



MEETING MINUTES
GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION



Held: September 28, 2020

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:10 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

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2020-5: An Ordinance Amending and Establishing Pay Schedules for the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

MOTION APPROVED

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Erica Stoner

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2020.

Sarkan stated there is one correction that needs made. Josh Garber had the original idea for the Halloween event and Carole was the one that made the flyer. This will be corrected.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated September 11 – September 24, 2020.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Erica Stoner is here to discuss the applications for Christmas Open House and Light the Night events. Erica stated they understand that we will not be able to do things that they usually would. We have already discussed the singers not going into the stores, we will have to wear face masks, we will not be roasting marshmallows, and for the light the night we will not be doing a kid craft. Mayor stated that the wagon ride probably should not happen either. Mayor stated we worked with the Historical Society about the Applebutter Festival and we both decided to cancel. Erica stated we understand that you guys need to do what’s best for the community and everyone’s safety. Mayor asked Council their thoughts. Sarkan asked for the approximate number of people that come into town for this. Erica stated a couple thousand between the two days. She also stated her store is usually packed during this. Erica stated we will have to restrict this considering the CDC rules. Steck asked if the stores have signs stating the restrictions of customers, Erica stated her store does but she is unsure of other stores. Krabill asked if they reached out to the choirs yet. Erica stated she does the advertising so she is unsure. Donsbach stated it’s up to the

schools if they are doing events or not, some schools are and some are not. Erica stated Father Christmas usually walks around handing out candy canes, we will not be handing out candy canes this year. Sarkan asked what the percentage of sales taken over that weekend versus any other time of the year. Erica stated she can speak on her store only but probably twice as much than an average weekend. Donsbach she is concerned possibly not advertising for it but just let people come into town like an average weekend. Mayor stated there was an outbreak in one of the stores and they closed for a while. Erica completely understands if we do not do these events this year it's a really hard discussion. Smith agrees with Donsbach with letting it happen fluidly and not by advertising. Donsbach stated the town has been busy without advertising events. Krabill stated most of the issues are the things with people congregating in groups, like ice sculpting, carolers and wagon rides. Donsbach clarified that anything that people can congregate to is a no. Krabill stated the businesses can advertise their sales but not anything outside that involves people congregating. Erica asked about light the night. This event has a lot of people and they are waiting in line for the parade. Donsbach stated if people are congregating then no. Administrator asked about the Fireman's parade for Halloween. Mayor has not heard anything but thinks it would not be happening. Donsbach stated she will miss the Christmas Open House and the Light the Night event. Smith agreed they are both fantastic events but we are in a strange situation. Erica understood. Mayor asked Council their decision.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve the Chambers application for the Christmas Open House.

Votes were:	Sarkan – no	Steck – no	Smith – no
	Donsbach – no	Krabill – no	Tolles – no

MOTION FAILS

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the Light the Night parade to be held in December.

Votes were:	Steck – no	Smith – no	Donsbach – no
	Krabill – no	Tolles – no	Sarkan – no

MOTION FAILS

Krabill suggested if anyone has any questions to contact us. Erica asked if we can still advertise that businesses will be open and set up for Christmas. Council said yes. Mayor thanked Erica for being so understanding.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor attended the Ed Byers dedication of Rt 65 on Thursday. He said it was a very nice ceremony. Mayor stated there was items in the street and if anyone sees this again to let the Mayor know. The Sheriff was called and stated this was okay to be in the street and the Mayor stated this is not the case. We will contact the Sheriffs office to let them know. There was vandalism on the bridge embankment that Smith contacted him about, the Mayor went and cleaned it up over the weekend. There was also someone digging in the park which is not allowed. Mayor stated the town is still super busy. The Administrator and I interviewed 5 people for the open position.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator read his report; it will be attached to the Official Minutes. Council discussed the location for the bike repair stand. The area chose was near the information cabin, to make a cement slab to attach to it. Steck asked how people will know it's there.

Administrator stated we would get some signage. Mayor asked if there is any need for the cameras that could look through lines. Administrator stated we have only used this service once, if we do use it more we would then look into purchasing one.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

Fiscal Officer stated we received the 2nd round of Cares Act money totaling \$13,029.38. We need to amend our Official Certificate of Estimates Resources to include this amount so we can then be able to appropriate to spend it.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to amend the current Official Certificate of Estimates Resources to include the 2nd round of Cares Act funding in the amount of \$13,029.38.

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

MOTION APPROVED

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor received an email from Kimberly Allensworth about the ODOT project for Wapakoneta Road. Administrator stated he forwarded that email to Poggemeyer.

COMMITTEES: Smith stated we held a finance committee meeting tonight and reviewed the pay schedule ordinance and the tax levy amounts that were determined by the budget commission. All of these items are on the agenda this evening and she will provide a written report.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Amending Appropriation Ordinance 2020-2.

Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2020-11: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donbach to approve Resolution 2020-10: A Resolution Amending Appropriation Ordinance 2020-2.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve Resolution 2020-11: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2020-5: An Ordinance Amending and Establishing Pay Schedules for the Village of Grand Rapids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor stated we need to discuss Halloween Trick or Treating. The Governor gave the go ahead to communities and put out restrictions last Friday. Smith stated she is in favor of Trick or Treating. She feels that people that are not in favor will not participate and they people that are will. As for the parade she is not in favor of the parade since we did not approve

the other parade. Donsbach asked if we can mandate that we puts that on. Mayor stated that the Fire Department has been doing it. Mayor doesn't know what they decided. Krabill stated most municipalities are doing Trick or Treating and no parades, he made a flyer we can put out for reference. Mayor clarified so we are doing Trick or Treating but no parade. Council agreed. Krabill asked when and what time. Mayor stated on Halloween and from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Krabill thanked Chad for his email sent with the answers to the questions asked. Krabill asked if there was any feedback. Administrator stated no.

NEW BUSINESS: Tolles has a problem that he would like to get some advice, it's about cats. He has a neighbor that has two cats that keep using his flowerbeds as litter box and gets on his picnic table. Can we enforce a leash law? Mayor wasn't sure if there is a leash law for cats. Tolles stated Bowling Green has a leash law for cats. Administrator stated that a person has to keep their animals on their own property. Tolles said possibly calling animal control. Tolles stated in the trailer court there are cats running everywhere. Mayor stated possibly calling the Humane Society on what your legalities are. Sarkan asked if he checked with the County Sheriff's office if they have had this issue before and how it gets resolved. Tolles said he has not. Tolles stated his other neighbor in the back keeps getting cats prints all over their vehicles. Smith stated that there are feral cats around town and she has the same issue with them using their mulch. Tolles stated he knows that they are the neighbor cats and not feral. Donsbach stated since we are on this subject in the past week and a half when she is out walking her dogs on a leash. There have been three different dogs on three different occasions that have been in their front yards and they have charged her dogs that are on a leash. Her concern is people are not taking care of their dogs. Steck stated we can send a reminder to residents for all animals. Krabill asked when the next newsletter goes out. We usually only send one in the Spring. Administrator stated when we send notification out for unlimited pickup if it happens we can also send a reminder about animals. Smith stated she feels this way and she doesn't have a dog with her.

COMMENTS: Donsbach wondered if the Sheriff's Department changed their policy on Deputies attending meetings. Administrator stated he would send an email to Lt. Conrad. Smith thanked the Mayor for cleaning up the graffiti in such a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is October 26, 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.