

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Higginbotham, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey and Commissioner David Stiffey.

Members Absent: Commissioner Varner and Commissioner Pierce

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Higginbotham recognized Mrs. Laws a resident of Brown Street here in Smiths Grove.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 26, 2013)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (August, 2013)

Report was approved by acclimation

Public Works Report

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey reported that the paving of Kentucky and Beeler Streets has been completed. He also stated that Hayes Paving had repaired the alley at Third Street and had done some grade work on alley and roads in the cemetery.

Mayor Higginbotham informed all present that Hayes had not charged us for the additional work.

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey also stated that the bush in the yard at the corner of Main and Third has not been cut yet. The clerk informed she had sent a letter but would try to contact the owners. Commissioner David Stiffey stated that if the clerk had no luck he would just cut it himself.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

In Commissioner Varner's absence, Mayor Higginbotham read the Police Activity Report for the Month of August 2013.

At this time Mayor Higginbotham deferred to Chief Suoy. Chief Suoy informed all that November 1st would be Officer Stidham's last day of Academy. He stated that he would like to attend the graduation and encouraged everyone else to do so as well in Support of Officer Stidham.

Cemetery Report

Since Commissioner Pierce was absent there was no report given.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner David Stiffey reported that there is nothing new to report at this time however, he has done some spraying on the streets and he cut back the Crape Myrtle trees on Main by Wendy's and the Dollar Store.

Commissioner David Stiffey stated that he also wanted to report that after the storm on Friday a couple of weeks ago, Brian Gaul and Sanders Tree Service were out the next day cutting up the trees that had fallen on Highland, Beeler, and Hedge Streets. Due to their prompt services these streets were quickly opened back up for travel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports at this time

OLD BUSINESS

150 Third Street

Attorney Milliken is moving forward with the foreclosure on the property and expects a judgment within sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

Christmas Lights

Commissioner Pierce was absent so this was tabled until next month.

Second reading of Ordinance 13-008 550.00 an ordinance covering solid waste agreement with Monarch

Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to accept Ordinance 13-008 550.00 and the motion was second by Commissioner David Stiffey. Roll was called, Aye all members present so the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Property Tax Ordinance for 2013 – Delayed, waiting on figures from PVA

Mayor Higginbotham reported that again we have not received our figures from the Warren County PVA. He personally talked to Bob Branstetter last Monday who told him the holdup was in regards to the Fire Department Tax but he hoped that he would be able to give us our figures later that week. However, last Wednesday's paper showed that Bowling Green had passed their new Tax Rate on Tuesday.

Mayor Higginbotham stated that we will have to have two Special Called Meetings in order to pass our tax rates when we get the numbers.

Second reading of Ordinance 13-006 230.10 Property Tax for Water Craft & Motor Vehicles

Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to accept Ordinance 13-006 230.10 and the motion was second by Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey. Roll was called, Ayes all members present so the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Grand Marshall for the Christmas Parade

Mayor Higginbotham stated that the Christmas Parade was fast approaching and that we needed to decide on a Grand Marshall. He asked if the Commissioners present wanted to differ this until the next meeting and all agreed that they would like to go ahead and do tonight.

Mayor Higginbotham asked if anyone had any suggestions. Commissioner David Stiffey stated that he and Mayor Higginbotham had discussed and he liked the Mayors idea of asking Veterinarian Roger Thomas. Not only has he been a major business in the city but he did donate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the city to be used as the city saw fit. All present agreed that they would like to see if Roger Thomas would be the Grand Marshall. Commissioner David Stiffey will contact Dr. Thomas to see if he will be agreeable to be the Grand Marshall.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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