

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Buehl, Commissioner James (Mickey) Jones, Commissioner Maurice (Buddy Marr), City Attorney Hamp Moore

Absent: Mayor David Stiffey and Commissioner Steve Roney

Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Invocation was given by Mr. Jessie Varner

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes from the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and the April 18, 2019 Special Budget Work Session meeting. There were none. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the minutes and Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl seconded the motion. Roll call was 3 -0 to accept the minutes as read.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (March 2019)

A motion was made by Commissioner Marr to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The Treasurers Report was approved by 3-0 vote.

Administrative Report

In the absence of the Mayor, no report was given. Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl did add that the full Commissioner board, Clerk Howard and Chief Vance were in attendance of the April 18th Special Budget Work Session to begin the review for the new 2019 budget.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated that the LED street light change-over has not started but will soon. The sinkhole area in the City Hall parking lot was repaired and the problem was found to be a rotting tree stump. While we have not received a bill for the work, the City is hopeful that it will not be too costly and thankful it was not a larger problem. Commissioner Marr stated that the City Hall floors had not been professionally cleaned in several years and he has contacted someone who is willing to mop and buff the floors for a minimal cost.

Cemetery Report

There was no Cemetery report given due to Commissioner Roney's absence.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Jones reported that currently all concerns have been taken care of.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl stated he had reviewed the March Police summary report and asked Chief Vance if he had anything to report. Chief Vance stated that some of the City's surplus ammo was traded in for new training ammo to be used on the firing range for training purposes. The Commission then heard a concern regarding a need for 25mph speed limit signage on Mill Street due to a recent code violation. All city streets are 25mph per Ordinance and the state highways are 35mph. Mr. Michael Forbes from Bowling Green addressed the Commission regarding the need for a 25mph sign on Mill Street traveling west out of the city. Mr. Forbes was thanked for his attendance and for addressing the need for additional signage.

Committee Reports

Aging Committee – Jessie Varner

Mr. Varner reported that May is Older American's Month and BRADD/AAAIL is looking to honor all older persons 100 years of age or older throughout the Barren River Area Development District. Please share that information to anyone qualifying to be recognized as a Centenarian.

Smiths Grove Days Festival – September 28, 2019

Clerk Howard shared that the Smiths Grove Days Festival poster and participant application is posted on the City's website. Posting on the Facebook "Craft Shows-South Central Kentucky" site has resulted in several interest responses and 3 applications already received for the Festival. Both clerks will be working on registering the event with promotional media venues; radio, tv, newspaper and magazines. This year the Smiths Grove Library will be supporting the Festival by closing the Library for the day so that the parking lot can be used for the Festival. The Warren County Library, Smiths Grove branch will participate with a booth and welcomed the opportunity to be part of promoting our community at the Festival.

Old Business

➤ Alley Closure Discussion

Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl deferred to Attorney Moore for an update on the Alley Closure originally requested by Mr. Gary Vincent. Attorney Moore stated his role was informational only in communicating with Mr. Vincent on how he should proceed with his request by contacting the City/County Planning Commission and a surveyor. Mr. Vincent has not taken any action as of yet, that we know of. Commissioner Marr restated his viewpoint that the City incur no cost of any kind for the closure of alleys.

Attorney Moore then explained the New Business topic of an easement for SCRTC water line in the alley behind Mrs. Whittle's property. Last month Mrs. Whittle expressed a request for the alley closure at the back of her property. The Commission advised her to contact SCRTC on whether they would agree to a closure (contact information was provided to her). Currently SCRTC has access for installing water lines in the alley due to the city's ownership of the alley and right of way provisions. If the alley were ultimately closed, the SCRTC would require an easement in order to access those water lines, in the future, which would then be located on private property.

New Business

- Easement for SCRTC water line in the alley behind Donna Whittle's property
- Pay increases for Clerk Howard and Assistant Clerk Joyner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl then introduced the new business topic of pay increases for the City Clerks by explaining the Mayor requested a dollar raise for each clerk. This request was made known to the Commission at the April 18, 2019 budget work session. The raises would result in Clerk Howard having pay matching Assistant Chief Jenkins, \$15 an hour and Clerk Joyner at \$14 an hour. Commissioner Marr suggested that they not take any action on this without the Mayor present. It was agreed to pass on any action at this meeting.

Mrs. Connie Law addressed the Commission concerning a broken tree limb hanging in a tree above the corner of Rumsey Street and Witherspoon Street. Chief Vance will contact the home owner regarding the safety concern of the limb falling.

Adjustment

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Buehl.

APPROVED David L. Stiffeey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Nancy Howard
NANCY HOWARD, CITY CLERK

DATE 5-28-19
Minutes were prepared by Nancy Howard, City Clerk.