

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 7:00PM

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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

Invocation was given by Commissioner Schroader

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

Mayor Stiffey provided his recommendation on 2023 department heads to remain the same except for the Cemetery where Bob Buehl would like to replace former Commissioner Steve Roney. This would leave the Code Enforcement department head open for new Commissioner Jennifer Cartwright. After discussion and agreement, Commissioner Buddy Marr made the motion to keep the Public Works Street Dept, Eric Schroader to keep the Police and Public Safety Dept., Bob Buehl to head the Cemetery Dept and Jennifer Cartwright to head the Code Enforcement Dept. Commissioner Schroader seconded the motion and the vote was 5-0 to approve the department heads for 2023.

Mayor Stiffey recommended that Commissioner Marr continue as Mayor Pro-tem for 2023. Commissioner Schroader made the motion to appoint Commissioner Marr as Mayor Pro-tem and Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 to approve Commissioner Marr as Mayor Pro-tem.

Mayor Stiffey explained the 5 -year cost addendum to the current Republic Services franchise agreement. The rate increase in March 2023 will only affect residential services. Starting in March 2024 a 4% cost increase will be for residential services and commercial services. Discussion focused on the comparison costs and services of other area trash providers and it was determined that Republic Services costs are the best for the service provided. Mayor Stiffey also added that the proposal includes a new option for city residents to purchase a “bulk curbside collection option” at \$50 per item 1 time per month. Commissioner Marr asked if a senior discount was an option and the Mayor will follow up with Todd Chamberlain, Republic Services Manager. After discussion a motion was made to accept the proposed addendum to the franchise agreement by Commissioner Buehl. Commissioner Schroader seconded the motion and the vote was 5-0 to approved the proposal and write the Addendum to be presented at the January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Mayor Stiffey explained the need to publish a bid notice for the City Mowing contracts. He recommended placing the notice in the Bowling Green Daily News by Jan 16, running the notice 2 times with the goal of receiving bids by February 3. The bids will be reviewed and a contractor selected at the February 27, 2023 Regular Meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Nancy Howard
NANCY HOWARD, CITY CLERK

DATE January 23, 2023
Minutes were prepared by Nancy Howard, City Clerk