

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 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 of Allegiance

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 25, 2014)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

Minutes of Special Called Meeting (September 8, 2014)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Report (August 2014)

Commissioner David Stiffey asked what the charge of one thousand six hundred sixty two dollars and fifty cents (\$1,662.50) on Legal Fees was for. Clerk Brewer replied that it was for the Warning Order Attorney for the property located at 150 Third Street.

At this time Attorney Milliken stated that the Warning Order Attorney is appointed by the court and his job is to locate all persons involved in a suit. Once the attorney has exhausted all avenues to locate persons involved he turns in a report to the judge and the judge will award him his fees for his time.

Report was approved by acclimation

**Public Works Report**

Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey reported that the work is supposed to start on the alley's this week.

Commissioner Pierce asked if there were any man hole covers in the areas to be paved because we did not want them to turn out like the ones on Beeler did. Commissioner Lawrence Stiffey stated he did not know if there were or not. Mayor Higginbotham stated that he would check and see if there are.

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

Commissioner Varner read the Police Report for the month of August.

## **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Pierce reported that everything is looking good in the cemetery and he had nothing else to report.

## **Code Enforcement Report**

Commissioner David Stiffey stated that he had nothing new to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Christmas Parade**

Mr. Porter Martin reported that everything is on schedule however; he does need some funds from the city to pay for the recording of the parade. These recordings are taken to the Library and given to Time Warner to be shown on television. He stated he believed the cost in the past was four hundred dollars (\$400). He also stated that the city did not have to do a recording if they did not want to.

A motion was made by Mayor Higginbotham to approve the funds for the recording and was second by Commissioner David Stiffey. Roll was called and the motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Mr. Martin also reported that the application for the Christmas Parade will be turned on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will turn off December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **150 W. Third Street**

Attorney Milliken stated that he hopes to have suit filed by the end of this month since the Warning Order Attorney has finished his job and Judge Wilson has approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Second Reading of Ordinance 14-005 230.00 2014 Property Tax Ordinance**

Mayor Higginbotham stated that we had to have a Special Called Meeting on Monday September 8, 2014 to get a first reading on this ordinance due to the fact PVA did not get our figures to us early enough to get two readings during regular meetings.

He also informed everyone present that today we learned that the original figures we received from Warren County PVA were nine thousand nine hundred and twenty two dollars (\$9,922) short. However, when this figure was added in to the total it did not change the already calculated Tax Rate for 2014. The Tax Rate for 2014 will be .117 per one hundred dollars (\$100).

At this time Mayor Higginbotham made a motion to accept the ordinance as written and the motion was second by Commissioner Pierce. Roll was called and the motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

With there being no further business to conduct, Mayor Higginbotham adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.

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

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

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