

**MINUTES**  
**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

All Members Present

Also Present: City Attorney Hampton Moore

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

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 22, 2016)  
Minutes of Special Called Meeting (September 12, 2016)

The minutes were approved by acclimation

**REPORTS**

Treasurers Report (August, 2016)

A motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Treasurers Reports as read and was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey. Ayes all members present so the motion passed 5 – 0.

**Administrative Report**

Mayor Stiffey stated that Earl Coker had moved out of the area and the city needed a new chaplain.

At this time Mayor Stiffey stated he would like to read Municipal Order 01-01-16.00 and install Reverend Casey Mathias as the new Volunteer Chaplin for the city.

**Public Works Report**

Commissioner Stidham stated that last month it was decided that she and Mayor Stiffey would contact Scotty's about which streets the city wanted paved and see if the price remained the same or was lowered. They are still waiting on an answer from them but do expect the job to be finished this year.

Chief Vance stated that the street sign at Laurel & Floral has been struck and is leaning badly. Also, the rumble strip from the corner of E. Second & Main street has come up and he has placed it out by the storage building.

Patrica Ratliff asked if Debbie Richey had contacted the city in regards to a street light out in the Meadows. Commissioner Stidham replied that she had not but that she would check with Ms. Richey and find out which light it is.

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

Commissioner Stiffey stated that Assistant Chief Claywell is attending training this week in Eastern Kentucky.

Commissioner Vincent stated that he would like to commend Chief Vance & Assistant Chief Claywell for all the work they do.

Commissioner Stidham stated that she thought Ken Marr had done a great job of detailing the police cruiser (702).

### **Cemetery Report**

Commissioner Cannon reported that he had had a couple of complaints in regards to dead grass on some of the stones in the cemetery but other than that everything was ok.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he and Brian made the decision to not mow last week but that they would mow the cemetery this week.

Commissioner Vincent stated that the new road and gravel looks nice.

Mayor Stiffey reported that Raymond, Jim, and he had cut the road and then he had three (3) loads of gravel put on it.

Commissioner Stidham asked what the status of the monument for the unknown burials was and Mayor Stiffey informed all that it has been ordered and the foundation has already been poured.

### **Enforcement Report**

Commissioner Vincent stated that there had been a problem with garbage pick up on a rental property but that the matter had been corrected.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Aging Committee**

NONE

### **Christmas Parade**

Mayor Stiffey reported that he, Chief Vance, and Clerk Brewer had attended the Lions Club meeting last week and at this time everything is on track for the parade. He also stated that there will be a few changes this year that will help the parade to go more smoothly. The next meeting will be Monday October 3, 2016 at 7:00 at the Lions Club regular meeting.

The parade will be Friday December 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on 150 W. Third Street property**

At this time Mayor Stiffey asked Attorney Hampton Moore, who was sitting in for City Attorney Frank Hampton Moore, for a status report on this matter.

Attorney Hampton Moore reported that a Motion to add Third Parties has been filed with the court for the unknown heirs of the property. Once the court makes their ruling on the matter the sale of the property should be back on track.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he had talked to Mr. Pillow and he is still interested in purchasing the property.

### **Approval of Contract to auction Old City Hall Building**

Mayor Stiffey stated that Attorney Moore and Johnny Tarter have not been able to get together and write up a contract yet.

Mayor Stiffey made a motion that once the contract is written by Attorney Moore and agreed upon by Mr. Tarter that the Mayor has authority to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cannon. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

### **Discussion on whether or not to be able to have approval by landowners to annex property from Vincent Street at City limits to McKinley Road of both sides of road.**

Mayor Stiffey stated that he this matter was originated by the concerns of some taxpayers about the use of Vincent Street, which is maintained by the city, by persons from the county who do not pay city taxes for the maintenance of the street.

The Mayor welcomed the property owners that were in attendance and thanked them for attending. He also reminded everyone that this was just a matter of discussion at this time.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he was under the understanding that the city must have approval of fifty one percent (51%) of the property owners in order to annex the land and asked Attorney Moore if he was correct.

Attorney Moore stated that this was correct if the matter was up for vote. If up for vote and did not get the approval of fifty one percent (51%) then the matter would have to be tabled for five (5) years. Once again this is only if the matter is up for vote and this is just a discussion.

Mr. Darrell Freeman stated that at this time he did not see any advantage to his property being in the city limits.

Mr. Senad Veletanlic stated that he was not total clear as to what the city wanted to do. However; he is willing to go along with what the city wants. Originally he had planned to use his property for an industrial purpose but with the subdivision in the back of the property he has decided otherwise.

Patricia Ratliff stated that she has letters from four (4) other property owners stating that at the current time they also see no advantage to being in the city limits.

At this time no further action will be taken on this matter.

**Second Reading of Ordinance number 16-002 230.10 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2017 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft having a Situs in the City of Smiths Grove Kentucky**

Mayor Stiffey made a motion to accept the ordinance as written and read at the August 22, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stidham. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance number 16-003 230.00 An Ordinance Assessing and Levying the 2016 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property within the City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky**

Mayor Stiffey reported that the first reading of this ordinance was done at the Special Called Meeting on September 12, 2016 at which time he read the full ordinance and it was voted on and passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stiffey to accept the ordinance as written and was seconded by Commissioner Vincent. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Assistant Chief Claywell's evaluation and six (6) month plus pay increase on job performance.**

Commissioner Stiffey stated that Assistant Chief Claywell was employed by the city on 2/8/16 and his pay rate is eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour. She stated that she believes that his pay should be increased to thirteen dollars (\$13.00 ) per hour. She stated that it is her understanding that bailiffs at the court house start out at thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour and she feels Assistant Chief Claywell should make at least as much as they do.

At this time a motion was made by Commissioner Stiffey to increase Assistant Chief Claywell's pay from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour to thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stidham. Ayes all members so the motion passed 5 – 0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

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

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