

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER
MONDAY JUNE 26, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

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

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 said everyone is always a special guest.

He thanked Esquire Hunt for being here also thanked Jolynn Vincent with Bradd.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular and Special Meeting (May 22, 2006)

Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Martin seconded by C. Higginbotham 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, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Minutes of Special Meeting (June 13, 2006)

Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Martin seconded by C. Pierce 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, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (May 06)

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

Police Report

C. Varner read the May 06 report. Emergency call (11) Non Emergency (23) Arrest (9) Complaints (29) Traffic stops (20) Citations (17) Courtesy notices (10) Escorts (4) Motorist Assists (8) Accidents with Injuries (1) Accidents with no Injuries (0) Assist Other Departments (16) Cases Opened (2) Thefts (2) Burglaries (0) Warrants Served (4) Civil Documents Served (4) Animal Complaints (0) Total miles patrolled 2523.

C. Varner asked Chief Vance if there were anything he would like to add, Chief Vance said he had a new battery put into the 98 cruiser. C. Varner said that cost was \$83.00.

Cemetery Report

C. Higginbotham said that Smiths Grove Baptist Church has offered to have their youth group to do some labor out at the cemetery. Clean up and so fourth. Velta Rose Smith asked the questions about stones broke out at the cemetery. C. Higginbotham said that there are no grants out there for that type of funding especially when we have a perpetual fund. So the city just can't do anything at this time.

Street Report

C. Martin said he had requested for streetlights on this year's budget. There is a real bad cut on College Street out in Jackson Manner. Several citizens had complaints about tall weeds and lawns being not mowed. Mayor Watt explained it is the property owners that the city has to have a complaint form filed and have it here at the city hall for record. It is Open Records Act that is why the city needs to have a copy filed.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report

C. Pierce said he had several complaints on snakes and 3 dogs were put down because of snakebites Stop sign on First and Main Street it is on a sidewalk where the brush is growing over, covering the stop sign.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Beautification

Sherry Higginbotham said they had no meeting last month

Christmas

Commissioner Martin said that they had a meeting last month, but no one had showed just him. It is still going good.

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said that last month they had a meeting no one showed up. He and Jimmy Cline had called everyone to make some resolution right or wrong going to stick to them.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance # 06-01 630.00 (Raise the fee for Grave Plots)

Mayor Watt read the Ordinance asked the Commission for any questions with none motion was made by C. Higginbotham seconded by C. Pierce to accept Ordinance # 06-01 630.00 Raising the Grave Plots from \$275.00 to \$375.00. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Flags and City Emblem

Mayor Watt had given the Commission a design that Kenneth Marr had done, Mayor Watt said he really likes his idea for the City's Flag and Emblem. C. Pierce said he would like to see if someone else could do something different. Commissioner Martin asked the mayor if they could go ahead and vote on this. Mayor Watt yes if the Commission wants to go ahead with this design that Kenneth Marr had drawn up. Motion was made by C. Martin and seconded by C. Varner to accept Kenneth Marr's drawing for the City's Flag and the City's Emblem and to check back with the Mayor and City Commission on the cost. Mayor Watt asked for any discussion with none. A roll call was taken. Roll call:

Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce.
Voting no: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance # 06-01 230.242 Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 06/07
Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none, motion was made by C. Higginbotham
seconded by C. Varner to accept Ordinance # 06-01 230.242 Annual Budget for Fiscal
Year 06/07. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham,
Mayor Watt and C. Pierce. Voting no: C. Martin

Second Reading of Ordinance # 06-02 320.00 Creation of Auxiliary Police Force
Mayor Watt asked for discussion with none motion was made by C. Pierce seconded by
C. Martin to accept Ordinance # 06-02 320.00 Creation of Auxiliary Police Force A roll
call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt,
C. Martin and C. Pierce. Voting no: none

Second Reading of Ordinance # 06-02 320.00 Participating in the County Employee
Retirement System
Mayor Watt asked if there were any questions with none, motion was made by C. Martin
seconded by C. Higginbotham to accept Ordinance # 06-02 320.00 Participating in the
County Employee Retirement System. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes:
C. Varner, C. Higginbotham, Mayor Watt, C. Martin and C. Pierce

Mayor asked if the Commission had anything further to discuss with none adjourned the
meeting approximately 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney