

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Steve Roney, Mayor David Stiffey, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Police Chief Franks and City Clerk, Nancy Howard

Recognized Guests: Candidate for Magistrate, Terry Hendrick; Magistrate Rex McWhorter, candidate for Judge-Executive, Keith Evanoff.

Invocation was given by Mr. Ron Peterson

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2022. With no additions or revisions, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – August 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Schroader to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Roney. The Treasurer's Report was approved by 5-0 vote.

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey stated that volunteers are needed for the Christmas parade which will be held Friday, December 2, 2022. Clerk Howard added that the website information has been updated to reflect the change of line-up entries; completed floats line up at North Warren Elementary, incomplete floats finish their decorating at Ed Spear Park and come to the NW Elementary School line up only when completely ready. The Mayor suggested the City staff Potluck, (cancelled last Dec. due to the tornado) be held at 5:00pm on the Dec. 5th Commission meeting date with dinner at 6:00 at Smiths Grove Baptist Church.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr checked with Scotty's and paving should be completed by mid October. He thanked the Mayor, Police and other residents who assisted with clearing the streets of debris after a storm. Chief Franks added appreciation for Oakland good neighbor residents who also helped.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader deferred to Chief Franks for the report. Chief stated that traffic has increased along with speeding enforcement. The Body Camera Usage Policy is in process of approval. Our Police agency has been recommended to participate in a joint team for drug task enforcement whereby our officers will have access to more technology and info. Chief Franks stated that he has met with the North Warren Elementary leadership to discuss and update the Emergency Action Plan needed for the protection of our school. Diana Stiffey asked if the school has been designated as a storm shelter and Chief responded that it is in final approval status. Per the Mayor's request, Chief stated the cost of purchasing new radar equipment is estimated at between \$2000 to \$4000 each. He said our current equipment is accurate and has been recertified annually, on site, by an accredited radar.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated that he and Commissioner Buehl had met to discuss using epoxy glue to do repairs to headstones.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl stated there are on-going issues with 3 properties on Cave Street. He will be contacting Cooke’s Lawn Service to clear the debris and mow. Chief Franks stated he has followed up with neighbors to remind them not to dump their yard debris onto the 476 Cave St. property just because it is abandoned. He stated that the City will continue to enforce the maintenance of the properties so that it deters vermin, snakes and even people from hiding there. Commissioner Buehl will also follow up on the property next to the bank where a collapsed storage building must be removed by the owner.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2022 -005, Assessing and Levying the 2022 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property within the City of Smiths Grove, KY. Commissioner Marr made a motion to approve, Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.
- 2nd Reading Ordinance 2022-006 Assessing and Levying the 2022-2023 Annual Property Tax on Motor Vehicles and Watercraft having a Situs in the City of Smiths Grove, KY. Commissioner Marr made a motion to approve, Commissioner Roney, seconded the motion and the motion passed by a 5 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Mayor stated he had acquired a bid for sealing, repair of cracks and striping for the City Hall parking lot from Schuler Services for a total of \$2408.00. He asked this contractor because he was familiar with them, they are able to take on smaller jobs and respond back quickly, rather than a large business like Reynolds. Commissioner Marr stated that Reynolds would be doing the striping for street work scheduled in October. Commissioner Buehl made a motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Schroader seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 to proceed with this bid/firm. The Mayor asked City Attorney Hamp Moore if he was correct in only receiving one bid and Attorney Moore said yes, our City Commission has authority to spend up to \$25,000 without seeking bids.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Nancy Howard
NANCY HOWARD, CITY CLERK

DATE October 24th, 2022
Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk