

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, 7:00pm

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Members Present: Mayor David Stiffey, Commissioner Eric Schroader, Commissioner Bob Buehl, Commissioner Jennifer Cartwright, Commissioner Patrick Young, City Attorney Hamp Moore, Sergeant Bessette, Assistant City Clerk Debbie Joyner

Absent: none

Invocation was given by Commissioner Cartwright

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Stiffey asked the Commissioners if there were any corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025. With no changes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buehl to accept the May 2025 Treasurers Report as read and was seconded by Commissioner Cartwright. The Treasurer's Report was approved by 5-0 vote.

Public Works & Streets- Commissioner Buehl stated the sink hole on Cave Street is not in right of way and directed the property owner to contact Warren County Storm Water.

Police & Public Safety- Commissioner Schroader mentioned the KLC audit was underway, Chief Franks is working through department policies and procedures. Officer Hicks has completed his probationary period and is doing a great job. Officer Hicks has been designated as the taser training officer.

Cemetery – Commissioner Young is still working on getting quotes for the repair of the Chapel roof. He has spoken to the contractor, and he should receive the quote soon.

Code Enforcement – Commissioner Cartwright noted several properties with high grass and noted trash cleanup was done between the 200 and 300 block of Main Street. Attorney Moore reported the fence formerly in the right of way on Sunset has been moved. The Marr property dispute will be on the July agenda.

Mayor Stiffey mentioned that Jessie Varner will continue to represent Smiths Grove on the Aging Council Committee.

Mayor Stiffey proceeded with old business of the second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-002 the 2025-2026 Annual Budget. After reading, Commissioner Buehl made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-002 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

Mayor Stiffey made a motion to approve the invoice from Display Sales for \$3,624.00 for Christmas lights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schroader and was approved by 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Cartwright made a motion to approve the invoice from Brian Gaul for \$2,425 for spraying streets, sidewalks and alleyways. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schroader and was approved by 5-0 vote.

Mayor Stiffey read a proclamation for the Warren East Garden Club for the week of June 1, 2025, through June 7, 2025, for National Garden Week.

Mayor Stiffey then proceeded with the last item of business. There was discussion regarding the paving bids that were presented. The following roads and alleyways were discussed:

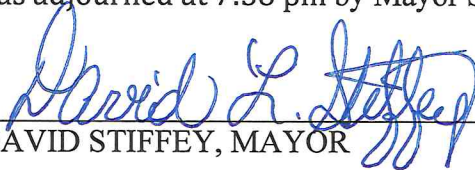
- Floral Avenue alley, alley off Mill Street, Alley near Beeler & Hedge, Alley between 6th & cemetery
Bid from Cleary: \$61,650
- Vincent Street
Bid from Cleary: \$49,600
- Sunset Ave
Bid from Cleary: \$16,700
- Kirby Street
Bid from Cleary: \$9,750
- Sunset Alley
Bid from Cleary: \$16,300
- TOTAL Bid: \$154,000

Commissioner Buehl made a motion to accept the bid from Cleary Construction; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schroader. The motion was approved by 5-0 vote.

Before the adjournment, Connie Laws expressed her gratitude to Sergeant Rick Bessette for his quick response to her 911 call regarding her husband Don.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED


DAVID STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST


ALICE ELKINS, CITY CLERK

DATE


Minutes were prepared by Alice Elkins, City Clerk