



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 24, 2023

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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:

Rachel Smith – Present

Rick Tolles – Present

Jody Donsbach – Present

Martha Frantz - Present

Lynn Sylvain – Present

Alex Glassford – Present

EMPLOYEES: Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Margo Deidrick

MINUTES: Smith made a motion, seconded by Donsbach to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2023.

Sylvain stated what is missing is the list of Planning Commission Members and the duplication of the council, she wants to see that written. Donsbach stated the minutes are an overview not word for word and she believes the Planning Commission is listed on our website. Kristel stated she thinks so but knows they are listed in the Village brochure that is mailed out to village residents.

Mayor stated minutes are approved as presented.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the bills from April 7 – April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$32,044.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes

Frantz – yes

Sylvain – no, not without receipts Smith – yes

Tolles – yes

Glassford - yes

MOTION APPROVED

Sylvain asked what the \$722 Cline Trucking invoice for berm stone was used for. Kristel stated alleys and road sides. Mayor stated it is stocked piled at the Administration Office. Sylvain asked about the AIM Media \$99 invoice. Kristel stated we posted the Planning Commission meeting and our annual weed and grass posting.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Margo Deidrick submitted an application for use of public property for Grand Rapids Little League for the Applebutter Fest. Margo stated the application is the same. Mayor said the parking area there is deteriorating, Margo said they actually roped that off and had no parking there and it worked really well. Donsbach asked if they park in the grass to unload, Margo stated there will be no driving on the grass like previous years.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz to approve the application for use of public property from the Grand Rapids Little League for the 2023 Applebutter Fest.

Votes were: Sylvain – yes

Tolles – yes

Smith – yes

Glassford – yes

Frantz – yes

Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated we also have Alva N Sidle Post 232 application for the Memorial Day parade. Smith made a motion seconded by Frantz to approve the application for use of public property for nonprofit organizations to sponsor events and activities for Alva N Sidle Post 232 to present the Memorial Day parade at Howard Park on May 29, 2023 from 10am to 12pm.

Votes were: Smith – yes Frantz – yes Tolles – yes
 Glassford – yes Donsbach – yes Sylvain – yes

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mayor read Administrators report. The compost sign is ordered. Panning Excavating will be fixing the catch basin for \$3,100. We received another sidewalk quote, currently have two quotes, others are too busy and are not interested. He received some pricing for redoing the parking lot by the old Junior High and behind the businesses with also making it bigger.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated we had a small issue with unlimited pickup, some residents did not get their items picked up. We contacted the company today and items should be picked up by the end of the day. Tolles stated the catch basin in front of his home is almost full of leaves, Kristel will let the guys know.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Smith stated she will be scheduling a council of the whole meeting on DORA once she gathers more information. She will also be trying to schedule it with a representative from the businesses to get their input since they would be the ones to implement this.

ORDINANCES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain asked the status of Peggy's water issue. Mayor stated it is for sewer and there was an offer presented, we have not scheduled another meeting to discuss with Peggy. Peggy stated the amount was offered to be credited off one of their other parcels sewer tap fee, that is not what they want, she wants the amount off her current property. Mayor stated we can do that. Smith stated if further discussion is needed then that should be between the Seab's, the Solicitor and the Mayor.

Sylvain asked Smith if she is ready to meet on the vision statement. Smith stated she is focusing on the DORA and will work towards the vision statement and needs assessment. Sylvain stated last meeting chickens came up and the Planning Commission did not make any recommendation to council. Sylvain feels the council could still vote on this and Smith had stated the proposal was not accepted the way it was. Sylvain asked why doesn't the council of the whole come up with the conditions that would be acceptable. Smith stated at the last meeting it was discussed that they were taking it to the ballot. Smith stated she explained this at the last meeting, this ordinance has been in place since 1979. Sylvain would like to list criteria for someone to present another proposal. Smith stated we did this at the Planning Commission meeting, it was asked who was going to police it, what happens when you have more than 6, what happens when your neighbor is mad because they are not taking care of the waste, we discussed property lines and where they would need to place the coup, we discussed multiple things. Sylvain would like to discuss the American Resuce Plan Funds and asked Tolles if he wanted to. Tolles stated he believes we are waiting on information that Chad is supposed to receive and he believes that it is for water issues. Smith stated it would be nice to receive information that wants to be

presented at our meeting prior to our meeting, so all of council can be prepared with an answer. She thinks this would be great for preparation. Frantz asked Kristel to email the list of criteria for the American Rescue Plan to council. Sylvain asked for a list of issues that came up from the chickens. Sylvain asked about the emergency response system and wants to make sure we are prepared for things like the train derailment or a tornado. Kristel stated the Village has a contingency plan that gets exercised every year and gets reviewed by the EPA and in a disaster situation that would be at a county level, the Wood County EMA. Mayor explained to Sylvain that we have emergency response at the county level and that is who we follow. Frantz suggested going to Wood County Sheriff department or the Emergency Rescue, there are a core of people that are volunteers and she was a member. Frantz stated we receive information, we have drills and we had mock poison relief. Frantz stated if Sylvain goes there and inquires, she will be impressed with what is already in place. Sylvain stated the clock is still not fixed. Frantz stated when the weather breaks the clock will be fixed, Chad has stated that multiple times.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Fire Hall.

Votes were: Frantz – yes
Donsbach – yes


Tolles – yes
Sylvain – no

Glassford – yes
Smith – yes

MOTION APPROVED



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.