



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: December 11, 2023

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The Council of the Village of Grand Rapids met in regular session at 7 p.m. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order and asked Councilperson Estep to take the roll call:

Rachel Smith – Present	Martha Frantz -- Present
Rick Tolles – Present	Lynn Sylvain -- Present
Jody Donsbach – Excused	Louise Estep – Present

Mayor Berry noted that Jody had a work commitment and Kristel and Chad are at a school function.

VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Smith made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2023, meeting. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

BILLS:

The list of bills were reviewed. Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to pay the bills. Sylvain asked if we received three quotes for the work performed by Craun Liebeng and Buckeye Pumps? Mayor Berry stated the companies in question know what is needed and they do specific work for each project performed. Estep stated she thought the work performed by Buckeye Pumps was an emergency situation. Frantz asked if we needed to get three bids for invoices under \$10,000. Mayor Berry said it is not required. Sylvain stated it depends on the Village's policy. Motion passed 4-1 with Sylvain voting "no."

Estep stated since this is the last meeting of the year, she would like to make a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to pay the bills that are due by the end of December, Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Sylvain voting "no."

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Berry stated he was impressed with the "Light up the Night" event and how it has grown over the years. He also said that Bob Stickley made a suggestion after the Safety Committee meeting was over regarding the upcoming solar eclipse. Bob said the Arts Council, or some organization should make t-shirts or drinking glasses or some item as a fundraiser.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mayor Berry reviewed the Village Administrator's report. He stated that before the sidewalk project is completed, the contractor needs to seed the ground next to the sidewalks. Sylvain asked the status for the header for the Town Hall. Mayor stated K&K Construction was going to look at it, but he doesn't know the status.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer provided the reconciled November Bank Rec.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Estep read the minutes of the December 7 Industrial and Commercial Development Committee Meeting. Sylvain asked if there was a timeline for any of the agenda items. Estep stated these are committee minutes of the discussion that took place on December 7.

Estep read the minutes of the December 7 Safety and Welfare Committee Meeting.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sylvain asked Estep if there would be another opportunity to review the invoices prior to the Council Meeting? Estep stated "no."

Sylvain requested each Councilperson review their accomplishments for the year and asked Tolles to begin with his accomplishments. Estep stated Sylvain is not the President of Council or Mayor and Smith said "we don't answer to you." Estep also stated Sylvain is not the Chair of any Committee. Sylvain then began to list all items she believes she has accomplished in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: Tolles stated there is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 13 at 5 p.m. for the Habitat for Humanity home on Pratt Lane.

COMMENTS: Frantz stated the new sidewalks are wonderful and it is very nice to be able to walk on even sidewalks.

Frantz asked who is responsible for the retaining wall where Arvadale Hartman used to live? Mayor Berry stated that Deck-Hanneman Funeral Home owns that property, and they are responsible for maintaining the wall.

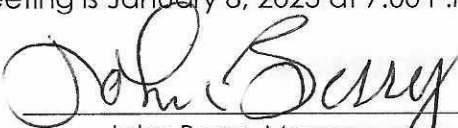
ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is January 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.



Louise Estep, Councilperson



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.

December 8 - December 31, 2023 Bills Paid

OWDA Loan	\$7,099.02	RT 65 Sewer Extension & Asset Management Plan
K & K Construction	\$49,972.00	Sidewalks
Dave Richards	\$100.00	Trimmed Town Hall Entrance Door
Casa Bella	\$480.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Guardian Alarm	\$334.80	Quarterly Alarm Service
Total	\$57,985.82	

January 1, 2024 - January 4, 2024 Bills

Suburban	\$729.80	Natural Gas
Culligan	\$13.75	Water Testing Supplies
UBS Credit Card	\$908.50	Xmas lights, gloves, google storage, sweeper bags, 2 baby changing tables, 2 coils of stamps, saw blades, copper tube cutters, impact set
Envirocare	\$3,690.00	Tree Removal
Jones & Henry Labs	\$22.50	Water Testing
Toledo Edison	\$4,001.44	Electric Bill
MASI	\$858.10	Water & Sewer Testing
Bockrath & Associates	\$1,500.00	Survey
OUPS	\$161.80	2024 Governmental Assessment
Mid-Wood	\$869.65	Fuel
WC Sheriff	\$7,801.92	Contract Service
American Legal	\$4,479.74	Codification of Ordinances
Guardian Alarm	\$4,526.00	Alarm System Upgrades
Dan Lawrence	\$360.00	Annual website maintenance
Total	\$29,923.20	

Total of Both \$87,909.02

*Council Approved

To: Village Council
Date: December 11, 2023

RE: Council Meeting –

1. Buckeye Pumps removed the pump that needs repaired, and made sure nothing was damaged. They also pulled the other pump out and inspected it making sure nothing was wrong with it and then reinstalled it. Bridge Street lift station is back to running normal.
2. Speiser Electric came in and ran two new underground conduits, one for the existing problem and then another for a backup if this happens again. The road had to be cut for the new conduit and some sidewalk had to be removed. I will look into the road and sidewalk repair when the weather warms up.
3. I have received quotes for a couple of trees to be taken down. Envirocare will be taking the tree down at 24338 W Second Street possibly this week.
4. Twisted Timber said they would try to be here to do the repairs on Wright Pavilion this week.