



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: October 28, 2019

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Jody Donsbach – Present Carol Steck – Present
Rachel Smith – Present Mark Sarkan – Present
Bob Krabill – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Andrew Sonderman, Brian Dowell and Bev Rochte

MINUTES:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 23, 2019 as submitted.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Krabill to approve the bills dated October 1 – October 25, 2019.

Votes were: Sarkan – yes Steck – yes Smith – yes
 Donsbach- yes Krabill - yes

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach asked where the water leak was. Fiscal Officer said in the alley behind Lincoln Street.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Andrew Sonderman from Suburban Natural Gas gave the request for Community Development to the Fiscal Officer. He explained the Safety message from Suburban. If they get a call to the 811 number all the utilities in the area will be notified. They have seen a huge drop in dig ins since the implementation of the 811. Jim Graf noticed there are several gas meters located in the alleys in Grand Rapids close to where people drive is there some kind of program to put something up to protect those meters. Sonderman said to let them know about the meters that people are getting close too, its in their interest and yours to protect those and they would work with him on that. Bev Rochte asked how deep the gas lines are. Sonderman said the gas lines are no less than 18 to 24 inches. Sonderman said over the past several years the price of gas has gone down. Suburban sent out a notice of a rate increase they will be phasing this in over the next 3 years. This year the customer charge will increase for residential from \$29 to \$34. Next year to \$34.59, 2021 to \$34.72. Sarkan said he remembers from last year that the increase was for an expansion in another county. Sonderman said we are improving are areas everywhere. Sarkan asked what percentage from that increase is going to local and to

further away. Sonderman said they do not calculate it that way, the unit rate is all the same.

Brian Dowell of 17823 Monroe Street submitted information to Council. He has an ongoing issue. He has lived in this town for 19 years and he has never had an issue with his neighbors before now. Recently in the white house on the corner of Monroe Street and River Road new people moved in, they are the most disrespectful and arrogant people he has ever met. He has called the Sheriffs office 5 times in the last 6 months. There is an alley between the two properties and the prior owner of the house on the corner installed a fence in the alley. It never bothered him before but now with the new owners, he wants to request this fence to be removed. He referenced an ordinance that no parking is allowed in the alleys and they continue to park there. They have called the Sheriff about them parking in the alley and they will not do anything unless the Village enforces it. His request is to have the fence removed, he does not want their vehicles parked there anymore, and wants to have a no parking sign placed(he will even pay for it). If he is going to abide by the ordinances and setbacks then he wants his neighbors to as well, which means they need to remove the fence. Mayor said they will look into this. Kathy Weiging said the same house always has junk out for sale, don't they need a permit for that? No.

Bev Rochte asked about the sanitary sewer extension. She was not aware of a second petition going around. She does not want to pay a large sum of money, she would rather it on her taxes. Mayor said he believes the plans are drawn up. He will have to find out about that status of the petition and get back to them.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said the Applebutter Festival went well. He thought there was a steady attendance all day. Halloween Trick or Treat this Thursday weather not looking good. Kathy Weiging said in Haskins they have a parade on Saturday afternoon is this something the Village would consider doing. The Mayor said we always have it on Halloween, Donsbach said she likes it on Halloween. Brian Dowell asked if we could start Trick or Treat later than 5 pm possibly from 7 to 9 pm. Krabill said it is more of a 3 hour Halloween with the costume judging starting at 7 pm in the Fire Hall, this way its over by 8 and everyone can get home at a decent time. Krabill also said its lite out at 5 pm for the traffic and due to the lack of streetlights this way is safer. Kathy Weiging suggested possibly a 5:30 start time. Council said they can evaluate it for next year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Gave Council the September 2019 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor said he is on the emergency squad board. This is located on Kellogg Road. A few years ago we took it over from Saint V's and started running it as our own squad. They are just holding their own as of right now we

are not making money or losing money. They had to buy all their equipment to get started. There will be a renewal coming up soon.

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Krabill asked since Treen is gone do we need to elect a new Council President. Mayor said yes. Smith nominated Jody Donsbach for President of Council, Krabill seconded.

Votes were: Steck – yes Smith – yes Krabill – yes
 Sarkan – yes

MOTION APPROVED

COMMENTS: Krabill asked everyone in attendance to please go vote next Tuesday. Donsbach welcomed the High School students in attendance and thanked them for coming.

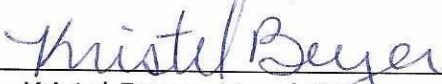
ADJOURNMENT:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach, to adjourn.

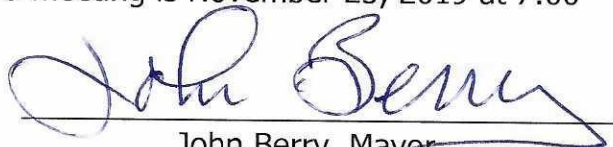
Votes were: Smith – yes Donsbach – yes Krabill – yes
 Sarkan – yes Steck – yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is November 25, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



John Berry, Mayor

All formal actions of the Council of The Village of Grand Rapids concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.