

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, November 28, 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, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Mayor David Stiffey, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Police Chief Franks, A.C. Bessette and Asst. City Clerk, Debbie Joyner
Members Absent: None

Recognized Guests: Matt Pedigo, BRADD, Dean Minton, Mayor Elect-Plum Springs, Jennifer Cartwright, Commissioner Elect-Smiths Grove, Steven Throneberry, Hensley & Throneberry, Smiths Grove Fire Chief Kenneth Priddy

Invocation was given by Diana Stiffey
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 October 24, 2022. With no additions or revisions, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor Stiffey recognized Matt Pedigo from BRADD. Mr. Pedigo distributed information regarding the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and BRADD CEDS Summit which will be held January 31, 2023 at Cave City Convention Center.

Mayor Stiffey recognized Steven Throneberry of Hensley & Throneberry. Mr. Throneberry presented the June 30, 2022 Annual Financial Report. Mr. Throneberry noted points of interest in the audit and reported that the City is in a strong financial position. Mayor Stiffey made a motion to accept the audit and Commissioner Marr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote. Commissioner Marr commended the Clerks for their work.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – October 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 reminded all that the Smiths Grove Christmas parade will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 2. Mayor Stiffey also reminded everyone that the December Commission meeting will be held on Monday, December 5 at 5:00 pm. Warren County Judge Executive Elect Doug Gorman will be on hand to swear in the Mayor and Commissioners. Mayor Stiffey stated a special call meeting will be held in January to assign Commissioners as department heads.

Attorney Moore stated he will be meeting with outgoing Property Valuation Administrator, Susan Oliver Lewis, to discuss annexation ordinance for Buc-ee's. If the meeting is successful, no other action will be required by the City. Attorney Moore stated this should be completed by January 1, 2023.

Mayor Stiffey reported that he had attended a video conference at Attorney Moore's office on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 along with representatives from Buc-ee's who attended virtually. A hearing officer from the Local Department of State Government had five questions regarding the Buc-ee's project. All were answered but one.....do Warren County Government and Warren County Public Schools have to consent? Attorney Moore stated groundbreaking and completion will be in coming year and rumors that Buc-ee's is not coming are not true.

Commissioner Marr asked about the hanging of the Christmas lights and the Mayor reported that SCRTC would hang them tomorrow, November 29. The Mayor also stated that SCRTC have been good neighbors to the City of Smiths Grove.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr stated paving was completed November 3. Striping of Burrell, Vincent, and near the Flavor Isle was completed November 21. Commissioner Marr reported that there are sidewalks on Third Street that need repairs. Mayor Stiffey thanked Commissioner Marr for overseeing the paving and striping projects and Commissioner Marr reported that Scotty's and Reynolds Sealing & Striping are both easy to work with.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader thanked everyone for their prayers and concern for his wife, Sue Ann, during her recent health issues. Chief Franks reported that the safety and risk assessment which is required every 3 years was completed and the Smiths Grove Police Department received their highest score. Chief Franks stated this means a 12 % favorable rating for insurance. Chief Franks also stated that improvements need to be made to evidence storage and there are grants available. Mayor Stiffey thanked the Chief and Assistant Chief Bessette for their work. Commissioner Marr stated he appreciates our Police Department and for a city of our size, we have an excellent department. Mayor Stiffey reported he and Assistant Chief Bessette picked up the gun safe from Tractor Supply Company.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Roney reported that the new paving at the cemetery looks great. Mayor Stiffey stated that he expects that the City will have to request bids for mowing of the cemetery for next year. Commissioner Elect Cartwright stated that the Smiths Grove Ladies Club put American flags on veterans graves at the cemetery and the Mayor stated that they looked nice.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Buehl stated that a clean up day will be scheduled after the holidays. Chief Franks reported that the last open complaint, 210 Highland, has been closed because the tenant has moved. Chief Franks also stated the issue of the dilapidated shed in the back yard of property next to Bank of Edmonson County has been turned over to Warren County.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Stiffey stated that the Scotty's invoice for paving in the amount of \$77,643.47 needs approval by the Commission. Commissioner Marr made the motion to approve the invoice and was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Stiffey stated that approval was needed for the Reynolds Sealing & Striping invoice in the amount of \$1,250. Commissioner Marr made the motion to approve the invoice and was seconded by Commissioner Roney. The motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stiffey stated that tires had been purchased for the older truck (vehicle driven by Assistant Chief Bessette) from Firestone Complete Auto Care and the purchase amount is \$567. Chief Franks stated that

the brakes on the vehicle are fine. Assistant Chief Bessette reported that the truck gets better mileage than the Explorer. Mayor Stiffey made the motion to approve the invoice and was seconded by Commissioner Schroader. The motion passed 5-0.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Debbie Joyner
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASST. CITY CLERK

DATE 12-6-2022
Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk