



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 12, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:52 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 - Present  
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 June 28, 2021.

**BILLS:**

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills dated June 25 – July 8, 2021.

Votes were:

Smith – yes  
Sarkan – yes

Tolles – yes  
Krabill – yes

Steck – yes  
Donsbach - yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** None

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Gave Mayor monthly report. Deputy asked Council if they had any concerns. Mayor stated there have been 2 or 3 kids riding dirt bikes and a four-wheeler down Bridge Street, Second Street and through town. Deputy stated we will educate them. Sarkan asked if the Sheriff Office had any complaints on the motor cycle noise. Deputy stated one person called about them speeding down Second Street. Sarkan got a complaint on the motor cycle noise. Deputy said he would look into it and see if it would be a violation. Donsbach asked if it happens day or night. Sarkan stated both and then there is one that comes through at 3 am. The Deputy stated hopefully we will have answers next time. Mayor and Council thanked the Deputy.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor said we have a resident on Woodburn Ave. starting a tree service. There are trucks parked along the road as well as a boat. The back yard has a lot of wood piling up. He feels we need to send them a letter. Steck asked if we allow businesses out of homes. Administrator stated you are allowed to have a semi professional business like beauticians and CPA's, not like this person is doing.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Administrator said the State came to insect the Town Hall elevator and it was not operational. We have 30 days to make repairs or take out of service. Asked Council if they want to repair it. Krabill asked when we did

this last, Administrator stated last year. Donsbach asked if its because of the temperature is not regulated. Administrator stated that is one reason. Sarkan asked if we can get it retrofitted for new electronics. Administrator said he looked at the replacement cost and it was three times the cost. Smith wants to fix this ongoing issue, should we have someone go run it once a week. Administrator suggested installing a fan in the controls, this may help. He will have the company come out to look at it. Mayor stated we can possibly put a strip heater. Sarkan wonders what the issue is doing to the entire building and not just the elevator. We could have a bigger issue. Administrator said we applied for the American Rescue Plan Act and we will be receiving \$52,585.03 this year. Administrator gave a list of uses to Council. At the next meeting Kristel will have more information on what needs approved to continue with spending this funding. We received the final Plat 1 for River Crossing. Planning Commission will be holding a hearing on July 22, 2021 at 6pm for consideration. The developers have two houses designed by the Architect, they will be opening the place on Front Street soon. The original Cul-de-sac is not included in Plat 1, it will be in Plat 2. Tim Brown mailed information to Council. He is requesting vacating the alley on the east side of his house. Sarkan asked about the alley by the Entenmanns that is seeded. Administrator said they requested the alley to be vacated and it was denied but they were allowed to seed it. Council scheduled a public hearing for July 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss the request to vacate the alley. Administrator stated this month was terrible with USPS, he is going to put a phone call into Latta's Office. Krabill asked if we will be waiving the fee's for the mail issue. Administrator said we have not because on the back of our bills it states failure to receive your bill doesn't waive the penalty. Sarkan thought Plat 1 was already approved. Administrator stated that was the preliminary plat that was approved and this is the final Plat 1. Administrator mentioned signs in the Village if you have 40 ft of frontage than you can have 80 square feet of signage. Steck asked about painting windows is this considered a sign. Administrator stated yes we just square off the verbaige for the sign total.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Gave Council the June 2021 Bank Reconciliation with accompanying Bank Statements. Gave Finance Committee Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Listing. Explained to Council we have a third reading of an Ordinance tonight so this can be approved after the reading.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEES:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Berry gave the third reading to Ordinance 2021-6: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate agreement and execute a deed and all other documents necessary to complete the sale of Village parcel number E19-509-070000036001.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill for passage of Ordinance 2021-6: Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate agreement and execute a deed and all other documents necessary to complete the sale of Village parcel number E19-509-070000036001.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2021-6 has passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tolles received an email from a lady about doing fireworks in Grand Rapids. Mayor talked to her as well and explained to her that the fire department used to handle it and believed it was funded by donations. Administrator stated fire departments are no longer allowed to do this. People have to be certified to set off fireworks now. Mayor stated the lady may be pursuing this for next year.

**COMMENTS:** Tolles said the property along Wapakoneta and Second Street needs mowed. There is also a house on Monroe Street that looks terrible they have closet doors sitting in between the bushes. Tolles asked about the movie night, there hasn't been much publicity on it. He used to get notifications but he doesn't anymore. Ms. Miller stated David Fowler created a page for the movie night and the next one is scheduled for this Friday. Sarkan asked about Code Red is this something we could use to send out this type of information. Administrator stated we can get a hold of them to see if we can get someone to come into the office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


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

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

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