

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, 5:00pm

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 5:04 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, City Clerk Alice Elkins, City Clerk Nancy Howard

Members Absent:

Invocation was given by Mayor David Stiffey

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 November 25, 2024. With no changes, the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report – November 2024

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

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey thanked everyone that helped with the Christmas Parade this past Friday. The parade went well, special thanks to Debbie Richey for helping with the parade line up; she mentioned it was a pleasure, and she was glad to do it. Mayor Stiffey brought up the special meeting in January for the appointment of new Commissioner, appointment of Mayor Pro-Tim and appointment of department heads. The commissioners set the date for the special called meeting for Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Public Works Report

Commissioner Marr also commended everyone that helped with the parade and did mention there was lots of candy thrown and a mess left on the ground.

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Schroader also reported that the parade went well. He is tentatively scheduling a cleanup day on Saturday, December 14th to clean up the candy that was left on the roads after the parade depending on the weather, time and date to be confirmed later this week. Commissioner Schroader also reported that Warren County Parks and Rec started some work at Ed Spear Park, paving work is being done and they are starting on the pick ball court. Chief Franks mentioned that the work on Ed Spear was driven by the marathon that was held in 2024 and is scheduled for 2025 also. There will be a representative at our meeting in January of 2025 to give updates on the 2025 marathon and park updates.

Cemetery Report

Commissioner Buehl reported that he will be checking the chapel to see if roof repairs are holding up. The mowing contracts are now advertised and will be accepted through January 15, 2025.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Cartwright asked Chief Franks for an update on 4th street property and Chief Franks confirmed with Seargent Bessette that the furniture and trash have been removed. He also mentioned that he was appreciative of Chris Hendrick for helping with cleaning up before the parade. Chief Franks also mentioned the tourism board is looking to add some signs for Smiths Grove to streamline the signage for Warren County, we will have updates in January.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Stiffey mentioned the tree outside of city hall needs to come down. He mentioned he will use The Tree Company which we have used before and confirmed with Attorney Moore if this can go under existing contracts and Attorney Moore agreed.

Commissioner Marr also mentioned that the bands that attended the parade on Friday were fed dinner before the parade by Smiths Grove Baptist Church. He mentioned that's why this town is so special; we have a lot of community involvement that participates in city events to make them a success.

Mayor Stiffey executed the oath of office to Commissioner Cartwright, Commissioner Schroader and Commissioner Buehl and they were sworn in as Commissioners for the City of Smiths Grove on this day, Monday, December 9, 2024.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED David L. Stiffey
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST Alice Elkins
ALICE ELKINS, CITY CLERK

DATE January 27, 2025
Minutes were prepared by Alice Elkins, City Clerk