

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, October 24, 2022, 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Steve Roney, Mayor David Stiffey, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Police Chief Franks, A.C. Bessette and Asst. City Clerk, Paula Sleeman
Members Absent: Commissioner Eric Schroader

Recognized Guests: Candidate for Magistrate, Terry Hendrick; Candidate for City Commissioner, Jennifer Cartwright

Invocation was given by A.C. Bessette
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 September 26, 2022. With no additions or revisions, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – September 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Marr to accept the Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The Treasurer's Report was approved by 4-0 vote.

Administration Report

Mayor Stiffey stated that the property tax bills have been mailed and property tax and net profit tax collections are going well. Mayor Stiffey reminded all that the Smiths Grove Christmas parade will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 2.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr checked with Scotty's and was assured that paving will be completed before paving season is over. He said that he will be working on some street signs.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Chief Franks stated that it has been a busy month and the police department has picked up the new truck and the body cameras are in are working well for them. Chief Franks stated that the department is in desperate need of a new gun safe as the department is running out of space in the evidence room where they are stored. He further stated that their case load and evidence has tripled in the last few years and evidence is taking up most of the storage space. Mayor Stiffey made a motion to approve up to \$1,200.00 for the purchase of a new gun safe. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roney and the motion passed 4-0.

Chief Franks stated that the police office has been updated and painted and he has shredded many old documents. He said the KLC will be in to audit the Smiths Grove Police Department on October 25, 2022 at 8:30 am.

Chief Franks explained that he has previously discussed the use of Lidar instead of Radar for use in traffic stops. He said the current equipment is accurate and has been recertified annually, however Lidar uses a laser and is more accurate than Radar and a new handheld Lidar device costs around \$1,400.00. Commissioner Marr asked if the cost was much more than Radar and Chief Franks responded that the costs were comparable. Mayor Stiffey made a motion to purchase two new handheld Lidar devices and Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

A citizen asked if private citizens can make donations to the police department and Attorney Hamp Moore said that all gifts must be approved by the City Commission. Mayor Stiffey stated that donations are appreciated and would go into the Vehicle Improvement Fund for the police.

Chief Franks and Commissioner Marr said that the North Warren Elementary School community walk was held on Friday, October 21 for the kindergartners and first grade students at the school.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney stated that there is now running water at the cemetery, and everything is running smoothly.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl stated that Warren County still has a burn ban in place and will be making sure that citizens aren't burning leaves and will be monitoring yards to make sure they are being taken care of. A clean up day will be scheduled after the leaves have fallen. Chief Franks said that some juveniles that served community service are willing to come back on their own to help with clean up. He will ask shop owners to clean up prior to the Christmas parade. Chief Franks stated that they will be addressing areas in the community where views are obstructed and need to be trimmed.

OLD BUSINESS

The new police truck has been picked up and the invoice to L&W Emergency Equipment for outfitting the equipment on the new vehicle is \$13,599.19. Commissioner Marr made the motion to approve the invoice and Commissioner Roney seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

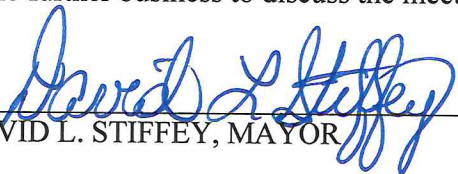
Mayor Stiffey stated that the older truck will be needing new tires soon.

NEW BUSINESS

The frost-free water hydrant has been installed by Stone Ridge Farms at the cemetery and the invoice amount due is \$680.00. Commissioner Roney made the motion to approve the invoice and was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The motion passed 4-0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED



DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST



PAULA SLEEMAN, ASST. CITY CLERK

DATE



Minutes were prepared by Paula Sleeman, Assistant City Clerk