

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Stiffey, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Bob Smith, Commissioner Gary Vincent, City Attorney Frank Hampton Moore

Absent: Commissioner Martha Stiffey

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Invocation was given by Bro. Casey Mathias
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Stiffey welcomed all in attendance including State Representative Michael Meredith and his wife, Jamie, and Kentucky League of Cities representatives, J.D. Chaney, Bryanna Carroll, and Michele Hill.

In consideration of the guests' time schedule, the normal Agenda order was deferred to allow the presentation of the 2018 Friend of Kentucky Cities Award by KLC Deputy Executive Director J.D. Chaney to State Representative Michael Meredith.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 27, 2018)

The Commissioners approved the August 27, 2018 minutes, 4 – 0.

Commissioner Vincent asked about the status of property liens for delinquent property taxes. Attorney Moore stated three of the 10 properties that were to have liens placed on them had been sold. He stated the liens on the other 7 properties were ready to file.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (August 2018)

A motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The report was approved by 4-0 vote.

Administrative Report

The Mayor stated the Smiths Grove Days Festival is Saturday and much planning and work has been done to ensure a successful day. He also stated Clerk Howard and Assistant Clerk Joyner would be rotating at Commission meetings to take minutes.

Public Works Report

Mayor Stiffey stated there is a tree on Brown Street that needs to come down because when it falls, it will be in the middle of the street. He has marked the tree with an X and is trying to get a bid for removal.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Smith announced that Assistant Chief Jeff Wright resigned effective September 10 and will be joining the City of Glasgow Police Department. He stated Assistant Chief Wright had done a good job and he was sorry to see him go. Chief Vance passed out pictures of new patches that have been ordered for the Police Department uniforms. Chief Vance said we are in approximately day 60 of the 90 day grant for protective vests. They have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival. Chief Vance stated we will be advertising in the Bowling Green Daily News and Glasgow Daily Times for a replacement for Assistant Chief Wright.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported that the cemetery trash containers had been delivered and are at his office until installation. He estimates they should last a decade. Commissioner Buehl stated with the temperature cooling off, he will be resuming work on monuments at the cemetery. Mayor Stiffey stated a flood light had been placed on a pole that would illuminate a dark area of the cemetery.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent stated he expected violations due to the amount of rain we have received. Mayor Stiffey mentioned a pile of trash on Wayne Street at a house that is being remodeled. Chief Vance stated the rain had slowed the property owner's work. Commissioner Vincent stated there is an issue on Witherspoon.

*Mayor Stiffey stated he was told by a member of the Lions Club that they would not be assisting the City with the Smiths Grove Christmas Parade this year.

Old Business

The Mayor presented the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance 18-006, an Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2018 Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property within the City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky. The City was assessed with 2018 Real Property of \$52,395,400 and Tangible Personal Property of \$3,267,240 and kept the same City Ad Valorem tax of (.114) cents per \$100 on Real Property and (.1313) cents per \$100 on the Tangible Personal Property. The Mayor made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Commission voted 4 - 0 to accept the Ordinance 18-006 as read.

The Mayor presented the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance 18-007, an Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2019 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft having a Situs in the City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky. The City kept the same Ad Valorem tax of (20.00) cents per \$100 on assessed valuation of Motor Vehicle and Watercraft. Commission Smith made a motion to accept the reading of the Ordinances and Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The vote on the Ordinance as read was 4- 0 to approve Ordinance 18-007.

New Business

Mayor Stiffey stated although it was not on the agenda, he would like to address giving City Clerk Nancy Howard an increase in pay. Commissioner Vincent asked Attorney Moore if the Commission could take action on an item that was not on the agenda. Attorney Moore stated a motion could be made to add the item to the agenda. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to add the discussion of a pay raise for Clerk Howard to the agenda and Mayor Stiffey seconded the motion. The Commission voted 4-0 to add the item to the agenda.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he had completed Clerk Howard's evaluation and she is doing a great job. Commissioners Buehl, Smith, and Vincent agreed and all are pleased with her job performance. Mayor Stiffey made the motion to increase Clerk Howard's pay by \$1.00 per hour. Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The Commission voted 4-0 to increase Clerk Howard's pay.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Debbie Joyner
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE 10-24-18
Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk