



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: May 10, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:19 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

Krabill made a motion, seconded Donsbach to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 26, 2021.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills dated April 23 – May 6, 2021.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor asked about the bi-weekly cleaning at the public restrooms. Do we still have Covid funds for this. Kristel stated the Covid funds are used up for the cleaning of the public restrooms.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF’S REPORT: Gave Mayor monthly report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor asked if anyone has been checking on the Town Hall since we haven’t been meeting there. Administrator stated we go in and spot check it. Mayor received an email from the Toledo Chamber. They are working on something called a Hyperloop. They are developing a transportation system that brings airplane speeds to the ground safely and efficiently that connects Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburgh in minutes, rather than hours. There is a meeting on this, Wednesday at 1 pm. Mayor wanted to express his thanks for everyone working during this time. People are not going to work right now and he thanks everyone for what they are doing, people don’t hear that enough.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator stated at the end of the meeting he would like to request an executive session for reviewing an employees probation period. We had a gentleman request a street light in an alley by the corner of Third Street and Beaver Street. He asked Council to think about if they would like to allow that. At the last meeting he mentioned the people that normally reserve the Wright Pavillion for a reunion of 20 people, he wants to know if Council will allow this reservation. We received our 40 ton of road salt per our contract. Council

received a copy of the movie night application from David Fowler which is being sponsored by the Arts Council. Rita Foos offered the Township employee and equipment to help us with installing our new road signs, Chad will be setting this up with the township employee. We received the 2022 Wood County Park Grant application that is due by Oct. 22nd. One possibility would be the Baseball Group may be requesting funds to put towards the fields. Administrator talked with a gentleman that owns Maumee Bait and Tackle he will be purchasing the Kayak building across from the Town Hall. He hopes to have it up and running by Memorial Day, he may also buy their other building. Administrator is still waiting on the prices for the sidewalks. All the paperwork has been completed for the sale of the gas system. We should be receiving the check either this week or early next week. Unlimited pickup went extremely well, they were done by 9:30 am. We will be receiving invoice for this service soon. It looks like everything was picked up that residents put out. Administrator stated Council or the Planning Commission needs to look at additional requirements for fences in our zoning. There are so many people putting up fences in the Village. Administrator thinks we need to require a permit and a survey prior to installing a fence, this way people will know for sure where their property line is. Mayor stated up on West Street right across from A+ Engineering a guy put a fence up. A guy with an adjacent property called the Mayor and told him that he thought his neighbor installed their fence on his property. Mayor told him the Village does not get involved with property lines but the best thing to do is to get your property surveyed then you will know where your property line is. The guy got his property surveyed and found out the fence was over into his property by 10 feet. Krabill asked if we scheduled the next date for unlimited pickup since it went so well. Administrator stated yes. Krabill stated now that we have more event requests in can we require that the requests will follow the Covid guidelines as they are stated at the time of the event since they are always changing. Administrator stated yes that would be a great way to do it. Krabill asked about the public restroom cleaning and the covid funds being used up, do we want our employees to start cleaning the restrooms since the funds are used. Administrator stated he hasn't given that a thought its been going so smooth with them doing it. Krabill would be comfortable with continuing the service short-term. Kristel stated we could use the Lands and buildings operating and maintenance funds to pay for it in the meantime. Smith suggested reviewing this at the first meeting of each month. Krabill said talking about the zoning code and fences, it was his understanding that when our new website was up and running we were going to be reviewing and potentially starting a new code. Administrator stated we discussed going through our existing code and changing things or we adopt a whole entire new code. Administrator stated he thinks we should adopt a new code. Administrator stated he will see what the price would be by changing things in our current code or adopting a new one. Administrator stated he will work on it. Krabill thanked him. Donsbach asked about the laptops we received with Covid money. Administrator stated they are in our office. Mayor stated let's get them out and going. Kristel stated she could bring to our next meeting for Council.

Smith suggested using drop box the app for Council Packets. Smith asked if there is internet in this building. No one was aware of any internet in the building. Steck asked about the Movie night and them needing power but how about restrooms for them to use. Administrator stated they were planning on using Lincoln Street. Kristel wondered if the bathrooms would be open that late because the cleaning people lock it up at night. Smith said someone asked her why the bathrooms were locked on a Sunday afternoon. Kristel stated she does recall the bathrooms being locked because someone made a mess in there and then waiting for the cleaning people to take care of. Mayor stated the restrooms will need to stay unlocked for this evening. Administrator stated keeping them unlocked won't be a problem but they could also use the Town Hall. Someone would have to keep an eye on it. Tolles asked weren't they supposed to have a plan on how they were going to follow covid guidelines, he also thought that having it in the evening at the park could be a conflict for people using the playground. Administrator asked if Council wants him to come to the next meeting. Mayor said yes. Smith suggested having him provide a list of provisions for covid regulations. Steck asked what his plan was for people to bring a blanket or chairs. Administrator stated he will have him come to the next meeting to answer the questions. Steck asked if there is a plug for him to use on the Town Hall, Administrator thinks there is one close enough. Mayor asked if there is any movement on the houses that need the grass cut. Yes, we have contacted the mowing company for the house on the corner of Bridge and Second to be mowed tomorrow, all the others have been mowed.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Gave Council the April 2021 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Gave Council a copy of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for their information.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2021-4: ordinance authorizing the village administrator to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of a 2022 Silverado 1500 regular cab 2wd item # 38690 through the Ohio cooperative bid program.

Administrator stated the company that has the state bid, they can't take orders for 2021 anymore. The guy will let the Administrator know probably next week if they will honor the current state bid pricing for the 2022 models.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to waive the three readings and declare an emergency to Ordinance 2021-4: Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase of a 2022 Silverado 1500 Regular Cab 2 WD Item #38690 Through the Ohio Cooperative Bid Program.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill for passage of Ordinance 2021-4.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Ordinance 2021-4 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kristel stated Lynn Long contacted her to find out the status of the Rhythym on the River application. Asked Council what they want her to do. Donsbach stated to let her know we cannot move forward until we receive the information on how they will be conforming to the covid regulations. Council agreed. Kristel will contact her.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Donsbach made a motion seconded by Steck to go into executive session to include the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer for the purpose of reviewing the employee probationary period.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Steck to go back into regular session.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach after the review in executive session to extend the probationary period for Dillon Farley to be reviewed again in 90 days.

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

MOTION APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids 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.