

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, 7:00PM

Members Present: Mayor David Stiffey, Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Steve Roney, Commissioner Bob Smith, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Police Chief Johnny Vance, Interim Police Chief Jason Franks, City Attorney Hamp Moore

Absent: None

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2020. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (December 2019)

A motion was made by Commissioner Marr to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The Treasurers Report was approved by 5-0 vote.

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey stated that much was accomplished at the Special Commission Meeting held on January 7, 2020. Commissioner Bob Smith was sworn in to replace Commissioner James "Mickey" Jones' whose term ends December 31, 2020. Commissioner Jones resignation was effective December 31, 2019. Mayor Stiffey also reported that Department Heads were decided upon and Commissioner Buehl is now responsible for Code & Municipal Order Enforcement and Commissioner Smith is responsible for the Police Department. Commissioner Buehl stated since Commissioner Smith has an extensive background in law enforcement, he was more than willing to step aside and let Commissioner Smith be responsible for the Police Department.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated he and Commissioner Smith had met with representatives of Speedway and Campbell Nance of Scotty's to discuss a problem with pavement on Vincent Street adjacent to the Speedway property. Commissioner Marr stated Speedway has agreed to pay for the repairs which will include the placement of large rocks and delineator posts for better driver awareness. Commissioner Marr stated bids for resurfacing of Vincent Street and other streets were received today. He requested that commissioners review the bids and they would be considered at the next meeting. Mayor Stiffey stated a bid was also submitted for dumpster access in the Cemetery.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith introduced new Police Chief, Jason Franks. He asked Jason's wife, Casey, to come forward and pin his badge. Commissioner Smith stated that he feels Jason is an excellent choice for the position and will do a great job. Mayor Stiffey recognized the interview board for the Police

Chief hiring process: Police Chief Johnny Vance, Fire Chief Kenneth Priddy, Fire Department Board Member David Marr, Commissioner Bob Smith, and Assistant City Clerk Debbie Joyner. Chief Vance thanked Commissioner Bob Smith for his assistance during his tenure with the City of Smiths Grove. Chief Franks stated he is excited to begin his career with the City of Smiths Grove and looks forward to meeting and assisting the citizens of Smiths Grove.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney reported that it has been a quiet month at the Cemetery. He stated there are a couple of markers that are leaning over and he will repair those once the weather is warmer.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl stated the only item he had to report was an issue with litter on his street (Ridgecrest). Chief Franks reported that he had documented and addressed the problem and would continue to monitor.

Aging Council Report

Jesse Varner gave an overview of items discussed at the Aging Council meeting on January 15, 2020. He submitted meeting minutes and reported that the committee would next meet on May 20, 2020.

Old Business

Mayor Stiffey stated changes had been made to the Employee Handbook and the auditor is requesting a copy and he would like to supply them with the new version. The Mayor made a motion to approve the updated Employee Handbook and Commissioner Marr seconded the motion. Approved by 5 – 0 vote.

New Business

Mayor Stiffey stated he would like to request approval to purchase new computers for him and Chief Franks. He stated the computers they have are 10+ years old and have Windows 7 which is no longer supported by ISTT. The new computers will have Windows 10 installed on them. Mayor Stiffey reported the quote from ISTT for the new computers is \$1,657.62. The Mayor made the motion to purchase the computers and Commissioner Roney seconded the motion. The purchase was approved by 5 – 0 vote.

Don Laws, citizen of Smiths Grove, stated the City Hall parking lot was nice and bright and also mentioned he had put rock at the intersection of Brown and Main Streets. Mayor Stiffey told him we appreciate his willingness to help and thanked him for doing it.

Commissioner Roney mentioned there is an issue with folks in the North Warren car rider line. He reported that they sometimes block the intersection of Broadway and College Streets which makes it difficult for folks turning on to or off of those streets. Chief Franks said he would monitor the situation.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED



DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST

Debbie Joyner
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE

2-27-2020
Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk