

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 7:00 P.M.**

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

City Attorney Wes Milliken also present

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt recognized Esquire Tommy Hunt thank him for being there.

Mayor Watt said that also Maxine Ray and Stan Reagan from Historic Preservation Board he wants to welcome them and let Maxine or Stan explain why they are here. Stan stated by saying Robin Zeigler could not be here. He would like everyone know that that the Historic Preservation Board has received a grant which will be matched by the Planning Commission to survey properties in the downtown area and write the National Register nomination. There is right now (8) buildings, which face Main Street and E. First Street; however much of the surrounding residential area is also eligible. The main benefit is that properties that are listed are eligible for two different tax incentives for rehab. One is 30% state tax incentive for owner-occupied residences and another is a 20% tax incentive for rehab of income producing properties. Donna Logston will be at North Warren on October 3, 2005 at 7:00 if anyone has any questions. All he needs tonight is for The Mayor and Commission to give them the o.k. That the city is interested. Wes Milliken said it would be a good idea for the Mayor and Commission to vote. Commissioner Varner makes a motion to go ahead with the proceeds of this Commissioner Higginbotham seconds Mayor Watt asked for discussion from the citizen with none given asked the Commission with none given asked for Roll Call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Watt said he needs a motion for the approval of minutes of *Special Meeting (August 19, 2005)* Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept the minutes Commissioner Higginbotham seconds

Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions with none given asked for roll:

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 22, 2005)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the minutes as written Commissioner Varner seconds

Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions with none given asked for roll:

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

Minutes of Special Meeting (August 29, 2005)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the minutes as written Commissioner Higginbotham seconds Mayor Watt asks if there are any questions with none given ask for roll C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes

Minutes of Special Meeting (September 12, 2005)

Mayor Watt moves to accept the minutes as written Commissioner Varner seconds Mayor Watt asked if there are any questions with none given asks for roll C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes

Minutes of Special Meeting (September 16, 2005)

Commissioner Varner makes a motion to accept the minutes Commissioner Higginbotham seconds Mayor Watt asks if there were any question with none given Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (August 05)

Mayor asked if there were any questions with none given Commissioner Varner moves to accept the Treasurer Report (August 05) Commissioner Higginbotham seconds Mayor Watt asked for Roll call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes

Police Report

Commissioner Varner said that they do not have a report until next month because Officer Johnny Vance was sworn in on September 9, 2005 as Chief of Police so we will have one next month. That day he and the Mayor had taken him around to introduce all the businesses to him.

Asked Chief Vance, if he had anything to add Chief Vance said, that he had been a pretty busy he had a lot of break ins, the car wash had been really helpful they had a camera set up that helped to get that person, also the person that had been stealing all the air conditioners he had got him red handed. He will be going to court on both this week. He wants to thank everyone for all there support and welcoming him to Smiths Grove.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said the roads would be getting done in a couple of weeks Commissioner Martin got the project down less than \$20,000. The county had came out and got that hole cleaned out burned everything. Commissioner Higginbotham said that he and Mayor Watt had gone out and cut some shrubs as well. There needs to be some painting done also. He is going to have Mayor Watt do that

Street Report

Mayor Watt said that Commissioner Martin is not here to give a report he needed to be at his daughter's first basketball game. And Mayor Watt understands that is important.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Commissioner Pierce is also not here for a report he had a revival he needed to be at. And Mayor Watt understands that is important

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Committee

Sherry Higginbotham said that the Old City Hall had got all the pots cleaned out and flowers planted in there. Everything had all been donated all the flowers, and time, all the women on the Committee had done a great job out here at the New City Hall. This Saturday at the Lion's Breakfast at the Fire Department they will be setting up over there to be selling bricks for the new park out in front of the City Hall.

Christmas Committee

Mayor Watt said that Tammy Turner had notified him to let him know that she did not have a report this month but they will be having their first meeting on October 6, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. here at the City Hall will have a report next month.

Aging Report

Mayor Watt said that LD Rasdall is in that Committee and everyone know or should he have a lot going on with his wife and if everyone can keep that in prayer.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance # 05-01-250.00

Mayor Watt said this Ordinance is just amending the Ordinance the City has for Advertising for Bids this will put the City in compliance with the KRS which we had to strike out \$10,000 and put \$20,000. He would like a motion to accept Ordinance # 05-01 250.00 An Ordinance Amending Section I-B of Ordinance # 92-1 1 240.3 to confirm with the requirements of KRS 424.260.

Commissioner Higginbotham makes a motion to accept Ordinance # 05-01 250.00

Commissioner Varner seconds Mayor Watt asked for Roll Call:

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

Mayor Watt said he wanted to say something about the grant for the city park he wants everyone to know that he has been working with BRADD and they can go ahead and start the park and still be eligible for the grant

Appoint Annex Committee

Mayor Watt wants to appoint two Commissioners to co-chair that committee they can appoint who they feel that they can work well with, we need to get some boundaries straighten up, also

Property for the City of Smiths Grove he makes a motion to appoint Commissioner Higginbotham and Commissioner Pierce Commissioner Varner seconds

Roll Call: C. Varner yes, C. Higginbotham yes, Mayor Watt yes

Mayor Watt asked if anyone had any questions with none given he adjourned the meeting approximately 7:28 p.m. He wants everyone to have refreshments after and welcome Chief Vance and his family to Smiths Grove.

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR, LARRY STEVE WATT

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK, DONNA L LOONEY

DATE: _____