



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: August 26, 2024

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:26 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 – Absent
Louise Estep – Present

Mayor asked Fiscal Officer if Sylvain gave a reason for the absence. Fiscal Officer read email received from Sylvain "I am unavailable for the council meeting tonight (insert reason Rachel gave last time)." Estep asked when the email was received, Fiscal Officer said at 6:52 pm tonight. Frantz asked Smith what her reason was last time, Smith stated she was traveling and gave notice weeks in advance.

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to approve Councilperson Sylvain's absence.

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

MOTION NOT APPROVED

Mayor stated Sylvain's absence was not excused.

EMPLOYEES: Chad Beyer and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Cathy Trame, Angie Studer and Bob Stickley

MINUTES: Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Frantz to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 12, 2024.

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

BILLS:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the bills from August 9 – August 22, 2024 in the amount of \$15,256.91.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Cathy Trame from the Garden Growers was here to discuss the application for use of public property in the parking lot next to the information booth for a plant exchange. They have insurance through the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to approve the application for use of public property from the Grand Growers & Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce on Saturday October 19th from 9 am to 2 pm for the area by the information cabin.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Angie Studer asked about the changing of the meeting times for Council. They are putting a calendar together and would like to have the council meetings listed. Estep asked if there is a process to change the times, Fiscal Officer stated it would be by Ordinance. Bob Stickley came to thank David Fowler and children for cleaning up areas around Town Hall to make it beautiful.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor stated the tree stumps on the Tow Path that Mr. Green mentioned, the Mayor agrees that they should be removed, they are rotting away. Administrator stated he could see if they can remove them with the backhoe, the big stump seems to be solid in the middle. Mayor stated the signs look really nice.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator said the sidewalk is done in the park. They also did a little ramp on Lincoln Street bridge for handicap access. We are getting mulch for the swing area by the new sidewalk. Duffy Concrete ground down some sidewalks today, in the business district. The parking signs are up and look nice. He contacted Panning and they said they hope to get to canal by this fall. We received the ODOT salt pricing, \$50.01/ton. Rowe trimmed the trees by the information cabin today, the marathon sign is now visible. The backhoe did get serviced again, they came out and fixed oil leaks, installed a guard so we do not get stuff in the radiator, cost was between \$3,000 to \$4,000 and we should be good for a long time. Mayor stated Dave should be back soon, Administrator said the first week of September, Mayor stated that he can resume the trimming that Fowler had started. Tolles said that Terry Green wanted him to let the guys know they did a great job cleaning up the tow path for the Jazz Fest.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated we have two emergency Ordinances on the agenda tonight. If Council wants to pass these tonight we would need a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency then a motion for passage. We also have a second reading of a Resolution tonight.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor read a letter from Haraz Ghanbari congratulating the Village on being awarded a portion of the \$2.7 million grant for road salt management from H2Ohio. The letter states "This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of your community." Mayor stated this letter is directed to the Administrator since he did the footwork on it. Mayor thanked the Administrator.

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor gave the first reading to Ordinance 2024-3: An Ordinance Enacting A Code Of Ordinances For The Village Of Grand Rapids, Ohio, Revising, Amending, Restating, Codifying And Compiling Certain Existing General Ordinances Of The Village Of Grand Rapids Dealing With Subjects Embraced In Such Code Of Ordinances, And Declaring An Emergency.

Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to suspend the rules and declare Ordinance 2024-3 an emergency.

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

Estep stated the reason we are passing this is to place the Ordinance on our website.

Estep made a motion seconded by Smith for passage of Ordinance 2024-3.

Votes were:	Smith – yes	Tolles – yes	Estep – yes
	Frantz – yes	Donsbach – yes	MOTION APPROVED

Mayor stated Ordinance 2024-3 has passed.

Mayor gave first reading to Ordinance 2024-4: Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on The Application For, And the Granting of Permits, Licenses, And/or Certificates Allowing Retail Dispensaries for The Sale, Distribution And/or Cultivation of Cannabis Within the Village of Grand Rapids, Wood County, Ohio; And Declaring an Emergency.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to suspend the rules and declare Ordinance 2024-4 an emergency.

Votes were:	Tolles – yes	Estep – yes	Frantz – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Smith – yes	MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Frantz for passage of Ordinance 2024-4.

Votes were:	Estep – yes	Frantz – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Smith – yes	Tolles – yes	MOTION APPROVED

Frantz asked if this will be on our website, Fiscal Officer stated yes.

Mayor stated Ordinance 2024-4 has passed.

Mayor gave second reading to Resolution 2024-07: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Smith stated since we are considering changing our meeting times, she asked the Fiscal Officer to prepare an Ordinance for the next meeting. This would keep our meetings the same days but change the time to 6 pm.

Estep asked where the Food truck Policy stands, Mayor believes it is still in Ryan's hands. Frantz has not heard any updates from Victor for the streetlights.

NEW BUSINESS: Frantz spoke with Ryan about amending our Council Rules & Regulations. Frantz asked Council to send any suggestions they have to her by November 1st and then she will get with Ryan and Kristel.

COMMENTS: Mayor stated the meeting right after the Applebutter Fest is a holiday and asked if Council would like to schedule a meeting on Wed. Oct. 16th at 7 pm. Donsbach asked when the first Safety Meeting will be scheduled for the Applebutter Fest, Mayor said Sept. 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Old Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Smith made a motion seconded by Tolles to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

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

MOTION APPROVED



 Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



 John Berry, Mayor

To: Village Council
Date: August 26, 2024

RE: Council Meeting -

1. The sidewalk is done in the park; they also did a little ramp on Lincoln Street bridge for handicap access. We are getting mulch for the swing area by the new sidewalk.
2. Duffy Concrete is grinding the sidewalks downtown starting today. \$2,200
3. The parking signs are up and they look nice.
4. Panning said they hope to get to canal by this fall.
5. Received the ODOT salt pricing \$50.01/ton.

August 9, 2024 - August 22, 2024

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Air Gas	\$53.16	Pool Chemical Invoice
Suburban	\$192.75	Natural Gas
American Legal	\$1,250.00	Code of Ordinances
Finley Hauling	\$261.00	Topsoil
Strayer Concrete	\$13,500.00	Howard Park sidewalk
Total	\$15,256.91	

Approved 5 - 0, Sylvain absent