

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 7:00pm

Commissioner Marr called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Members Present: Commissioner Maurice (Buddy) Marr, Commissioner Jennifer Cartwright, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Bob Buehl, City Attorney Hamp Moore, City Clerk Nancy Howard, Alice Elkins

Members Absent: Mayor David Stiffey
Invocation was given by Commissioner Marr
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Marr asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2024. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report – August 2024

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

Administrative Report

No Report

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr reported that WRECC will be changing the streetlights with blue cast (these are defective units) but no time frame was given. Commissioner Cartwright mentioned these are a safety concern. Commissioner Marr complimented the job that State Transportation did on resurfacing KY101- Main Street and they did mostly at night which helped with traffic. They moved the crosswalk closer to Grammys which will make pedestrians crossing the street safer and extended the sidewalk near the Fire station.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader reported that our officers have been busy working investigations and completing investigations and doing a wonderful job.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported he was able to find a leak at the chapel on the southside entrance where the roof joins together. Commissioner Buehl will contact Hale Roofing.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Cartwright stated that overall, there were no new issues. Attorney Moore did mention that he learned at the CCPC meeting that the survey needed for the property at 5th & Main was coming up and this issue was being put on the October Agenda for the next CCPC meeting to monitor filing for a variance. Hopefully this will lead to a resolution for this property. Commissioner Cartwright did ask what the

variance would entail, and Attorney Moore mentioned this is to vary the setback requirements which are heard by a separate Committee for Planning and Zoning. This is uncommon as variances are not usually filed for encroachment on right of ways. Attorney Moore will have more to report next month. Commissioner Cartwright mentioned that there was still a burn ban in effect (by Warren County).

Special Guests Phil Moore and Jade Grabeel were present to give information regarding the Pace Marathon which will be hosted in Smiths Grove again on May 10, 2025. There will be a Block Party the night before with packet pick-ups for participants, live music and food. The Race will start at 7:00 am for full marathon and 7:30 am for half marathon. They have changed the route slightly to remove Rocky Hill Road for safety concerns. Chief Franks and Ms. Grabeel will be doing a final drive through this upcoming week to finalize the route map. Everything should be concluded and cleaned up by 1:00 pm. Clerk Nancy Howard mentioned that Chief Franks did a lot of work for the marathon. Ms. Grabeel did mention that they could not have hosted here without the help of our community, and she hopes even more are involved next year.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-002- an ordinance assessing and levying the 2024 annual property tax on real property and tangible personal property within the city of Smiths Grove, Kentucky. Commissioner Schroader made the motion to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Buehl seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the motion by 4-0.
2. Final Reading of Ordinance 2024 -003- an ordinance assessing and levying the 2024-2025 annual property tax on motor vehicles and watercraft having a situs in the city of Smiths Grove, Kentucky. Commissioner Cartwright made the motion to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Schroader seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the motion by 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Marr stated the final cost for preparing Smiths Grove City Tax bills to Warren County PVA in the amount of \$4,438.48. Commissioner Buehl made the motion to approve the invoice and Commissioner Schroader seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the payment 4-0.

COMMENTS

Smiths Grove citizen did mentioned he felt there was a safety concern with the labeling for the separate lanes on the overpass and could see that causing problems in the future. Also, that the light off of the northbound ramp coming on to 101/Main Street takes an unusually long time to turn. Commissioner Marr did say that he trusts that the proper assessments and adjustments will be made by the Department of Transportation.

Attorney Moore was asked to explain the vote at the September 19, 2024 CCPC meeting for the property at Hedge Street. As with this first vote, this was again a tie vote. He believes the County Attorney will make no recommendation for fiscal court to consider. Debbie Richey was thanked for representing Smiths Grove during this process.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm by Commissioner Marr.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Alice Elkins
ALICE ELKINS, CITY CLERK

DATE October 28, 2024
Minutes were prepared by Alice Elkins