



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: November 23, 2020

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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 Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mark Sarkan – Present  
 Bob Krabill – Present  
 Jody Donsbach – Present

Rick Tolles – Present  
 Carol Steck – Present  
 Rachel Smith – Absent

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** None

**MINUTES:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2020.

**BILLS:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated October 25 – November 5, 2020 and bills dated November 6 – November 19, 2020.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor asked if the Sheriff invoice for \$8,885.76 was for the month of October. Fiscal Officer stated yes it's for one month. Steck ask if the Deputies know that we are meeting in the Old Fire Hall, Administrator stated yes but they usually come to the first meeting of the month.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** Administrator introduced the new Village employee Dillon Farley to Council. Mayor asked how Dillon was liking the position so far. Dillon said its good. Mayor stated that he hopes he enjoys the position and makes a career of it.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor stated we did some interesting things with the Covid grant. We made the restrooms touchless and we are waiting on laptops so we can make our meetings virtual. Mayor stated we also met with a man that has made a demo website for us. Mayor thinks this new website update is great. Mayor asked Kristel to send the link to Council. Mayor asked Council to comment and make suggestions for any changes.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

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

Sarkan asked if we got a location from the developers so we can go see what they done elsewhere. Administrator stated they have not done a subdivision themselves, this was a misunderstanding. When they were showing pictures to us, we assumed they had done those subdivisions but they did not. Administrator stated the Planning Commission meeting is strictly for rezoning and if this gets approved then the developers will have to submit a preliminary plot plan. Then this plot plan will also need approved. Sarkan questioned so this company has done other subdivisions with

others but not their own stand alone. Administrator stated yes. Donsbach asked if this was something we misunderstood or they misrepresented. Administrator stated he misunderstood. Donsbach just wanted to clarify. Sarkan asked how long they have been doing development. Administrator stated a long time.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Gave Council the October 2020 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing.

Fiscal Officer stated we have the third reading of Ordinance 2020-5, after this reading the Ordinance can be approved tonight.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

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

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Tolles for passage of Ordinance 2020-5: An Ordinance Amending and Establishing Pay Schedules for the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2020-5 has passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Steck asked if the bike repair stand was installed. Administrator stated it will be installed in the Spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tolles asked if our guys did the cleanup by the train tracks on Third Street. Mayor stated that is not our property, it's the trains so it was not our guys. Tolles stated he was going to compliment the guys if they did it.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve appointing Martha Frantz to the Planning Commission for the term ending 2026.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve appointing Don Grimm to the Planning Commission for the term ending 2025.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Krabill made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve the purchase of Christmas hams for each of the Liberty Center employees that helped us out with our water line break.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

