

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 7:00 PM**

Members present were: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Higginbotham

Members absent was: Commissioner Martin

Also present was Wes Milliken City Attorney

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

Mayor Watt recognized several people in attendance including Esquire Tommy Hunt, Mayor James Gilley, Commissioner Tim Hunt, Commissioner Shirley Martin, Commissioner Billy Cook, Commissioner Buddy Marr and Martha McGuirk.

Mayor Watt presented Pastor Williams of Pleasant View Baptist Church with the 2010 Outstanding Community Service Award for the continued work that the church members gave to the community even though the church building was destroyed by fire in 2008. Pastor Williams accepted the award along with several church members and thanked the citizens of Smiths Grove for their support over the past two years. A plaque commemorating the award was updated with the 2010 award winner added to the previous years winners and hangs in the meeting room. Mayor Watt also presented Pastor Williams with a certificate noting the achievement.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 23, 2010)

Motion was made by Varner second by Pierce to approve the August 23, 2010 minutes.  
Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting (August 30, 2010)

Motion was made by Higginbotham second by Varner to approve the August 30, 2010 minutes.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report (August, 2010)

Motion was made by Higginbotham second by Watt to approve the August 2010 Treasurer Report. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Street Report –

Varner reported that he had attempted to receive bids for sidewalk repair on both Laurel and College Streets. Only one estimate had been received and that was from A-1 Concrete Services. Mayor Watt expressed that he thought that the estimate was ‘pricey’. Pierce expressed his desire to get at least one more estimate before deciding on the project. Motion was made by Pierce second by Higginbotham to table matter until next commission meeting. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

A discussion on placing no parking signs to be on one side of College Street in front of North Warren Elementary School. The no parking signs would only be in effect during school hours.

Commissioner Varner commented that the city banners need to be kept in good condition and if that is not possible, he would prefer that they not be up at all.

Police Report –

Pierce read the police report asked Suoy and Hollis if they had anything in addition. There was nothing to add to the report.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report –  
No Report

Cemetery Report  
No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Christmas Parade  
No Report

Aging  
No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

Second Reading of Ordinance #11-01-230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2011 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft  
Motion made by Varner second by Higginbotham to approve Ordinance # 11-01-230.10.  
Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Police Department Cell Phone Usage

Mayor Watt reported that the prepaid phone card use by Officer Hollis was being used more than originally anticipated and the cost of the prepaid cards exceeds the amount that another cell phone line provided by Bluegrass Cellular would cost.  
Motion made by Higginbotham second by Varner to add a third cellular telephone line to the City telephone bill.  
Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution # 10-01 to designate representatives to conduct bank transactions on behalf of the City of Smiths Grove. Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, and Daniel C. Jones, City Clerk/Treasurer and Parliamentarian are designated to conduct bank transactions.

Motion made by Higginbotham second by Pierce to approve Resolution # 10-01. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 10-01 230.00 an Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2010 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property with the City of Smiths Grove.

Motion was made by Pierce second by Higginbotham to approve Ordinance #10-01 230.00.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**Halloween Observance**

Mayor Watt stated that the City of Smiths Grove needed to decide if Halloween Trick of Treating will be observed on Saturday, October 30 or on Sunday, October 31. Warren County has designated Sunday, October 31 as the day to celebrate Halloween. Motion made by Varner second by Higginbotham to designate Sunday, October 31 as the date to observe Halloween with the hours to trick or treat from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Ayes: Watt, Varner, and Higginbotham. Nays: Pierce. Motion carried.

Mayor Watt said that the last item on the agenda concerned two personnel issues and a closed session was needed. Motion made by Varner second by Higginbotham to go into closed session. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Closed session began at approximately 7: 50 pm.

Mayor Watt opened the meeting back into regular session at 8:05pm. Motion made by Pierce second by Higginbotham to promote Officer Blaine Hollis to Assistant Police Chief with an hourly wage increase of \$.50 effective immediately.

Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DANIEL C. JONES, CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes were prepared by Daniel C. Jones, City Clerk

