



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 25, 2024

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. in the Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rachel Smith – Present
Rick Tolles – Present
Jody Donsbach – Absent

Martha Frantz - Present
Lynn Sylvain – Absent
Louise Estep – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer

VISITORS: Chuck Thomas, Darin Pogan, Joe Schroeder, and Peggy Seab

MINUTES: Frantz made a motion, seconded by Estep to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2024 and the Special Meeting held on March 21, 2024.

Mayor stated if there are no corrections, the minutes are approved as presented.

BILLS:

Estep made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills from March 8 – March 21, 2024 in the amount of \$4,649.20.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Chuck Thomas submitted the application for use of public property for the Applebutter Fest. Mayor asked if everything is the same as previous years, Chuck said yes. After discussion, Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles to approve the Historical Society's application for the October 13, 2024 Applebutter Festival.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Darin Pogan submitted the application for the Grand Rapids Little League for the Applebutter Fest. Darin stated everything is the same as previous years. Frantz asked how many vendors they had last year, Darin stated about 100. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application for the Grand Rapids Little League for the Applebutter Festival to be held at Pirates Park.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Joe Schroeder with the Chamber of Commerce thanked Council for their consideration of the trees and sidewalks downtown and thanked Tolles for keeping them informed on what is happening. The Chamber would like to purchase some planters for downtown, they would be placed near the brick area of the sidewalks to not impede on the sidewalk traffic. They will be requesting the businesses to take care of the flowers in front of their shops, he does not think this will be an issue. The Chamber would be responsible for the replacement, maintenance, and repair, and they will store them in the winter. Joe Schroeder asked for Council's permission to do this project. Estep thinks this will enhance what is currently there. Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles to allow the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to put in twenty 20 x 20 floral planters in the business district.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor asked about the portable restrooms the Chamber wanted to discuss. Joe Schroeder stated the Chamber is renting 4 portable restrooms for the Eclipse and asked if Council would pay for 1/3 of the cost and the Historical Society will pay the other 1/3, cost would be \$200 for the Village. Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles to go into thirds with the Historical Society and the Chamber to have portable restrooms available to them on April 8th.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Joe stated they will get the invoice to Kristel once it is received.

Mayor stated we have the application for the Memorial Day Parade from the American Legion Post. Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles to approve the American Legion Post 232 application for use of public property for the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Estep and Tolles met with Bob Clark in regards to the Hometown Heroes Veterans Banner Program. The first time there will be 14 veterans honored, we are waiting to determine the placement. If the flags are allowed, they will be on the poles downtown, if not then the legion is contacting Toledo Edison for placement on their poles. Estep stated after our last meeting the Chamber reached out and would like to sponsor two banners. Estep stated the people that participate can also purchase a lawn banner for placement at their homes. Smith thinks this is a wonderful program. Estep said another item they discussed is

the Village possibly donating \$1,000 to help get this project up and going, Estep stated it is her understanding that the Legion, the Sons and the Auxiliary will also be helping. Smith made a motion seconded by Estep to move forward with the Hometown Heroes Veterans Banner Program.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Frantz for the Village of Grand Rapids to donate \$1,000 from the General Fund to the Legion Post 232 as a donation for the Veterans Banner Program.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Peggy Seab was here to thank Donsbach and Chad for contacting ODOT in regards to her request for her speed limit reduction on Route 65.

SHERIFF’S REPORT: Deputy asked if anyone had any questions for them. Mayor did discuss with the Sheriff office about April 8th, it will be a normal day for them.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor stated this will be our last meeting before the eclipse and asked everyone to be vigilant.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Administrator said they will be getting the Town Hall furnace looked at this week to see what is needed. He asked if council wanted to move forward with the crack sealing and spray patching that was quoted previously, crack sealing \$9,127.80, spray patching \$14,850. Estep stated we do have money in the street levy fund to cover these costs. Mayor stated this is good maintenance for our roads. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to authorize the Administrator to contract with Premier Patching to do crack sealing at a cost of \$9,127.80 and spray patching the streets at a cost of \$14,850 all from the street levy fund.

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

MOTION APPROVED

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Smith discussed the Buildings, Parks, Properties and Maintenance committee meeting. The committee recommends allowing the Village Administrator to partner with Cam-Tech to remove the additional trees. Smith stated the committee also discussed exploring other options in leu of trees but still something that gives a vertical lift to allow holiday decorating.

Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles for the Village Administrator to contract with Cam-Tech for stump removal of 10 trees and that the Village staff remove those trees prior to Cam-Tech.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor did talk to the artist of the bronze statue and he understood why it should not go in the area requested due to flood waters entering the area. He is trying to find another area.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: Mayor gave the second reading to Resolution 2024-02: Resolution Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to receipt cable franchise fees into the Sidewalk Fund.

Mayor gave the third reading to Ordinance 2024-1: Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Frantz made a motion seconded by Tolles to approve Ordinance 2024-1: Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Ordinance 2024-1 passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor stated the tree was decorated and the star is still on top of the tree. Angie Studer stated the company the Chamber had remove the lights down was supposed to take the star down and did not, they are open to suggestions. Mayor asked if she could find out, Angie said yes. Mayor said there is also still ornaments on the tree, Tolles stated he brought that up at the last Chamber meeting as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Frantz thinks it is important that we start our own video recordings, so the recording is the Villages and no editing can happen to it. Frantz thinks this will require purchasing equipment. Frantz will look into it.

COMMENTS: Frantz stated the wind dropped a lot of limbs in the park behind her house, so she went and picked limbs up for about two hours. Frantz stated she wanted to do it before the first mowing and it looks nice. Administrator said they were going to pick up the limbs this week and thanked her for doing it.

ADJOURNMENT:


Estep made a motion seconded by Tolles to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

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

March 8, 2024 - March 21, 2024

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Custar Stone	\$730.52	52 ton small berm
Sedgwick	\$80.00	Workers Comp Group Rating Program
Davis & Newcomer	\$312.00	Town Hall Chair Lift Inspection
Suburban	\$720.73	Natural gas
Guardian Alarm	\$482.22	Alarm Service
USA Bluebook	\$792.75	Water & Sewer Supplies
The Copy Shop	\$1,290.98	Village Spring Mailing
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Total	\$4,649.20	

Approved 4 - 0, Donsbach and Sylvain absent