

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017 7:00 PM**

All Members Present

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

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

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (March 27, 2017)

Minutes of Special Called Meeting for Work Session (April 13, 2017)

The minutes were approved by acclimation

**REPORTS**

Treasurers Report (March 2017)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to accept the Treasurers Reports as read and was seconded by Mayor Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 5 – 0.

**Administrative Report**

Mayor Stiffey read the Proclamation making the month of May Older Americans Month.

**Public Works Report**

Commissioner Stidham reported that he has spoken to Dennis at Scotty's and they are going to start doing prep work in the next two weeks and plan on starting the paving of streets around Derby Day.

Commissioner Stidham has received two (2) bids on the job of repairing sidewalks on Highland, First St., Cave St., Main St., and by the Dollar General Store. The first bid was from Kenneth Cowles for four thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars (\$4,860), and the other was from Professional Concrete (Corey Keith) in the amount of four thousand seven hundred thirty two dollars and seventy five cents (\$4,732.75). He stated that Mr. Cowles is the person that did the concrete at the old City Hall building, and that Professional Concrete are the ones that came out recently and fixed the hole and sidewalk on College St. in front of Doris Hill's house.

Commissioner Vincent asked if the Commission had been pleased with the work of both companies to which the members replied “yes”. Commissioner Vincent then stated he felt the city should go with the least expensive bid then.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to award the job to Corey Keith and Professional Concrete and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Vincent.

Discussion was called for and Commissioner Stiffey stated that for the small amount of difference she would prefer Mr. Cowles for the job.

With there being no further discussion roll was called for. Commissioner Stiffey – No, Commissioner Stidham – Yes, Commissioner Vincent - Yes, Commissioner Buehl – Yes, and Mayor Stiffey – Yes. The motion passed with a vote of 4 – 1.

Commissioner Stidham stated that he has contacted the State Highway Department in regards to the road by the telephone company.

### **Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report**

Commissioner Stiffey stated that there have been a large number of traffic stops for speeding and questioned if any have been repeat offenders to which Chief Vance & Clerk Brewer stated they did not believe so.

Chief Vance stated that he and Assistant Chief Claywell had gone and completed their day shoot for qualification and in the fall they will do another. He would like to check with the city of Glasgow and, if they approve, he would like to open the event up to the commission or whoever would like to go with them.

Chief Vance also reported that the gun safe has come in and is installed in the evidence room.

Chief Vance disclosed that at the beginning of April there were around fifteen (15) vehicles broken into in the area. The perpetrator was apprehended and taken to jail.

### **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Buehl reported that he and Clerk/Sexton Brewer had attended the Cemetery Restoration Seminar in Bardstown. Jason Church, a nationally renowned cemetery preservationist from Louisiana, gave a lecture on cemetery documentation, photography, cleaning, and hands-on-training to reset and repair headstones. He and Clerk/Sexton Brewer cleaned a stone with D2, a product recommended for cleaning stones which is also a biocide, and have purchased a gallon of it for use in our cemetery.

Commissioner Buehl stated that he has been working on setting the post for the fence to go around the monument of the unknown buried in our cemetery. Also, he is still working on prices for the signage for the Lions Clubs donation for the monument.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Commissioner Vincent stated that he and Chief Vance have driven around town and made note of several properties that are out of compliance. He will give the list to Clerk Brewer to send letters to the property owners giving the notice to correct.

Commissioner Vincent reported that he has noticed the accumulation of Limbs and shrubs in the back yards of some homeowners. Most of the landowners do not have any place that they could safely burn these items and he would be in favor of the city doing a controlled burn one Saturday. He suggested that maybe the city could find some people with trucks and or trailers that would be willing to transport the items at a small charge to the landowners to the burn spot in the cemetery. This would be for brush and trees only.

Commissioner Buehl stated that he thought it was a great idea and that the people just needed to be gotten together to do the controlled burn.

Chaplain Casey Mathias stated that would try to get some people together to haul the items but that they would not charge for the service.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Update on 150 W. Third Street property**

At this time Mayor Stiffey asked Attorney Moore if he could give a status update on this matter. Attorney Moore stated that the Master Commissioner has been in Cuba and has not had a chance to sign the deed for the property yet. He did return today and Attorney Moore will keep in contact with him in regards to signing as soon as possible.

#### **Perpetual Care funds at Cemetery discussion**

Mayor Stiffey differed to Attorney Moore to discuss where we are in the process of trying to get these funds.

Attorney Moore stated the Petition to the Circuit Court has been filed and Judge Grice is to consider and decide on the matter the second Monday in May.

#### **Update on any movement of truck stop improvements**

Attorney Moore stated that he was told that a Grading Permit was issued but at this time there has been no work started. He stated that their 90 days runs out on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Stiffey stated that Albert Rich was unable to attend the meeting but that he had reported this same information to the Mayor earlier today.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Stiffey read the Mayor’s Budget Message

First Reading of Ordinance # 17-001 230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018. A motion was made by Commissioner Stidham to approve Ordinance # 17-001 230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018. The motion was second by Mayor Stiffey, Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Stiffey adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk