition amount plus Mr. Renfro's salary during the time of training.

Mayor Higginbotham stated that he thought it would be impractical to hire Mr. Renfro if the city had to pay all these costs. It would be the same as if we hired another full time officer. Commissioner Martin stated he would not be in favor of hiring Mr. Renfro due to the cost to the city. Commissioner Pierce stated he feels the city should hire someone that can immediately step up is something was to happen with Chief Suoy. Commissioner Varner stated he thought the cost was too exorbitant.

Commissioner Varner made a motion to decline hiring Mr. Renfro as a part-time police officer and the motion was second by Mayor Higginbotham. The roll was called: Commissioner Varner – yes, Commissioner Martin – yes, Commissioner Pierce – abstain, Commissioner Stiffey – yes, Mayor Higginbotham – yes. The motion carried.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk