

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MUNICIPAL ROAD AID HEARING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY MAY 27, 2013 6:30 P.M.**

Members present: Mayor Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey.

Members Absent: Commissioner David Stiffey

Also present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Higginbotham informed all present that this was the annual Municipal Road Aid Hearing, and explained that the meaning of the hearing was to explain how the City receives money for the Municipal Road Aid Fund and what he anticipates for the 2013 year.

There were no further questions so the meeting was recessed at 6:31 pm until the Regular Commission meeting at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY MAY 27, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Absent: Commissioner David Stiffey

Also Present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.  
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (March 25, 2013)

Minutes of Special Meeting (April 8, 2013)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

## **REPORTS**

Treasurer Report (March, 2013)

Report was approved by acclimation

### **Public Works Report**

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey reported that he would like for the Baptist Church to be contacted in regards to repairing the alley and re-graveling it. It was their contractor, Scott & Murphy, who damaged the alley during their construction of the new wing.

Commissioner Pierce asked that if Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey were to get any assistance from the county road department on Laurel, would he ask them to widen it around 6 (six) inches. He stated that the last time they came through and cold patched Laurel they messed it up. Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated that he had contacted Mr. Young with the county road department but, that he does not seem to want to help in any way. Mayor Higginbotham stated that he does not feel that the city is getting their fair share of county work.

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

Commissioner Varner read the monthly police report.

Once the monthly report was read and there was no further discussion, Commissioner Varner stated that as per KRS 61.810 he would like to move that the meeting go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was second by Mayor Higginbotham. Ayes all members present. Convened to closed session at 6:58 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to return to open session and was second by Mayor Higginbotham. Ayes all members so session was opened at 7:10 pm.

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to offer Andrew Stidham the position of Part-Time Police Officer, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed.

At this time Chief Suoy stated that the next Academy starts on June 24<sup>th</sup> and he would like for Andrew to be ready to attend that session.

### **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Pierce reported that he believes that Brian Gaul is doing an excellent job with the cemetery and he feels confident that there will be no problems.

Commissioner Pierce inquired if we were going to be billing the land owners for the mowing we are doing on 101/Main Street and Sixth street. The answer was "Yes we will be billing the land owners".

Commissioner Pierce reported that he has contacted Daniel Bledsoe about the earth moving project at the cemetery and that it typically takes about a week for Mr. Bledsoe to get back with him. Commissioner Pierce advised he would keep the commission up to date on this matter.

### **Code Enforcement Report**

Commissioner David Stiffey was absent so there was no report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Aging Council

Commissioner Varner stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Lien on 150 Third Street – Attorney Milliken stated that he has drawn up the paper work and it should be processed in the upcoming week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Higginbotham read the Mayor's Budget Message

First Reading of Ordinance # 13-002 230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to approve Ordinance # 12-002 230.20 The City of Smiths Grove Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2012/20113. The motion was second by Commissioner Pierce. Ayes all members present. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance # 13-003 100.00 An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to The Code of Ordinances of The City o Smiths Grove, Kentucky. A motion was made by Commissioner Varner to approve the Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to The Code of Ordinances as read by Mayor Higginbotham. The motion was second by Commissioner Pierce. Ayes all members present. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 13-004 630.00 An Ordinance Closing Smiths Grove Cemetery from Dusk to Dawn and Restricting Parking Vehicles on Cemetery Grounds. Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to approve the ordinance once it was amended to state that the fines were per offence. The motion was second by Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey. Ayes all members present. Motion carried.

At this point, Mayor Higginbotham informed all present that Roger Thomas has made a Five Thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) donation to the City. Mr. Thomas did not state how the money was to be used but did state that it was to show his appreciation to the City and community for all they have done for him and his business. Mayor Higginbotham stated that he would like to see the money used for a system for record keeping/mapping for the cemetery. Due to poor record keeping in the past, there is always concern when persons come in to purchase a burial plot and this would help correctly locate graves now and in the future.

Commissioner Varner stated that he has argued for years that we need something like this to track information for the cemetery.

Mayor Higginbotham reported that recently two (2) IOOF Journals were found that had the names of 100 people which we did not have listed in our cemetery records. This is just one (1) example why he is so desperate to get a handle on this situation.

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated that he is in favor of improving the system.

Mayor Higginbotham will do some research to see what is available to us and so this matter is tabled until he can do so.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk