

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, November 22, 2021 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Steve Roney, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Mayor David Stiffey, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Police Chief Jason Franks, and Assistant City Clerk Paula Sleeman

Members Absent: Assistant Police Chief Rick Bessette

Invocation was given by Andy Sleeman

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report –October 2021

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

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey reported that as of November 21, 2021 the total Net Profit Tax collected is \$42,130 and Occupational Tax collected is \$137,500. Mayor Stiffey reminded everyone that the Smiths Grove Christmas parade is Friday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Stiffey asked for one of the Commissioners to wait at the park that evening to let people know where the parade route starts.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated that all sidewalk and paving projects have been completed and he had nothing more to report. Commissioner Marr added that sidewalk and paving work will be reassessed in 2022.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader reported that he attended the public meeting at BRADD on November 15 along with Chief Franks and Commissioner Buehl. Chief Franks reported that the Smiths Grove Police Department is up to date on yearly firearms training. Chief Franks also reported that the police department is in compliance as a satellite agency and will be good for 2 years. Chief Franks further reported that an audit and inventory of all equipment is almost completed and is approximately a quarter of the way through updating the retention schedule for records.

Commissioner Schroader stated that City Hall had lost internet the previous weekend and the hot spot was used to keep everyone online.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated there is nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl reported that there had been a few trash complaints and limbs on roadways. Commissioner Buehl also reported that there have been several complaints about burn piles. Commissioner Buehl stated that he is working with Chief Franks to schedule a community clean-up day and plans to ask for assistance from local businesses. Chief Franks stated that he is planning a day to go door to door to ask citizens and businesses to clean up prior to the Christmas parade.

Old Business

2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-009 Approve City-County Planning Commission Recommendation of Re-Zoning of Approximately 0.711+/- acres located at 0 Beeler Avenue. Commissioner Marr made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-009 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The ordinance was passed by 5-0 vote.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Stiffey reported that Jessie Varner had attended the Aging Council meeting in November. Changes to Medicare premiums were provided at the meeting and there was a handout available at the commission meeting for anyone interested.

Special Guests:

Ms. Crockett with BRADD provided a handout about the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Plan for the county. Ms. Crockett discussed various FEMA grant options and asked if there were any suggestions for the use of grant money for Smiths Grove. Commissioner Buehl suggested NOAA radios, generators, refurbishment of historical buildings in Smiths Grove, and possibly a second safe room location. Commissioner Marr suggested drainage work at 1st & College Streets and College Street, north of 6th Street. Chief Franks suggested drainage work on Witherspoon as well as extending and repairing some additional sidewalks. Commissioner Roney suggested street sweeping. Ms. Crockett made notes of all items suggested for application for FEMA grants.

New Business

1st Reading of Resolution 2021-002

Mayor Stiffey reported that Smiths Grove has received an installment of \$106,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. Mayor Stiffey stated that there are many rules regarding spending the money it is difficult to find approved expenditures. Mayor Stiffey further stated that this money can be used for premium pay for essential workers. Mayor Stiffey proposed a one-time payout to Chief Jason Franks, Assistant Chief Rick Bessette, City Clerk Nancy Howard, Assistant City Clerk Deborah Joyner, and Assistant City Clerk Paula Sleeman, to be paid on the December 6 payroll

date. Mayor Stiffey further stated that this payout is no reflection of title, seniority, or tenure and these funds have no impact on the budgeted income and expenses for the City of Smiths Grove and these payouts are fully funded by the ARPA grant. A citizen asked if the Commissioners and Mayor could also receive an ARPA payout as essential workers and Mayor Stiffey explained that elected officials are excluded from receiving these funds. Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to pass the resolution and Commissioner Marr seconded the motion. The Commission approved with a 5-0 vote.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED 
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST 
PAULA SLEEMAN, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE 12/6/21
Minutes were prepared by Paula Sleeman, Assistant City Clerk