



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 24, 2023

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:36 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

The Mayor thanked everyone that sent in applications for filling the council seat. Mayor appointed Louise Estep to fill the council seat and introduced her to everyone. Mayor gave the Oath of Office to Louise Estep prior to meeting.

Rachel Smith – Present

Rick Tolles – Present

Jody Donsbach – Present

Martha Frantz - Present

Lynn Sylvain – Present

Louise Estep - Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Carol Sarkan, Gary Wiegling, Robert Stickley, Peggy Seab and Lee Zimmerman

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

Sylvain said there are a couple errors and omissions she would like to go over. There was reference to adding parking next to the townhall and we do need to capture we also need to look into handicap parking. In the administrators report it states I asked for an inorganic solution that would not be correct. She does not know if it was captured about the ball park restrooms that Kristel stated it was looked at 7 years ago. Most importantly everyone was polled on the pool and everyone gave a no comment except for herself and she believes that needs to be in the minutes. Frantz thought Kristel captured it correctly, not everyone said no comment. Kristel wanted to clarify one item, the 7 years ago comment was on the community trash not the restrooms.

Mayor stated if there are no other questions then they are approved with the corrections mentioned.

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills from July 7 - July 20, 2023 in the amount of \$43,077.17.

Sylvain asked about Envirocare, Chad said he contacted them to make sure they stayed back from the water's edge.

Votes were:

Donsbach – yes

Smith – yes

Frantz – yes

Sylvain – no, not without receipts

Estep - yes

Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Carol Sarkan stated her and her husband are looking to curve the vehicle noise and speeding in the village. They purpose the Village erect two signs on the entrance routes that would read "Thank You for driving quietly and slowly through our Village. Noise

ordinance and speed enforced." They think it would be a friendly request for people entering our village to respect our village and its residents. They thought possibly children at play and colored speed sign. Peggy Seab said if the village erects those signs, she would like one out on Rt 65 too. She stated there were 78 motorcycles, Carol said they were at Rita's as well and they were actually very respectful. Donsbach stated she will be calling a safety and welfare committee meeting to discuss. Peggy Seab stated she wanted to make a correction to the prior minutes, when she was referring to the increase of decibel noise from multiple motorcycles, it increases 3 decibels more every time the motorcycle count doubles. 2 motorcycles is 83 decibels, 4 is 86 decibels, etc. Peggy Seab asked where council was at on her vision statement she presented, Smith stated this was a council of the whole meeting and at that time the Dora was taking precedence. Gary Weiging was here to talk about illegal parking long term on grass, long enough to kill the grass. He stated his neighbors place looks like a used car lot. Gary stated he thinks vehicles cannot be parked within 20 or 30 feet of a stop sign; he stated there is at least two vehicles that are there long-term. Gary said the guy moves the cars across the street to be able to mow under them except for the disabled white vehicle in the corner. Gary said when he moves them back, he revs the engines up. Mayor stated he believes the deputy said last meeting they are trying to catch him in the act. Chad said he would look into parking by the stop sign and send them another letter. Robert Stickley provided the council with a formal request to see the bid and the invoices to be able to reconstruct the cost for the RT65 sewer project. Smith stated the paper here is the actual bid presented to the village. Robert asked if anything was done at the park. Chad said he can look into running sewer out there but he knows the baseball people were not interested. Frantz stated we have to think about the people using the bathrooms, there are restrooms at the pool but that would be too far for a player and umpire to go. Estep asked if the baseball people asked for a bathroom, Chad said no they are fine with the portable restrooms. Lee Zimmerman heard that someone wants to tear down the house on county line. Lee Zimmerman stated the buildings are structurally sound, he owned the place and then sold to the Village. He would hate to see that done. Chad said it does not look bad and it was stated you cannot see it from the road. Chad will place no trespassing signs up so people do not go back there. Lee Zimmerman stated there are a lot of good animals living there and does not want to see them disturbed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated he appointed Chad as the Administrator and back dated it to June 1st. We need a new person for the planning commission. Mayor stated it is going to be hot this week and asked everyone to be safe and stay hydrated.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Chad said Rowe cut a tree down on the tow path and everything is cleaned up. He stated everything is running smoothly. Gary questioned the red dots on the trees on the nursing home, Chad said it could be from Edison.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor reminded everyone that we have the Jazz Fest coming up on August 13th.

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES: Mayor gave second reading to Ordinance 2023-02: An Ordinance to Request Auditor to Assess Lots and Lands of the Village of Grand Rapids for the Lighting of Streets, Alleys, Ways, and other Public Places.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain asked Smith the status of the Dora. Smith stated she is still waiting to hear back from the gentleman that was going to put together a power point presentation and that is where it stands.

NEW BUSINESS: Donsbach scheduled a Safety & Welfare meeting for August 14th at 6:30 pm in the Old Fire Hall just prior to the council meeting. Donsbach stated when ODOT changed the signage throughout the village, the Sli Bostleman sign and the 1992 volleyball sign was removed. Donsbach mentioned that Dakota Keifer just won Pole Vault Champion so a sign should be made for him as well. Chad said he has the Sli Bostleman sign but the volleyball one has been gone for a while, he also thinks we need to make a sign for Dakota Keifer. Sylvain stated since Chad has been made the Village Administrator officially, she asked Chad what his new salary is. Chad said he makes \$26/hour and has never got a raise from interim to now. Mayor said that is something that needs discussed.

COMMENTS: Donsbach welcomed Louise Estep to the council. Frantz thanked Chad for fixing the clock. Sylvain thanked Robert for his clearly stated request. Sylvain also thanked the audience for coming, it seems to keep getting bigger. Frantz asked Sylvain if she made a decision on donating her checks to the pool. Sylvain stated she said her status on that and asked her to reference prior meeting minutes. Gary wanted to voice a concern. Smith explained that we are now in council comments and the place for Gary to voice his concern was during visitor comments. The last meeting got way out of hand and we need to follow the agenda at hand.

ADJOURNMENT:

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Fire Hall.

Votes were: Smith – yes Frantz – yes Sylvain – no
 Estep - yes Tolles - yes Donsbach – 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.