

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2020, 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Members Present: Mayor David Stiffey, Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Steve Roney, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Walter (Bob) Smith, Police Chief Jason Franks, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Assistant City Clerk Debbie Joyner

Invocation was given by Commissioner Marr
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Stiffey recognized Mr. Albert Rich for his 14 years of service as the City's representative on the City-County Planning Commission. Mr. Rich thanked the Mayor and Commission for the opportunity to serve and stated he had enjoyed the experience. Mayor Stiffey then introduced Mrs. Debbie Richey who will replace Mr. Rich on the commission. Her term begins July 1, 2020 and she stated she looks forward to representing the City.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report - May 2020

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

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey reported that occupational taxes for the 1st quarter of 2020 continue to be received. He stated there is an issue with Warren County Schools' interpretation of Ordinance 2019-003. They feel the employees of North Warren Elementary School are exempt due to business conducted for educational purposes. Mayor Stiffey deferred to Attorney Moore who stated he tried to contact Warren County Schools Attorney Tad Pardue last week and he was on vacation. He will try to contact him this week. Attorney Moore stated Ordinance 2019-003 was written for businesses in two categories-those with and without employees. While Warren County Schools will not be required to purchase an annual occupational license or submit an annual net profit payment, their employees will be required to pay the 1 percent occupational tax which they currently pay to the Warren County Treasurer.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated gravel was spread on some of the alleys and 4 loads was adequate. Commissioner Marr stated that he has spoken with Scotty's regarding the paving on Vincent Street and the project will be done after July 1. Commissioner Marr stated for this reason, it will be necessary to carry over funds from FY2020 to FY2021 for the project. Commissioner Marr stated the reason the paving was delayed is because the Speedway project was delayed and the carry over could not be helped. Commissioner Marr reported that there are some sidewalks that need repair but this would not require major funds. Mayor Stiffey asked the Commission to report any sidewalks that need repair. Commissioner Smith mentioned there is a 4 hour limit on trucks parking at Speedway and asked if that

limit is being enforced. Commissioner Marr stated that we have been lenient about parking at Speedway due to the truck stop not being open. He stated once the truck stop opens, which is scheduled for early July, we will look closer at the parking limit at Speedway. Mayor Stiffey stated traffic on Vincent Street should be less once the truck stop is open.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith stated that he had nothing to report and deferred to Chief Franks. Chief Franks reported that the estimated date for installation of Mobile Data Computers (MDC) equipment in Police vehicles is June 26. Mayor Stiffey stated that the MDC equipment will be paid for out of the FY2020 budget and the check has already been written and will be held until the installation is complete. Chief Frank stated the parking issue at Speedway should be alleviated once the truck stop is open.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated he would like to see edging done along some driveways in the cemetery and believes this will improve how it looks. Commissioner Roney mentioned revisiting the possibility of getting cameras for the cemetery. Commissioner Smith will research security camera cost estimates for potential points in City Hall and possibly the Cemetery Chapel. Commissioner Buehl commented that possibly 3 cameras on the outside of the Chapel building might give good coverage of the cemetery grounds.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl commended Chief Franks for creating a centralized Code Enforcement log listing that includes code enforcement issues, dates, contacts, and status of complaints. Commissioner Buehl stated he is working on getting at least five No Littering signs. Chief Franks reported littering on Lawson Street has improved due to going door to door and letting folks know the area is being patrolled. Commission Marr reported there are rose bushes hanging over the sidewalk at the house next to the Church of Christ Church on Main Street that need to be cut back. Chief Franks reported that if you explain to citizens why something needs to be done, they will usually comply. Commissioner Roney mentioned trash from the Flavor Isle blows down Main Street.

Old Business

2nd Reading of the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Stiffey stated the amount of funds being carried over from the FY2020 budget to cover the cost of paving Vincent Street is \$18,000 and the budget will be adjusted by \$20,000. Mayor Stiffey asked Attorney Moore if it was necessary to do another 1st reading of the ordinance since the amounts were changing. Attorney Moore stated it would not be necessary since it is not a significant amount. Commissioner Marr made a motion to accept this second reading of the Budget Ordinance as written and Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The second reading was approved by 5-0 vote.

New Business

None

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED



DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST

Debbie Joyner
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE

7-28-2020

Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk