

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024, 7:00pm

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

Members Present: Mayor David Stiffey, Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Jennifer Cartwright, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Bob Buehl, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Police Chief Jason Franks, Assistant City Clerk Debbie Joyner

Members Absent: None

Invocation was given by Commissioner Schroader

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report – May 2024

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

Administrative Report-

Mayor Stiffey mentioned that he would like for the City to purchase a gift card for Chaplain Casey Mathias as a thank you for his participation in the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies for Buc-ee's. Commissioners agreed this was an appropriate gesture. Mayor Stiffey reported that Reynolds Sealing & Striping had striped some areas in the Smiths Grove Fire Department parking lot due to the opening of Grammie's Home Cookin. Mayor Stiffey stated that he would like for the City to pay one half (\$225) of the cost. Commissioners were in agreement with the Mayor on the issue.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr reported that Scotty's will be paving the following streets in July: Broadway St., Beeler Ave. from 6th St to Cemetery, and possibly Harris St. between Wayne and Kentucky Street. Commissioner Marr asked anyone who sees low hanging power lines to report them to him. Commissioner Marr reported that a semi took out a utility pole on Rumsey Street but witnesses were unable to identify the owner of the truck.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader reported that he was pleased with the traffic flow at Buc-ee's on opening day (June 24, 2024). Chief Franks reported that the storage unit was received and security improvements are underway. Commissioner Buehl commended Chief Franks and Sgt. Bessette for their help at the Buc-ee's grand opening event.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported that the sealing of the roadways in the Cemetery looks great. Commissioner Buehl stated that he had checked the chapel, swept off a bird's nest, and purchased grass seed to be planted

in the fall. Mayor Stiffey stated he would talk to Anthony Willis about tree cleanup behind the gazebo in the Cemetery.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Cartwright stated that the issue with the property on Sunset is close to requiring legal action. Chief Franks reported that there are three property owners that have issues and have been contacted by the City. He reported that two property owners have been responsive and one has not. Chief Franks reported there are still rights-of-way issues. Commissioner Marr reported that Jimmy Cooke contacted him about overgrowth of bamboo on Church Alley.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mayor Stiffey introduced the second reading of Ordinance 2024-001 for the 2024-2025 Annual Budget. Commissioner Marr made a motion to accept the budget as read with Commissioner Schroader seconding the motion. The Commission voted to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2024-001 for the 2024-2025 Annual Budget with a vote of 5-0.
2. Mayor Stiffey reported that the Police Bulk Storage unit has been received and the invoice amount is \$4300.00. Commissioner Schroader made a motion to approve payment of the invoice from Lighthouse Trailer Sales & Leasing in the amount of \$4,300. Commissioner Cartwright seconded the motion and it was approved with a 5 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mayor Stiffey reported that he and Attorney Moore met with Tim Eifler of Stoll Keenon Ogden after the Buc-ee’s ribbon cutting earlier in the day. Attorney Moore stated that Mr. Eifler represents Buc-ee’s and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement between the City and Buc-ee’s. Attorney Moore reported that Mr. Eifler will be in attendance at the July Commission meeting to discuss details.

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

APPROVED 
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST 
DEBBIE JOYNER, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

DATE 7-25-2024

Minutes were prepared by Debbie Joyner, Assistant City Clerk