

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 7:00PM

Mayor David Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

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

Mayor Stiffey recognized Debbie Richey, Smiths Grove's representative on the City/County Planning Commission.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report - September 2020

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

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey reported that the amount received for occupational payroll taxes for the year to date is \$46,500. Mayor Stiffey also reported that City Hall's internet and telephone service have been switched from Spectrum to SCRTC. The City, along with Bank of Edmonson County, are the first customers in Smiths Grove to use SCRTC's services. This will allow SCRTC to work out any "bugs" before offering services to all businesses and citizens of Smiths Grove.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated there was nothing new to report. He said repairs to sidewalks will be discussed under Old Business. He reported there was an incident at Laurel & College Streets where a tractor trailer truck hit a utility line and caused the pole to snap. WRECC and Spectrum responded. Mayor Stiffey reported we received the correct Christmas light from Temple Display, Ltd. Commissioner Marr asked if there are plenty of replacement bulbs on hand and Mayor Stiffey reported we have plenty.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith stated that the new truck should be ready for pickup soon. Commissioner Marr offered to go along if needed. Chief Franks reported he had another busy month. He stated he would be going to the BGPD shooting range tomorrow (10/29/2020). Mayor Stiffey mentioned the fire at Burkesville, KY City Hall and the fires in California which injured two firefighters seriously.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated he had been busy moving from the house he and his wife sold on Main Street and would have a Cemetery report next month. Mayor Stiffey reported mowing at the Cemetery has slowed down.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl reported the trash problem at 412 Lawson Street has been taken care of and the bushes at the Presbyterian Church have been trimmed. Chief Franks reported he had no issues to report but leaves are falling and he may have some soon.

Old Business

Mayor Stiffey stated he met with Kenneth Cowles' Concrete to discuss sidewalk repairs on College Street, 4th Street, and Vincent Street. Commissioner Marr was not available to attend the meeting. Kenneth Cowles' Concrete gave a price of \$32 per running foot to make the repairs. This price will be good for one year. Mayor Stiffey reported there is \$9,600 budgeted for sidewalk repairs in the 2020-2021 budget. Commissioner Marr made a motion to spend up to \$9,600 for sidewalk repairs and for 300 feet of replacement walks. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote. If you know of any area that needs attention please let Commissioner Marr know. Commissioner Marr mentioned trip hazards.

Mayor Stiffey stated he had contacted 3 vendors regarding the purchase of a protective metal carport for the backup police vehicle. He stated the carport will be placed next to the storage building in the back of the parking lot. Mayor Stiffey stated he contacted Four Winds Wholesale and they priced a 20 ft x 18 ft carport, mostly covered except for ends, at \$2,415. The delivery date is 10 weeks out. He received a price of \$2,365 from a company in North Carolina, and a price of \$2,100 from another business. Mayor Stiffey stated he would like to purchase the carport from Four Winds Wholesale since they are a local vendor. Commissioner Buehl stated he liked the idea of a local vendor too. City Attorney Moore asked that the minutes of the meeting reflect that 3 bids were received and the local vendor was chosen due to past dealings with the City. Commissioner Marr made a motion to purchase the carport from Four Winds Wholesale and Commissioner Roney seconded the motion. Commissioner Marr stated the carport should be anchored well. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

New Business

Mayor Stiffey stated it is possible that the Christmas Parade may have to be cancelled due to COVID-19. He stated a decision would be made 2 weeks prior to the parade and a statement would be put on the City's website and Facebook page if cancellation is necessary. Mayor Stiffey reported that trick-or-treating hours for Smiths Grove are set for 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm and participation is at your own risk.

Mayor Stiffey stated that travelling on Main Street between 2nd & 6th Streets can be a nightmare if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. Mayor Stiffey asked City Attorney Moore if there would be a problem with limiting parking to one side of the street. Attorney Moore stated there should not be any push back from the State. Commissioner Marr stated there is also a problem with folks parking on both sides of side streets. Commissioner Marr gave the example of Rumsey Street. Mayor Stiffey mentioned some streets are wide enough for parking on both sides and he gave the example of Broadway Street. Chief Franks mentioned College Street is wide enough for parking on both sides. Chief Franks mentioned that there is also a problem with parking on sidewalks. Commissioner Marr asked everyone to think about the issue and come up with ideas to be discussed at the next Commission Meeting. Mayor Stiffey asked Attorney Moore if the existing ordinance could be

amended or if a new ordinance would be necessary. Attorney Moore said he would look at the existing ordinance and report back to the Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Buehl thanked the Commissioners, Attorney Moore, and City Clerk Nancy Howard for their help at last month's Commission Meeting which he presided over in Mayor Stiffey's absence.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED 
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST 
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE 11-25-2020
Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk