

**MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, 7:00pm**

Commissioner Schroader called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Jennifer Cartwright, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commission Patrick Young, Attorney Hampton Moore, Chief Franks, City Clerk Alice Elkins

Absent: Mayor David Stiffey

Invocation was given by Commissioner Bob Buehl

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Schroader asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2025. With no changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buehl to accept the March 2025 Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. The Treasurer's Report was approved by 4-0 vote.

Administration Report – No report.

Public Works & Streets- Commissioner Buehl stated the patch has been made to Vincent Street with cement. There is also a cut on Broadway about 2-3 feet out. The Warren County Water Department had contacted the mayor for this cut and will fill with cement. Commissioner Buehl will order gravel for the alley on Beeler & 101.

Police & Public Safety- Commissioner Schroader mentioned the PACE Marathon is a week from this Saturday on May 10th and mentioned the Block Party on Friday evening, May 9th. Commissioner Schroader asked Chief Franks if there was a cleanup day scheduled, Chief Franks mentioned that the city was in great shape. Warren County Road Department will be mowing the route for the marathon. Chief Franks mentioned that the Block Party will start at 7:00 pm on Friday, there will be food trucks, live music, dunk tanks and several activities for the community. He mentioned the marathon will start at 7:00 am we have entries from all over United States and went over the route.

Cemetery – Commissioner Young is still working on getting quotes from the repair of the Chapel. He is waiting on several contractors to get back with him. Mowing at the cemetery is going well.

Code Enforcement – Commissioner Cartwright reminded everyone that it is mowing season and to keep properties cut and cleaned up. Chief Frank urged residents to keep properties mowed and not let grass get over ten inches high. There have been some notices to properties already this mowing season and will be proceeding with the City Attorney if further action is needed.

Commissioner Schroader proceeded with new business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cartwright to approve the Willis Tree Service invoice for the tree work in Orion Alley between 3rd and 4th Street and trimming trees on 5th Street, 3rd Street, Main Street,

College Street and 6th Street for \$2400.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buehl to approve the quote from ISTT regarding the set-up up for the police laptops that is needed for \$625.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Young to approve the invoice from Axon Enterprise reflecting the new contract price after adding body worn camera for Officer Hicks for \$9060.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buehl. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

Commissioner read the first reading of City Ordinance regarding the keeping of livestock within the city. There was a motion made to approve the first reading of the ordinance by Commissioner Cartwright. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion was approved by 4-0 vote.

A member of the community brought up a large sink hole that is located at the end of College Street and asked if the city was aware and if any action would be taken. This property is zoned as agricultural and is used this way by the owner. Chief Franks asked the resident to contact Warren County Stormwater Management since the property is encroaching on city property. There was discussion regarding the property and complaints of non-maintenance. Chief Franks also encouraged residents with properties that border this property to contact the City County Planning Commission to file a complaint.

A reminder was given that the May Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm due to Memorial Day being on the fourth Monday of May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by Commissioner Schroader.

APPROVED 
ERIC T. SCHROADER, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST 
ALICE ELKINS, CITY CLERK

DATE 
Minutes were prepared by Alice Elkins, City Clerk