



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: September 14, 2020

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:48 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Carol Steck – Present
Mark Sarkan – Present
Rick Tolles – Present

Rachel Smith – Present
Jody Donsbach – Present
Bob Krabill – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Carole Sarkan, Amy Fitch, Bev Rochte, Robert Stickley and Peggy Seab

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 10, 2020.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated August 21 – September 2, 2020 and the bills dated September 3 – September 10, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Carole Sarkan gave Council a flyer she made, with the original idea coming from Josh Garber. The Grand Rapids Arts Council is sponsoring a Halloween decorating contest for the Village and Township involving both residences and businesses. Applications can be found at www.grandrapidsartscouncil.org. There will be first, second and third place awarded prizes that will consist of cash coupons to use at the Grand Rapids stores. They are calling this the Ghostly Gilead Drive-By. Mayor stated this sounds like a great idea but doesn't think this needs approval from Village Council. Mayor and Council thanked them for explaining the idea and can't wait to see all the decorating. Administrator asked Carole about the mural project for across the street. Carole stated they are down to 4 artists. She has an issue with them starting the painting in October and thinks it may be too cold to paint. Carole stated once they make a decision, they will let Council know.

Robert Stickley gave Council a letter of questions and concerns on the sewer system. Mayor thanked them for bringing this to their attention. We will go over your questions and concerns and get back to you on them. Administrator was not aware of them starting hydro seeding. He will look into this tomorrow.

Peggy Seab had a question on the Ordinance that was passed Ordinance 2020-1 and was wondering if that was posted online somewhere. Also asked if the office was open yet? She also questioned Chads report it says its attached to the Official minutes but the report is not online. She stated it would be nice if the Mayor stated we can arrange to get her copies of the items she

wants. Peggy stated it would be helpful if it was all online for clarity then the whole community can look at it. Mayor stated send Kristel an email on what you want and she can get you a copy.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated its still nice to see the town so busy. Mayor said the bridge construction at the state park has been altered. The town has been colored teal with ribbons.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Gave Council the August 2020 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Also the Erica from the Chamber asked when the Chamber applications will be discussed. Council asked for them to attend the next meeting.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: A Finance, Wage and Audit Committee was scheduled for Sept. 28th @ 6 pm at the Fire Hall to discuss pay ordinance and street levy.

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor asked Administrator about getting prices on roll offs. Has not got any confirmed prices. Administrator asked Council if they would like the Chamber on the Agenda for the next meeting. Council agreed. Sarkan had a thought about the bike racks Council was talking about. He has been to a few parks and thinks using a split rail fence and put a sign on it the states bike rack or bike corral. Smith stated she found a bike rack that looks like a bike or decorative and possibly getting the Arts Council involved. Steck asked if we can fit the bike racks in the tear drop shape brick areas downtown. Smith stated possibly. Administrator stated the grant has been filed and he did include bike racks. Administrator talked with the Bike place and possibly installing them in front of the planters there. The guy as fine with it.

NEW BUSINESS: Krabill asked about Halloween. Mayor stated we also need to think about Santa. Krabill thinks we need to make a decision at the next meeting. Administrator stated getting guidance from the Health Department. Donsbach stated that it would be subject to change if we were to go into the red level.

COMMENTS: None


ADJOURNMENT:

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

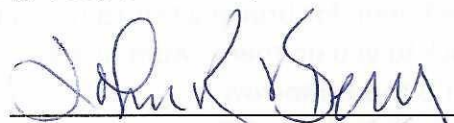
Votes were:	Tolles - yes	Sarkan – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Krabill – yes	Smith - yes	Steck - yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Fire 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.