



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: April 22, 2024

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:31 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 – Present

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

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 10, 2024.

Sylvain questioned the rescheduling of the meeting. The Mayor asked on April 4th if anyone could attend April 9th or 10th. Sylvain stated she said she was unable to attend either day. The meeting was scheduled for April 10th and then Council voted her as unexcused absence. Mayor stated you need to give a reason for your absence. Smith stated we will be voting on every absence. Estep stated in Council Rules, it states you need to provide a reason for the absence, if you could have responded to the Mayor or Kristel with your reason. Estep said Sylvain has also requested for Council not to meet when she is not available, this cannot happen. Village business goes on and people cannot make meetings, we cannot stop business because Sylvain cannot make a meeting. Sylvain asked when the last time a meeting was rescheduled. Frantz stated it was rescheduled for the eclipse.

Sylvain stated Smith spoke about the trailer on the corner of Wapakoneta and Second that was an eye sore. Smith stated she had a resident contact her stating that. Sylvain stated it is registered, plated, and insured. Administrator asked when she put the plates on it, Sylvain stated the plates have been on it since she moved it there. Smith stated it was a comment made from a village resident and they think it is an eye sore, our job is to bring it up. Sylvain stated this is ironic. Smith asked why. Sylvain stated you can look at her garage and think it is an eye sore. Smith said now you are making it personal.

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

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Estep to approve the bills from April 5 – April 18, 2024 in the amount of \$31,882.80.

Votes were: Smith – yes
Donsbach – yes

Tolles – yes
Sylvain – no

Frantz – yes
Estep - yes

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: Peggy Seab stated they are turning their almost 18 acres into a nature preserve and we are planting wild flowers and chestnut trees. We had some conversations with the Administrator. They are planting flowers that exceed the eight-inch limit. She wonders the status here in the Village because all the flowers planted in the Village would exceed eight inches. Mayor stated he understands her question, he thinks the controversy is how it is zoned. Peggy said it is zoned R1 and so is the 40 acres the Village owns that gets corn and soy beans planted, this was rezoned in 2021. Peggy asked if she needs to get her property rezoned, Mayor stated he believes so. Mayor asked if it was a business, Peggy said yes. Frantz asked if it is a Nature Preserve, Peggy stated that it what they are attempting to do. Peggy wants some clarification on what they need to do. Sylvain stated she appreciates what she is trying to do, she is not sure why she needs to rezone to be able to plant flowers when there are clearly flowers all over town exceeding 8 inches. Estep stated all the flowers in town are in gardens not whole properties that is the difference. Administrator said if he gets complaints, he is supposed to address them. Mayor stated she may have to go to a zoning committee and ask them.

Angie Studer thanked for the ordinances on the website, Administrator stated they are not completed with that project, they are still working on it. Kristel said there has been a small portion on there. Angie submitted the dates of the 2024 events for the website. Angie stated there has been discussion on placement of the tree sculpture and she showed a picture of possibly placing two more bricks along canal which could possibly deter the water. Mayor stated the water would still flood there, it gets really high, the artist is looking at other areas of interest.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor attended a wonderful crossover for an Eagle Scout named Sean Cavins. Mayor spoke with Bob Clark and the Veteran banners are ordered. Mayor received a complaint about people running the stop sign at Second & Woodburn.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator received a quote to take down some willow trees, the roots keep getting into the tile and causing problems. He had the Catawba trees looked at one is for sure bad so we will get it removed, the company will check on the other tree during removal and take it down if bad. The resident would like to take the other tree down even if it is not bad and she is willing to pay for it. Administrator stated we only have a little mosquito product left; mosquitos are already out so we should purchase some more. Sylvain asked for the MSDS sheets. Administrator stated we had the other Town Hall furnace looked at and the exhaust was clogged, so we do not need a new one. Sylvain asked about the header, Administrator said he received two quotes and has not heard back from the others. Smith asked for the Administrator to proceed with the \$7,000 quote, Estep said it was also already approved in the ARPA monies. Estep would like to hear about the results of the second Catawba tree. Estep asked if the Administrator would like a motion for the mosquito product, Administrator said yes. Sylvain does not think we can without looking at the MSDS sheets. Estep stated she just needs a recommendation from our Administrator, we do not review MSDS sheets for anything else we purchase. Administrator said we can look at the organic spray in the future, we are not supposed to spray the same thing over and over or the mosquito can get used to it. Sylvain asked if there was damage to the mower when it was driven into the flood waters last week,

Administrator said it did not get driven into flood waters, it was muddy and slippery and just needed pulled out. Sylvain asked if there was damage to the mower, Administrator said no.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer gave Council copies of the applications for use of public property from the Chamber and Arts Council that they received via email. Estep stated this came in email after the council packets, Kristel said yes. Estep said so she has not reviewed them yet.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Donsbach stated after our discussion on mosquitos and how we need to change up what we are doing. Donsbach made a motion seconded by Estep to purchase the Duet for \$8,340 for 30 gallons.

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

MOTION APPROVED

COMMENTS: Tolles said the Grand Growers is having a plant swap next Saturday near the Log Cabin would that be alright. It was suggested for them to submit a use of public property application. Mayor stated we have a lot of debris in the canal, Administrator will be working on that tomorrow. Mayor said we also had an earthquake last night.

ADJOURNMENT:

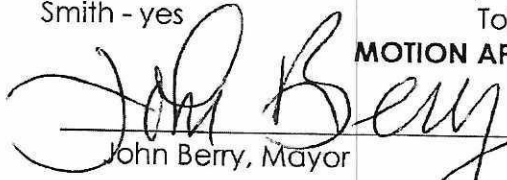
Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Votes were:	Frantz – yes	Donsbach – yes	Sylvain – yes
	Estep - yes	Smith - 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.

April 5, 2024 - April 18, 2024 Bills

Premier Patching	\$14,850.00	Spray Patching Streets
Wood County Treasurer	\$508.75	Emergency Management Service
Wood County Treasurer	\$157.25	CodeRED
Core & Main	\$5,044.40	Water & Sewer Supplies
Thermal Tech	\$322.40	Annual Roof Inspection Maintenance Building
Rowes Tree Service	\$7,537.50	Tree Trimming RT65
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Cam-Tech	\$1,580.00	Jet trailer service
Gressley, Kaplin & Parker	\$842.50	Attorney Fees
Northwest Tree Service	\$800.00	Tree Trimming Front Street
Total	\$31,882.80	

Approved 5 - 1, Sylvain voting no

To: Village Council

Date: April 22, 2024

RE: Council Meeting -

1. Got quotes to take down Willow trees in alley by A+ Engineering, the roots are getting into the storm sewer and causing problems. \$1,075 Once the trees are gone, we will dig up and replace the bad storm sewer. We had this jetted and got some of the roots.
2. Got quote to take down the bad Catawba trees, one is bad, the other will be checked while removing the one bad Catawba tree, the homeowner is willing to pay to take the other down even if it is not bad.
3. We need to purchase some mosquito product. Merus Organic \$12,900 for 30 gallons, Duet \$8,340 for 30 gallons