

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Martin

Also present City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here, also recognized Magistrate Tommy Hunt.

Mayor Watt said that Jeff Nicholas and Jeff Dammyer are here to talk about Identity Theft.

Jeff Nicholas thanked the Mayor and City Commission. A video was shown on Identity Theft. Jeff Nicholas said that there will be a seminar held on Thursday March 1, 2007 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Service in Bowling Green.

Mayor Watt thanked them for demonstrating this information. And said they will take a 5 mill break. Closed at 7:35 p.m. Opened the floor at 7:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Sealed Bids on Waste Management

Commissioner Pierce opened Monarch Environmental Inc.

\$13.17 per household (Residential) Commercial 2yds \$50.75, 4yds \$76.98, 6yds \$101.03 and 8yds \$115.47. This bid is for three (3) years

Commissioner Higginbotham opened Scott Waste Services, LLC

Residential service \$ 15.75 per container a month or \$ 47.25 quarterly.

2 yd container \$5.95 weekly or \$51.53 monthly this bid is for three (3) years

Mayor Watt said what is the Commission pleasure? Commissioner Pierce asked Scott Waste when is their pick-up? Tuesdays was the reply.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce second by Commissioner Martin to accept Monarch Environmental for their bid. Residential \$13.17 Commercial 2yds \$50.75, 4yds at \$ 76.98 6yds at 101.03 8yds at \$115.47. Mayor Watt asked for further discussion with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Martin, C. Pierce, Mayor Watt, C. Varner and C. Higginbotham. Voting no: none

Cemetery Sealed Bids

All 10 sealed bids were opened in the order as is (these are annual): Richard Shippy \$16,000, David Stiffy \$24,000, Doyle's Lawn Care \$ 11,500, Pete's Total Lawn Care \$10,800, Jimmy Holland \$36,000, Two Brothers Lawn LLC \$13,950, KY Bluegrass Contracting \$ 25,600, Rodney Mathews/John Manney \$22,000, Lawn Masters \$ 28,000 Vincent Lawn Care \$ 12,300.

Mayor Watt said what is the Commissions pleasure? Commissioner Martin asked do we have to take the lowest? Mayor Watt said no in fact the City could refuse all and re-advertise if they choose. A motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham second by Commissioner Pierce to accept Doyle's Lawn Care for the amount of \$11,500 which will be \$958.33 a month. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Varner and C. Martin.

City Hall Grounds Sealed Bids

Two contractors withdrawn their bids (Richard Shipply and Jimmy Holland)

All 8 sealed bids were opened in the order as is: These are annual David Stiffy \$ 2,400 Doyle's Lawn Care \$ 93.75, Pete's Total Lawn Care \$ 160.00, Jimmy Holland \$2,100, Two Brothers \$90.41

KY Bluegrass Contracting \$ 1,800, Rodney Mathews/John Manney \$ 123.75, Lawn Masters \$ 240.00, Vincent Lawn Care \$ 65.

Mayor Watt said what is the Commissions pleasure? A motion was made by Commissioner Higginbotham to accept Doyle's Lawn Care Mayor Watt asked for a second, died lack of second. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce to accept Vincent Lawn Care second by Commissioner Martin. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Martin yes, Commissioner Pierce, Mayor Watt, C. Varner. Voting no: C. Higginbotham.

Ordinance # 07-2 100.00 (An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinance)

Mayor Watt read the Ordinance and let the Commission know that their Ordinance book is updated. Commissioner Pierce said he makes a motion that before the three years are up he wants to get the Ordinance book reviewed and updated second by Commissioner Martin. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none

Pay Increase for Chief Vance

Mayor Watt read the last pay increase that was given 2 yr. ago to Jimmy Sneed and Donna Looney stated that an increase is to be reviewed every year and this has not been done. He wants it known that Donna chooses to wait for the fiscal year for hers. It says that the KLC is 5% yearly. Commissioner Pierce asked Chief Vance what his pay is now. Vance said \$11.91 Mayor Watt said he thinks a dollar increase for Chief Vance.

Commissioner Martin thinks he should be raised to 14.00 an hour.

Commissioner Higginbotham said a \$ 1.00 would be 8.3 %. Commissioner Martin asked could this be raised in the budget. Mayor Watt said that is something that can be reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Varner second by Commissioner Higginbotham to raise Chief Vance's salary from \$11.91 to \$12.91. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Pierce, Mayor Watt, C. Varner and C. Higginbotham. Voting no: C. Martin

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (January 22, 2007)

Mayor Watt said the minutes were in the packets had time to review them is there any questions, with none. A motion was made by Commissioner Varner second by

Commissioner Higginbotham to accept the January 22, 2007 regular minutes as written. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Martin, C. Pierce, Mayor Watt, C. Varner and C. Higginbotham. Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting (February 5, 2007)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission for discussion with none. A motion was made by Commissioner Pierce second by Commissioner Martin to accept the February 5, 2007 special minutes as written. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Martin, C. Pierce, Mayor Watt, C. Varner, C. Higginbotham. Voting no: none

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (January 07)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any discussion with none a motion was made by Commissioner Martin second by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve the January 07 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken. : Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt, C. Pierce and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety & Health & Welfare

Commissioner Higginbotham next month he will have something put together He thinks he will have the Bowling Green Emergency Management Ronnie Pearson here for the next meeting, to talk about some things.

Street Report

Commissioner Pierce said that they got the sign put up that had been down on Mill & Cave Street. Also the crossings were done by the Library.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Martin said every thing is good at the Cemetery, they will see about getting the inmates out there to do some cleaning before Doyle's Lawn Care has to take over. Like pickup limbs and some other things.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the Police Report for January 07. Asked Chief Vance if he had anything to add. Chief Vance said that next month he will be helping out on the 31 Corridor Blitz, which is for a week they will be stopping individuals for speeding no seat beats what ever other offence that is illegal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sherry Higginbotham said that she had sent to each member a card to elect the Chairman and she was elected to be the Chairman again. They had a meeting and discussed to get the shrubs and plants for the City Hall the ROTC said they would help out. Also they discussed about doing fund raising as well. Mayor Watt asked Wes Milliken if the Committee could do that. Wes said it could be like the Woman's Club getting someone to donate money. Sherry asked about the Old City Hall if they are to put flowers in the flowerpots. Mayor Watt said no that Roger Thomas will take care of that. Sherry said that their next meeting will be March 22.

Christmas Paraade

Commissioner Martin said that Tim Hunt is not here but everything is good. Web Site is doing really good getting around 400 to 500 hits a month.

Annexation

Jimmy Cline said they had a meeting on the February 12 had a good meeting. Need to wait on the budget so they can get started on the survey planning.

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any further questions with none Mayor Watt adjourned the meeting approximately at 9:08 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney