

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2018 4:00 PM

All Members Present:

Absent: City Attorney Hampton Moore

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Vincent

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stiffey stated that this meeting accepts the resignation of Anthony Stidham from the Board of Commission.

Appoint New Commissioner

Mayor Stiffey stated that he contacted Shirley Martin regarding the vacant Commission seat. Shirley said she would think it over but the Mayor did not receive any reply from her. The Mayor then contacted Bob Smith and he agreed to complete the term for the vacant seat on the Commission. In the meantime, Ms. Martin contacted the Mayor and said she would agree to serve former Commissioner Stidham's term. Mayor Stiffey made the motion to have Bob Smith fill the vacant seat on the Commission. Commissioner Vincent seconded the motion.

Ayes all members present so the motion passed 4 – 0.

Commissioner Vincent stated that Mr. Smith's background in Police work would be an asset to the City. Chief Vance stated Mr. Smith had been a mentor to him and that Mr. Smith would like to work with the Police Department in his role as City Commissioner. Chief Vance also stated that Lawrence and Martha Stiffey had done a great job for the Police Department in their roles as Commissioners. Commissioner Vincent stated that Shirley Martin would have made an excellent Commissioner also.

Discussion of Rising Pension Costs

Mayor Stiffey presented CERS employer contribution rates which have recently been received from Kentucky Retirement Systems. He stated the 2018-2019 rates will be considerably higher for both Chief Vance (hazardous) and Clerk Brewer (non-hazardous) and the Commission needs to discuss ways to lower future retirement costs. Mayor Stiffey stated that Chief Vance has volunteered to switch from hazardous classification to non-hazardous in the Kentucky Retirement System which should keep his retirement costs close to the same amount they are currently. Commissioner Vincent asked Chief Vance if he made the move to non-hazardous, would his years of service be affected. Chief Vance replied no. Commissioner Vincent stated that the rising cost of retirement is

related to the State of Kentucky's Retirement Systems and previous years of mismanagement.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Stiffey adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEB JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deb Joyner, Assistant City Clerk