

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

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

Also present City Attorney Wes Milliken

All recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here. Esquire Tommy Hunt, Josh Moore and Jonathon Britt with Planning and Zoning

Watt said that he was just going to let Josh or Jonathon talk. Jonathon Britt said that he wanted to make sure the Mayor and Commission had read the Comprehensive Plan. There is going to be a few changes that will affect Smiths Grove and they need the Mayor and Commission feed back on the changes. They have been working on this for awhile this is a 30-40 year plan. However, this will have to be adopted in about a year or so. If anyone has any question please call or someone can come back up and be gladly to go over this. Mayor and Commission thanked Jonathon for being here. Josh Moore is here on the issue with the Meadows. Planning and Zoning had a meeting with the contractor on the issues that is a concern here in Smiths Grove. However, they feel that all the issues got resolved. And if they do not there is a bond that will cover the cost such as the sidewalks when a home is to be built. The street lighting out there only so many can go up depending on the homes being built in the area. The city now pays for the lighting. There is a \$100,000 for anything that does not get taken care of. The contractor is aware of this.

With this all in mind I hope this will assure each one of you on this matter.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (September 29, 2009)

Motion was made by Varner second by Higginbotham to approve the September 28, 09 minutes. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report September 09

Motion was made by Pierce and second by Martin to accept the September 09 Treasurer Report. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Street Report-

Varner said Mills and 6<sup>th</sup> street needs to be patched, have a pot hole. Also a caution light or something needs to be done by the library. Watt said this has been brought fourth before and that is a state road, try to see what Jaggars with Transportation dept can do.

Police Report- Pierce read the police report and asked Chief Suoy if he had anything else he needs to add. No he replied.

Public, Safety, Health & Welfare Report-  
Martin has no report

Cemetery Report-  
Higginbotham said the cemetery really looks good doing a great job. Also read the cemetery quarterly report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Christmas Reports-

Martin said pretty sure that Congressman Brett Guthier will be the Grand Marshall also they will need about \$200.00 for advertising. The Mayor and Commission agreed not to be a problem.

Annexation-  
No report

Aging-  
No report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Watt said that this is a new add on. The tree out in the front needs to come down. He spoke with Tim Sanders and he will take the tree down and remove the stump for \$ 750.00 Motion was made by Martin second by Higginbotham to accept Tim Sanders to cut the tree and remove the stump for \$ 750.00. Ayes: all members present. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ordinance # 09-01-820.00 An Ordinance Establishing Sage Drive, Jade Drive, Emerald Way and Emerald Court.

Wes Milliken read the entirety of Ordinance # 09-01-820.00 and was very pleased that Josh had cleared up a lot of the issues that was a concern last month. The changes he made this time is The City does not, in any way, accept responsibility for any problems associated with the water drainage created or aggravated by the road ways, drainage easements or other structures designed or contracted by the developer or property owner prior to this adoption.

A motion was made by Varner and second by Martin. Ayes: Varner, Watt, Martin and Higginbotham. Nays: Pierce. Vote 4-1 Motion carried.

Part time Police Officer-

Watt said that 16 hrs a week is all we need unless emergency situations also when Chief takes vacation. This officer will be certified and will be doing a back ground check this time also. All Commission is in agreement.

Motion was made by Martin second by Higginbotham to advertise to hire a part time officer Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Final Reading Ordinance # 09-01-230.00 Assessing and Levying the 2009 Annual Property Tax on Real Property & Tangible Personal Property  
Motion was made by Varner second by Higginbotham to accept Ordinance # 09-01-230.00. Ayes: All members present. Motion carried.

Mayor Watt said with no further discussion adjourned the meeting approximately At 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONNA L LOONEY CITY CLERK

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney