

# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION



Held: February 8, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:26 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	Rachel Smith – Absent
Mark Sarkan - Present	Jody Donsbach – Present
Bob Krabill – Present	Rick Tolles – Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** Diana Votava and Gary Loboschefski

#### **MINUTES:**

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25, 2021.

#### **BILLS:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Steck to approve the bills dated January 22 – February 4, 2021.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Berry stated approval of bills have passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** Diana Votava brought a sample of the Julie Pontasch Memorial the Arts Council wants to install on the Wright Pavilion. The artist has decided to do stained glass. Diana showed a rendering of what it would look like to Council. It will be tempered glass hung with steel wire cables. Diana stated if Council approves then they will give the artist the go ahead. Administrator asked if the stained glass was going to be inside of a case? Diana said that has to be clarified but it is tempered glass so it should be sturdy, they are going to go with what the artist recommends. Gary thought Joe Long was thinking about putting an acrylic overlay on it. Diana said they are excited about this project and think it will look very nice in that location. Diana hopes everyone also liked the mural that was done. They want to put up a plaque on one of the Wright Pavilion posts. They gave a sample of the verbiage of the plaque they were thinking of using. Diana asked Council if they had anything else to add to the

verbiage or take away. Gary stated the plaque would be the size of one of the pillar width. Gary stated he talked with the Administrator on how insurance would work for this. Gary stated the Administrator called him and stated since this would be attached to Village property it would be covered under the Villages policy. Gary said so this would be donated to the Village and then would become Village property. Gary asked the Administrator if they needed the value of this, Administrator stated yes then he would let the Villages Insurance company know. Sarkan asked if they would like comments now on the verbiage. Diana stated sure. Sarkan suggested since this is in memory of Julie that he would move the information about the artist down below. They agreed it was a great idea. Diana stated if Council thinks of other ideas please give her a call. Mayor asked if the art would swing, Diana stated no they would be attached by cables.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor received a complaint concerning an establishment in town because they are overcrowding. He stated streets have been taken care of but some places we could use more stones in the intersections. Otherwise streets look good.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator stated Sarkan had asked him how much sidewalk needs replaced and how much it would cost. Administrator took one of Poggemeyer maps that was made to configure this. We can spend up to \$50,000 without bidding, so we should get some contractors in here to give us some quotes. He stated we can take care of the bad and unsafe sidewalks from Wapakoneta to Saylor Lane with the monies from the gas company. Steck asked about the missing sidewalks, Administrator said that would not cover those. He came up with 7,920 linear feet of sidewalks that need fixed. Administrator stated we can have a sidewalk committee meeting to start discussion on where to start and prioritize them. He did inform the gas company the first reading was completed by council. The developers have been notified of the completed first reading as well. The developers may have a rough draft completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor asked if we can move money to make sure the sidewalk fund still has money in it. Administrator stated once the suburban monies are used up we can budget in the Lands and Buildings of the General Fund or transfer money from General to Sidewalk Fund.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Gave Council the December 2020 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Told Council we have two Ordinances on the agenda that are the second reading only.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** Mayor stated we will have to schedule a sidewalk committee meeting on what the Administrator has discussed.

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor gave the second reading to Ordinance 2021-1: An Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Mayor gave the second reading to Ordinance 2021-2: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to execute a certain pipeline sale and purchase agreement with Delaware Properties, LLC, and to undertake all steps necessary to complete the requirements of the contract, and establishing a sidewalk construction/improvement fund for deposit of the sale proceeds.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor asked if we decided on a sopt for the bike repair station. Administrator stated yes near the information cabin, we will pour a little section of concrete and mount it there. Mayor has had a question about the Applebutter Festival again today.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

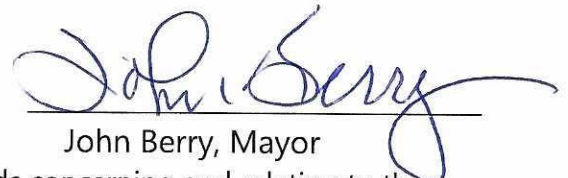
Votes were:	Steck – yes	Tolles - yes	Sarkan – yes
	Donsbach –yes	Krabill - yes	

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is February 22, 2021 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.