



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: May 24, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:51 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:** David Fowler

**MINUTES:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2021.

**BILLS:**

Administrator asked Council to add the Heartland Disposal bill to the list of bills for the unlimited pickup totaling \$7,162.40.

Smith made a motion, seconded by Krabill to approve the bills dated May 7 – May 20, 2021.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor asked if the company went over the expected tonnage for the playground mulch. Administrator stated yes. We will be getting \$1700 or \$1800 back from the park grant.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** David Fowler was here to answer any questions that Council had on his reservation for Howard Park Movie Nights. Tolles asked the time of the movie, David stated probably 7 pm to 11 pm to allow an hour of setup. Tolles asked about other families using the playground, how would that effect the movie. David stated it shouldn't affect people using the playground equipment. He actually wanted to use this area so kids could use it during the movie, some kids won't be able to sit through the entire movie. Steck asked where the movie screen would be or the planned layout, David stated close to the Town Hall facing the old fire hall. Donsbach asked if he is using personal equipment. David stated yes. Donsbach asked what type of movies will be played. David stated G or PG only. Krabill asked if he talked to neighboring houses. He has not but would be willing to. Krabill asked the Administrator if this would be in violation of any ordinance. Administrator stated no. Administrator asked if people bring their own snacks. David stated yes. Steck asked about the restrooms available. David stated he will ask the Historical Society to use the old Fire Hall and the Lincoln street public restrooms. He is willing to clean and lock

them up. Krabill stated at the time of the movie the restaurant and bars will be open so you may not want families walking to Lincoln street. Administrator stated he could use the Town Hall restrooms. Mayor stated for the Rhythm on the River Series they needed to meet some criteria for covid restrictions such as face masks and social distancing. Will you be planning on having signage to promote that? David stated if Council would like he would be happy to put signage up. Administrator stated the Health Department is supposed to be making signs for people to use during things like this. Mayor stated it's the same thing we are doing for the Historical Society. Smith just wanted to remind him to talk to the neighboring properties to let them know. Smith stated it's a great idea and thanked him for putting it together. Donsbach asked who was funding the entire project, David stated he was but the Arts Council is providing the insurance and possibly volunteers. Mayor said he also thinks it's a great idea but thinks we should get things in writing so we are clear on what is expected. David will send an email to the Administrator with the items. Donsbach expressed that it will be dark and located near the river, she doesn't want kids to wander and get lost. Administrator suggested blocking off the bridge for everyone's safety during the movie. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the movie nights in the park pending receiving the items discussed in writing.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor received a letter from Habitat of Humanity that they are looking for property in town to either buy or donate.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Administrator stated today we received a draft copy for our sewer discharge permit. We have 30 days to review it. He will review in detail and will give Council a full report on it.

St Rt 65 and Wapakoneta drawings have been received for resurfacing, right now the only sidewalk they are replacing is from Second Street to Third Street. He will ask why others are not in the plans. We also received the plans for the Rt 65 project on Second Street they will be widening the intersection at Front Street on the Cemetery side 6.5 feet they also will be widening the east side 4.5 feet to allow trucks to be able to make the turns. He had asked them to do the alley approaches along Second Street but that was not in the plans he will ask them about it.

We had a request for a memorial bench along the river. Asked Council their thoughts. Mayor suggested placing some on the North side of the towpath towards the canal but still facing the river. Council will think about options. Donsbach asked about the hole at West and Second Street will this be fixed when Rt 65 is redone. Admin will ask ODOT, he thinks there is a survey pin there. Steck asked about the ODOT widening of Rt 65 of 6.5 feet. Administrator stated 6.5 feet the entire length of the Cemetery property then 4.5 feet the other direction this is all within the right of way.



Tolles asked about the bike repair station. Administrator stated the footer is in and it will probably be installed this week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**COMMENTS:** Steck asked if the docks are in yet. Administrator stated no. Steck asked when will they go in. Administrator stated hopefully this week. We will be trying to attempt to remove the log jam out back here. Smith asked if he was talking about the one at the mouth of the canal. Administrator stated no that's the State Parks. Smith doesn't think we should put the docks in until the log jams are taken care of. Steck asked if we flush the hydrants periodically, Administrator stated twice a year.

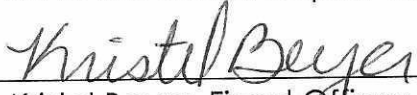
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is June 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Old Fire Hall.

  
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 Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer

  
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 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.