



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: August 28, 2023

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:40 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 – Absent
Louise Estep - Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Carol Sarkan, Peggy Seab, Robert Stickley and Dona Curtis

MINUTES: Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Estep to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 14, 2023.

Mayor stated if there are no questions then they are approved as written.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the bills from August 11– August 24, 2023 in the amount of \$4,028.57.

Votes were: Donsbach – yes Tolles - yes Frantz - yes
 Smith – yes Estep - yes

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Carol Sarkan asked about the signage. Mayor stated that will be covered in our Safety Committee report. Peggy Seab asked for an update for the chemical being used. Chad can try to contact the farmer. Robert Stickley asked about qualifications of persons on council, he thinks the citizens of Grand Rapids should be able to review the qualifications online just like the Whitehouse Village. Dona Curtis asked if the town could give Dave LaRoe some sort of appreciation. Estep suggested a proclamation. Mayor stated that is certainly something we can look into.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor said the Jazz Fest went well and the Applebutter Fest is only 6 weeks away. Habitat for Humanity has started and they had a ground breaking a week ago, it was very nice and we got to meet the family.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator stated we got the ditch mowed on Wapakoneta Road, the cost was \$800. The hornets nest was taken care of. He asked Council for some ideas for the Park Grant. Rowe's Tree Service is supposed to start mid to late September. K & K Construction will be starting sidewalks after the Applebutter Fest. He gave Council the information on American Legal Publishing to update the Code of Ordinances as well as getting the code online. He received a quote for \$2,581.72 for fixing a manhole behind LaRoe's. Estep asked the deadline for the park grant, Chad said October 20th.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated we have three resolutions on the agenda tonight for first readings. Two of them are for finances so they can have a motion for passage and the park grant resolution can have three readings.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Donsbach read the Safety and Welfare Committee meeting minutes which will be attached to the Official meeting minutes. Donsbach stated they have recommendations for signage for the Care Center on Third Street as well as signage at the three entrances of town asking the visitors to be respectful. Frantz asked about painting an intersection crossing near the Care Center so drivers can be aware of them crossing the street. Donsbach said they discussed that they need to use the center of the road because it is not as bumpy. Mayor stated we will have Chad look into signage. Estep said we also discussed a wheelchair crossing as well. Kathy Weiging stated on Third Street there are semi-trucks that go flying by and asked if trucks are really supposed to be on that street or are they to take a state route. Mayor stated the trouble with coming off RT65 is the trucks cannot make the turn, the only way to safely turn is on third street. Robert Stickley stated signs on RT65 are not going to work, he has talked to the Sheriff and offered for them to park in his driveway. He feels someone is going to be killed and we also have trucks running through there with jake brakes. He thinks the sheriff is spending all their time in the park. Mayor stated we can contact ODOT about a no engine brake sign.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: Mayor gave the first reading to Resolution 2023-04: Resolution transferring certain funds from the sewer debt fund to the sewer revenue fund. Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2023-05: A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit a 2024 application to participate in the Wood County Park Grant Program(s) and to execute contracts as required. Mayor gave first reading to Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution to make a transfer for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

Estep made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Resolution 2023-04: Resolution transferring certain funds from the sewer debt fund to the sewer revenue fund.

Votes Were: Tolles – yes Frantz – yes Smith - yes
Estep – yes Donsbach - yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2023-04 has passed.

Estep made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2023-06: A Resolution to make a transfer for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Grand Rapids, State of Ohio, during the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023.

Votes were: Frantz - yes Smith - yes Estep - yes
Donsbach - yes Tolles - yes

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Resolution 2023-06 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Estep stated Mrs. Lambert was here last meeting and then Kristel did some research. A letter was drafted to Mrs. Lambert explaining the two-year warranty has passed and it is her responsibility to contact the company. The Village supplied her with the contact information.

NEW BUSINESS: Tolles stated everyone should have a picture of the river birch tree that a resident would like to donate two trees to the village for the tow path. Chad asked if they will be having someone plant them or would the village be doing that? Tolles said he

would find out. Frantz stated we have some information from Robin Dudley. Chad said we do mow the tow path weekly, we are waiting on the part for the bathroom fans, we discussed painting the bathrooms, we could blow off Lincoln Street before an event, we had turned up the water supply to the urinal, we do have trash receptacles near the entrances of the tow path, Lincoln street bridge threshold has been ordered, we do sweep the streets usually after leaves fall, we are aware of the bushes in front of the Town Hall will most likely replace, he thought the clock was on time but can double check, we have had issues in the past with cigarette butts around the fire hall, he is unaware who will be taking care of Lincoln Street like Dave has. Carol Sarkan stated she heard that Dave was still going to continue doing that.

Donsbach asked if the Front Street tree's discussed last meeting could be transplanted. Mayor said that would entail removing sidewalks but could be a possibility for the smaller trees. Tolles asked if the ARP funds can be used to repaint the fire hydrants. Mayor stated that is something we can look into. A lady stated there is a company called hidrent that probably will do that work. They hire fireman that come and do side jobs during their off time. Visit the website hidrent.com for more information.

COMMENTS: Estep stated she went back and read past meeting minutes. She feels it would be a conflict of interest for her to be on the utilities committee since she works for BG and the Village buys our water from them. Mayor stated we will look into that.

ADJOURNMENT:


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

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Old Fire Hall.

Votes were: Smith – yes Frantz – yes Estep - yes
 Tolles - yes Donsbach – yes



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer

 **MOTION APPROVED**

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.