

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY JULY 24, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Higginbotham and Commissioner Martin. Absent: Commissioner Pierce
There was a full quorum

Also present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

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

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here, said that we have a special guest, Robin Zeingler with Bowling Green Warren County Historic Preservation Board. Robin said she would like to give the Mayor and City Commission an update, with the National Register nomination for Smiths Grove. The nomination, if approved will extend the current commercial district to include most of the downtown residential district. If listed, property rights will not change but it will allow property owners to be eligible for tax credits for rehabilitation and of course it is just an honor to be listed. The next step she will be holding a meeting at North Warren Elementary on Wednesday July 26, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Robin asked the Mayor and City Commission if they have no questions that was all she had, thanked them for allowing her to be here.

Mayor Watt thanked her for coming.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 26, 2006

Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Varner seconded by C. Martin to approve said minutes as written. Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none, a roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin
Voting no: none

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (June 06)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none, a motion was made by C. Martin seconded by C. Higginbotham to accept the June 06 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Police Report

Commissioner Varner read the police report.

Emergency call: (8) Non Emergency calls: (18) Arrest (7) Traffic Stops (23)

Citations (10) Courtesy Notices (19) Escorts (5) Motorist Assists (7) Accidents w/Injuries (1) Accidents W/O Injuries (2) Assist other Departments (24) Cases opened (6) Thefts (1) Burglaries (1) Warrants Served (0) Civil Documents Served (7) Animal Complaints (0) Chief Vance also had two road checks done, last month it had been discussed about getting new emblems done for Chief Vance's uniforms with the design that had been chosen. The interviews are going good still interviewing. He also wants everyone to know the police cruisers are running well.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Higginbotham said he and the city hall had received several complaints about the cemetery. He knows it looks terrible out there. A letter had been sent to the contractors, that the city is not happy with the way the cemetery is looking. The annual cemetery report looks good, since the plots are going up, the cemetery has received more than usually.

Street Report

Commissioner Martin said he wanted to thank his sister Belinda who had came in from Atlanta. There is big hole on 421 Cave Street looking into having rock put into a hole; it is a natural drain. Mayor Watt said that is a natural drain so he feels it needs to be done by the city. Commissioner Higginbotham wants to thank Commissioner Martin for fixing a hole on his street

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

Mayor Watt said that Commissioner Pierce is not here to give a report. Wes Milliken, City Attorney wants to say he has spoke with Barry Claypool with the state and has approved the handicap place over by the library, which we were not in compliance, but now the city is. Getting that handicap place done is good. Just one thing off from the list. Sheriff Peanut Gaines walked in and Mayor Watt thanked him for being here and asked Peanut Gaines if he had anything he would like to share. Sheriff Gaines said that the Lion's Club would like to donate money to the city for beautification. Like Christmas decorations or creeping myrtle down Main Street. The Mayor and City Commission thanked him and the Lion's Club, the Mayor said that they would get back with the Lion's Club here in the near future on what they would like to have done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beatification

Sherry Higginbotham the next meeting will be Thursday. Hopefully everything will go good.

Christmas Parade

Commissioner Martin said that the last meeting everything went really well.

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said this last meeting, went really well he feels like it went good, and next month the maps will be in place. Mayor Watt said he went to the meeting and was really pleased how well it is going and they do have a focus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance # 06-01 630.00 Raise the Fee for the Grave Plots

Mayor Watt read the Ordinance and asked the Commission if they had any questions with none, motion was made by C. Varner seconded by C. Higginbotham to accept second reading of Ordinance # 06-01 630.00 Raise the Fee for Grave Plots from 275.00 to

375.00 per plot. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none

NEW BUSINESS

Street Lights

Commissioner Martin said he had several residents has came to him concerning these street lights he and the Mayor were suppose to get together because the Mayor has two he feels needs to put in also. Commissioner Martin feels right now there should be no reason not to act on this now, he thinks one by the Flavor Isle and by National City that will help get light by Victorian Bed and Breakfast. Also 1st street below the Old City Hall need one. Mayor Watt asked Commissioner Martin if the lights would stay the same and carry the same wattage. Commissioner Martin said yes. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Varner to place two Streets lights on Main Street with the same lights and wattage. Mayor Watt asked the Commission if they had any more questions with none give. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C.Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C.Martin Voting no: none
Mayor Watt said before he adjourns the meeting he would like everyone to know that there is a Fall Festival Meeting this Monday at 6:00 p.m. if anyone needs any information get with Donna Looney.

With no more discussion this meeting is adjourned.
Meeting was adjourned approximately at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney