

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Stiffey, Commissioner Stiffey, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Vincent, and Commissioner Buehl, City Attorney Frank Hampton Moore

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Invocation was given by Bro. Casey Mathias
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stiffey welcomed all in attendance including the Speedway consultant, Rob Sweet, and Speedway representative, Mike Smead along with Jeanie Smith, candidate for the KY Senate District 32.

In consideration of the guests' time schedule, the Mayor suggested a change in the Agenda order to allow the guests to speak prior to the normal business order. Mr. Sweet proceeded to provide an overview of the Speedway proposal to purchase and build a 24-hour Speedway convenience store on a 7-acre area at the SE corner of Vincent Street. The operation would provide a convenience store, café, car and truck fueling in the area where currently there are three buildings in the location; Miss Betty's Diner, Best Way Pizza and Video and a vacant building. The property owners of these three business locations have been in communication with Speedway. Mr. Sweet explained that this is an "in/out type service" and not a truck stop. Speedway has met with the Warren County City & Planning Commission to discuss the re-zoning requirements, proposed revisions to Vincent Street and traffic concerns. Speedway is proposing to fund the changes to Vincent Street, widening the street at the location, adding a turn lane and curbed entrances, then returning the on-going maintenance of the street to the city. Questions pertaining to the potential need for a traffic light, potential workforce needed, overnight parking, sale of alcohol, type of café food, concern for the 3 current businesses and timeframe for building if approved were fielded by Mr. Sweet or Commissioners. The KY Transportation Cabinet currently states there is not enough traffic generated at South Main and Vincent Street for a traffic light. Speedway expects about 30 new jobs generated for the 24-hour service provided, and the project has an expected 6-8 month permit stage and 4 month building timeframe. The café provides fast-food type service (pizza, subs, hamburgers) and there is no overnight parking allowed. Speedway is proposing the project with or without alcohol sales ability, currently. The Commissioners commented on the advantageous revenue, jobs and potential customers to other Smiths Grove businesses that this Speedway proposed business project could generate. The Commissioners also stated that there are Smiths Grove location opportunities for the three businesses that would potentially need to re-locate. The Speedway presentation ended at 7:30pm.

Mrs. Jeanie Smith introduced herself as candidate for the KY Senate District 32 and provided an overview of her purpose and interest in running for this office.

Mayor Stiffey thanked the guests and returned to the meeting Agenda.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (June 25, 2018)

Gary Vincent requested a revision to the June 25, 2018 minutes pertaining to the sentence stating Ben Peterson's response regarding the SCRTC building. He asked that the sentence reflect that "the project still had questions to be reviewed."

Upon that revision request, a motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the roll call unanimous vote approved the minutes, as revised.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (June 2018)

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey. The report was approved by unanimous vote. Mayor Stiffey commented that July funds report would continue to show a negative balance due to the payment of invoices such as the annual city insurance payment (\$15,000), the City-Planning Commission annual dues (\$1200).

Administrative Report

The Mayor stated there will be a new leased copier cost for a little over \$100 per month. Nancy Howard explained that the company providing the \$24 a month maintenance had communicated that the equipment could no longer be guaranteed for repair parts under the maintenance contract and that the desk laser printer/copier is not working. Per Attorney Moore, both pieces of equipment can be listed as surplus equipment and sold for bid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Report

Commissioner Stiffey stated the Wendy's wall area was cleaned up by Mayor Stiffey and the State highway department assisted with the removal of debris. Also, on 1st Street the limbs down due to storm damaged were taken care of by John Wayne Smith.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith had nothing new to report and deferred to Chief Vance for an update. Chief Vance stated that the police body-armor vests had been ordered by Jeff Wright, funded by the approved grant. The approved radio has been purchased and issued to Greg Claywell. Jeff Wright stated that the officers may receive new guns, funded by a grant application.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported some clean up from tree debris and windblown flower saddles was necessary from the recent storm. There are chapel windows with wood that

may need repair and the chapel ceiling may need recoated. He is continuing to repair headstones.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent reported that the property at 220 N. Main Street needs mowing again and a vehicle parked there that Chief Vance may investigate. The property owned by Windstream on Main Street has become an eye-sore and needs cleaned up along the fence line.

Committee Report

Mayor Stiffey asked Nancy Howard to update the Board on the Smiths Grove Days Festival preparation progress. Nancy stated that the event is posted on the Smiths Grove.org web-site, along with the booth registration form. A mass email to last year's participants is ready to send out that provides info and the booth registration form. Debbie Joyner has made advertising handouts and is coordinating the entertainment for the day. Nancy is working on an advertisement flyer.

Old Business

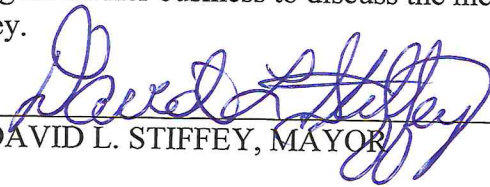
Nancy Howard provided the Board with a report of Delinquent Property Taxes; by largest amount owed and years unpaid. She is working on getting this list published on the web-site. Attorney Moore stated he has the State of Lien prepared for the property at 220 N. Main Street which includes outstanding taxes and mowing for a total of \$1058.66. Mayor Stiffey requested that the lien include the attorney fees associated with this lien, as well. Discussion on the Delinquent Property Tax report ended with a motion made by Commission Vincent proposing to put a lien against the property of anyone owing over \$100 for delinquent property taxes from 2017 back to 2007. Attorney Moore stated that if the property continues in arrears the lien can be amended to include the most current delinquency amount. The motion was seconded by the Mayor and the roll call vote was unanimous.

New Business

Commissioner Buehl reported that he has researched the replacement of the current trash containers, due to wear and fading, with more attractive 55-gallon containers/dome lids. It has been determined to purchase 5 new containers and to attach signage (at the Main and Hwy 101 entrances) directing that larger items should be placed in the dumpster near Beeler Avenue. He suggested placing a concrete pad under the containers to prevent rust. The vendor Kirby Built, has responded that the approximately \$700 each container may not be available until Jan-Feb 2019 which may not affect his decision. He anticipates the overall cost of \$4000 for the container replacements. He has two other vendor quotes to review as well. Commissioner Vincent suggested chaining the containers to prevent theft and wind blowing them over. The Mayor made a motion to purchase up to \$4,200 for 5 new trash containers, funded by the Cemetery Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vincent. The roll call vote was unanimous.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

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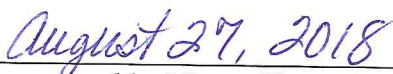
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST



NANCY HOWARD, CITY CLERK

DATE



Minutes were prepared by Nancy Howard, City Clerk