

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2013 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey, and Commissioner Pierce

Members Absent: Commissioner David Stiffey

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Higginbotham recognized special guests Ms. Connie Laws and Ms. Diane Moats.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Special Meeting (October 28, 2013)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (November, 2013)

Report was approved by acclimation

Public Works Report

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated that at this time he has nothing to report.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Varner read the Police Report for the month of September. He also stated that he had requested a tab on the amount of training hours for this year however; Chief Suoy had been called out and was not able to give a response. He will report back on this matter at the next meeting. Also, they normally try to have all training completed by October but this year was an exception to that.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Pierce stated that at this time he has nothing to report.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner David Stiffey was absent so there was nothing reported.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Christmas Parade

Mayor Higginbotham stated that this was the first year in fifteen (15) years that we had to cancel the Christmas parade. The next parade will be on December 5, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

150 Third Street

Mayor Higginbotham asked Attorney Milliken if at this time he had anything to report. Attorney Milliken stated he did not but hopes to have something at the next meeting.

Second Reading of Ordinance 13-010 240.20

An Ordinance setting an annual salary for the Smiths Grove Mayor and City Commissioners.

Mayor Higginbotham once again stated this ordinance would increase the Mayor and Commission pay by four hundred dollars (\$400) per year. He also informed that because of the “Sunshine Law” this would not go into effect until January 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Mayor Higginbotham to accept the ordinance and second by Commissioner Varner. Roll was called, Commissioner Varner – No, Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey, Yes, Commissioner Pierce – Yes, Mayor Higginbotham – Yes. The motion passed with a 3 – 1 vote. Mayor Higginbotham stated that had Commissioner David Stiffey had been there he (Mayor Higginbotham) would have voted No.

NEW BUSINESS

Yearly Audit

At this time, Diane Moats of Diane Moats CPA was recognized to address the commission and give her findings of the audit of the city of Smiths Grove for fiscal year 2012/13.

Christmas Candy and Gift Certificates

Mayor Higginbotham said that he would like to address the commission about the candy we had already purchased for the parade and about the gift certificates that were purchased for the parade committee. Since these items have already been purchased we need to decide what to do with them. Mayor Higginbotham stated that he felt we should go ahead and give the gift certificates to Porter Martin, Tim Hunt, Ben Kirtley & John Wayne Smiths as scheduled since the work was already done and that we should donate the candy to some of the churches that participate in the functions we have.

A motion was made by Mayor Higginbotham to give the gift certificates to the parade committee the gift certificates and the candy to the churches. The motion was second by Commissioner Varner. Ayes all members present so the motion passed.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____

DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____

Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk