

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

All members were present: Mayor Watt, Commissioner Higginbotham, Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Martin Absent: Commissioner Pierce

Mayor Watt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Watt thanked everyone for being here also wanted to thank Debbie Samios who now is National City's Branch Manager.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting (November 26, 2008)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Varner second by C. Martin to approve said minutes. A roll call was taken. Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Minutes of Special Meeting (January 8 2008)

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none. Minutes of the above-referenced motion was made by C. Higginbotham second by C. Martin to approve said minutes. A roll call was taken. Roll call. Voting yes. C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report Dec 07

Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any questions with none Commissioner Varner made a motion second by Commissioner Higginbotham to approve the December 07 Treasurer Report. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Commissioner Higginbotham said he has no report

Police Report-

Commissioner Varner read November and December reports asked Chief Vance if he had anything to say. Chief Vance asked the Mayor and Commission if he could talk with them about a leave of absence. 3 months. Mayor Watt said that he thinks this is a personnel issue after the meeting they will call a closed session.

Street Report-

Mayor Watt said that Commissioner Pierce is not here, continue keeping his Dad in your prayers he is having surgery. Ralph said he recommends to the Mayor and Commission to release the monies all but about \$21,000. David Marr had a complaint about his property they need to put dirt back. Mayor said he would personally talk with the contractors about the dirt. Mayor Watt also wanted to let everyone to know the Terry checked

Commissioner Martin asked what was going on about the parking on the sidewalks. Mayor Watt asked Wes Milliken to answer that question. Wes said that the Ordinance the city has in place could be affective but it really should be amended with some additions to the wording. The Ordinance reads now no person shall encumber any street or sidewalk. No owner, occupant, or person having the care of any building or lot of land, bordering on any street or sidewalk, shall permit it to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans articles, or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof.

It should chance to NO person shall park on any city sidewalk. Commissioner Martin made a motion to amend Chapter 91.47 Street and Sidewalk Obstruction to add that NO person shall park on any city sidewalk. Commissioner Higginbotham second. Mayor Watt asked the Commission with further questions with none. A roll call was taken: Roll call: Voting yes: C. Higginbotham, C. Varner, Mayor Watt and C. Martin. Voting no: none:

Cemetery Report-

Commissioner Martin said that Jeremy wants to renew is contract Mayor Watt said that we would have to re-advertise for bids but that is on the agenda in New Business. Martha Watt read the Cemetery Quarterly Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification-

Sherry Higginbotham said no report.

Christmas Report

Porter Martin this year they will figure who is going to be the chairman for the parade. A meeting needs to get set.

Annexation

Commissioner Higginbotham said nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Mayor Watt said that he and the clerk had spoke with Alex Maxwell and the city has two options one is they can follow under the County, Or the city could have their own board, which needs to be at least a 3 member, and the Commission can not be on the board.

Mayor Watt said he thinks the County should just take over that way the city is not got that headache.

He will have to talk with the Judge and County Attorney if the Commission thinks the same. The Commission was all in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Order # 01-08

Mayor Watt explained to the Commission that the Kentucky League of Cities had done an audit on the Police Department and this Executive Order needs for me to sign so the city has this in file or the Insurance goes up. So he will be signing this tonight.

Pay elected Officials

Commissioner Martin said he feels that the Commission if they miss meetings they should get paid for it because not all meetings he can be here. The City Clerk had explained to Commissioner Martin that the Ordinance has also been set like that and it is hard enough sometimes to get a quorum here for meetings and all meetings are just as important as the next. The clerk did say that the Mayor and the Commission do get under paid but if anything change the salary but not the absence of the meetings.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to pay the Mayor and Commission even if they miss meetings Mayor Watt asked for a second died lack of second.

Contract for Cemetery Bid

Commissioner Martin said again that Jeremy does not wish to keep his contract he wants to renegotiate. Mayor Watt explained that the city needs to advertise for sealed bids.

Commissioner Higginbotham said he feels that the next contract should speculate that this should be in writing when a contractor chooses to not want to renew. Also add that the contractor is responsible for killing grass on the pavement.

Mayor Watt asked Commissioner Martin what about the City Grounds Commissioner
Martin said he did know nothing on that Jeremy never said.
Mayor Watt said that the clerk needs to do this 7 to 21 days before the next meeting.
Mayor Watt said he needs a motion to go into closed session for personnel matters, Chief
Vance said he has a change of plans.
Mayor Watt asked the Commission if there were any further questions with none he has a
invitation to announce that Betty Edwards Gilmor fund raising on her behalf will be on
Friday February 8, held at the Lion's Club everyone is invited to this.

Mayor Watt said with that the meeting is adjourned approximately at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
LARRY STEVE WATT, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DONNA L LOONEY, CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

Minutes were prepared by City Clerk Donna L Looney