

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY APRIL 25, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Stiffey, Commissioner Stiffey, Commissioner Stidham, Commissioner Vincent and Commissioner Cannon

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Frank Hampton Moore

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

Mayor Stiffey welcomed all in attendance. He also recognized special guest Deb Joyner – candidate for Assistant City Clerk position.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (March 28, 2016)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

**REPORTS**

Treasurers Report (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 & March 2016)

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

**Administrative Report**

Mayor Stiffey reported that the floor cleaning was done and contractor did a good job. He also reported the a/c units have been checked and are in good working order.

**Public Works Report**

Commissioner Stidham stated that we need to hold off on the security light request on Sunset. Mayor Stiffey stated WRECC will have to replace the short pole in order to have the security light installed. Regarding Brown Street that needs to be fixed, reported by Mr. and Mrs. Laws, Commissioner Stidham stated Stewart Richey construction workers will blacktop. Commissioner Stidham reported she had been in contact with Amy Ground, principal at North Warren Elementary School, regarding problems with car rider lines. Ms. Ground informed her there are approximately 75 – 100 car riders daily. There was lengthy discussion about this item with several citizens voicing complaints. Commissioner Stidham asked for suggestions and it was decided that a meeting with Principal Ground is necessary.

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

Commissioner Stiffey stated that Johnny & Greg have been very busy writing warnings and citations for speeding. Commissioner Stiffey mentioned there is a problem with parking on First Street. Anthony Stidham noted there will no longer be tag sales which should alleviate the problem.

### **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Cannon stated that the cemetery looks nice, there have been no problems, and he is happy with the mowing job. The unmarked graves were mentioned and Mayor Stiffey stated City Clerk Brewer will be contacting the company regarding x-raying the site. Mayor Stiffey reported there will be a Memorial Day service in the cemetery. Rosemary Legge of the Warren East Garden Club reported there will be an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony in the cemetery on Friday, April 29 at 10:30 am.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Commissioner Vincent reported that 90% of the Main Street problem has been solved and he is pleased with the progress. Commissioner Vincent asked everyone to report problems when they see them and stated a big problem is absentee land owners. Commissioner Stiffey reported that she has received several complaints on the City Clerk's property. Commissioner Vincent said he is addressing the problem and needs some time to complete. Anthony Stidham stated he had mowed the property earlier in the day and several items were removed. Mayor Stiffey stated that Jessie Varner is now on the Warren County Code Enforcement Board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Aging Committee**

Jessie Varner stated that he does not have a report but the Aging Committee will meet on May 18, 2016 and he will have one at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Stiffey made a motion to hire Deb Joyner as Assistant City Clerk at a rate of \$10 per hour, with her rate per hour to be reevaluated in six months. He stated she would work a maximum of 16 hours per week but, could work more if needed. Motion was seconded by Gary Vincent and passed by vote of 5 - 0.

Commissioner Vincent stated there was no update on abandoned vehicles inside the city.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Stiffey stated Road Aid funds for 2016-17 fiscal year had been approved.

Mayor Stiffey made a motion to approve Resolution Number 02-16 to declare the property located at 106 South Main Street as surplus property, to defer appraisal, to authorize a survey of the property, and to sell at public auction. Mayor Stiffey has spoken with John Tarter of Tarter Realty Company and Mr. Tarter stated the only cost to the city will be advertising of the auction. Tarter Realty Company will receive their commission from the buyer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey and passed by vote of 5 - 0.

Commissioner Stidham made a motion to approve Resolution 01-16 to reappoint Albert Rich to the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County for a four year term to expire June 2020. Commissioner Stiffey seconded and motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Mayor Stiffey presented the Mayor’s Budget message along with Ordinance Number 16-001 230.20 establishing the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Commissioner Vincent made a motion to approve the first reading. Commissioner Stidman seconded and motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

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

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEB JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes were prepared by Deb Joyner, Assistant City Clerk