

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

All Members Present

Also present: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Higginbotham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

All present recited the Pledge to Allegiance

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (October 22, 2012)

Minutes of Special Meeting (November 13, 2012)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report (October 2012)

Report was approved by acclimation

Public Works Report

Commissioner Varner reported that the Christmas lights were mounted this past weekend with the help of Commissioner Pierce and Sanders Tree Service. He also thanked Sherry Higginbotham, Commissioner Stiffey and Fred Worst for their help in checking the bulbs on each before they were installed.

He is still hoping to have all of the street signs replaced by December 31, 2012. He is just waiting for the rest of the signs to be completed by Econo Signs and ready for pick up. At this time Commissioner Martin stated that he has had several complements on the new street signs.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Martin read the Police Report for the Month of October. Once finished he inquired of Chief Suoy if he had any further business and he replied that he did not.

Commissioner Pierce stated that he would like to bring to the attention of Chief Suoy a pontoon boat that is parked on the side of the street on Broadway. The pontoon has been parked there for at least three (3) weeks now and that is against code. Mayor Higginbotham & Commissioner Pierce asked Chief Suoy if he would contact the owner and ask him to have it moved.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Pierce stated that he did not have much to report this month however, he did want to know if Donnie Poynter had checked on the items at the chapel. He was informed that Mr. Poynter has been contacted but he has not had time to attend to those items as of yet.

Commissioner Stiffey inquired about the work being done on the stones by Earl Bishop and how much we still owed him. Mayor Higginbotham informed him that we still owe Mr. Bishop

\$1,000 and he claims he has 98% of the work completed. He needs help from Mr. Worst to set some of the larger stones because Mr. Worst had the equipment to do so and he doesn't. Commissioner Pierce and Commissioner Stiffey stated they did not believe there was 98% of the work finished. Commissioner Pierce asked the clerk to contact Mr. Bishop and arrange a meeting this week, if possible, between he and Mr. Bishop to walk over the cemetery and discuss.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Stiffey reported that at this time the only things he knew of that were still outstanding were the properties on Kentucky Street which Paul Sexton of Planning & Zoning is working on.

Warren Fiscal Court

Commissioner Varner reported that at the November 9, 2012 meeting the following items were discussed regarding Ed Spear Park:

- The work on the playground is finished except for the mulch.
- Ed Spear Park will be getting two (2) new shelters in about three (3) weeks.
- The park now has a sand pro field groomer which will be used at four (4) parks in the northern part of the county.
- North Warren will be receiving three (3) new bleachers which are ADA approved.
- It is possible that in two (2) years there may be a Disaster Shelter built at Ed Spear Park.
- Sometime in the future they have plans of having wifi at the park.

Aging Report

Commissioner Varner reported that the Ombudsman Program will host the 4th annual Silver Bells Project this holiday season. This project involves collecting donations from the community for residents of Personal Care Homes. The residents often need basic items such as personal hygiene items and clothing.

Back in September BRADD partnered with AARP and collected over 110 bags of canned goods, cereals, pastas, and other items to be distributed to needy seniors across the BRADD 10 county region.

Christmas Parade Report

Commissioner Martin reported that at this time we have 52 entries for the Christmas parade and everything is going as scheduled.

Commissioner Martin stated he would also like to give an update on the FaceBook page. We now have 3,734 friends and they are from almost every state. Also, our City Website has had an extremely large amount of hits.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of Suit for 510 Cave

Attorney Milliken reported that all we are waiting for at this time is the Master Commissioner to set a date for the sale. He has no way of knowing when that may be. It may even be next year before the auction is scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Records/Open Meeting Laws

Mayor Higginbotham reported that the Attorney General has sent a “Your Duty Under the Law” and “Managing Public Records” packet to him. He has distributed a copy to each of the newly elected officials, with the exception of Lawrence Stiffey who will get his tonight, and each official must sign that they have received their copy. Once each has signed the form is to be returned to the Attorney General before the first of the year.

Walk In

Commissioner Pierce inquired about the status of the Lion’s Club property. Attorney Milliken stated that he has prepared the deed but there seems to have been some changes in mind on some of the members so at this time it is on hold.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

APPROVED _____
BERT E. HIGGINBOTHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

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