



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: November 24, 2014

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:06 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. President of Council John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Phil Snyder - Present	John Berry – Present
Bill Hutchison – Present	Carolyn Erdody – Present
Kevin Olman – Absent	Jeremy Treen –Present

John Berry stated Kevin Olman's absence is due to illness.

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman, Kristel Joseph

VISITORS: Lance Miller, Steve Kryder and Cindy Sniegowski

MINUTES:

Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Erdody to accept the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Council Meeting as submitted.

Votes were:	Hutchison - yes	Berry – yes	Erdody – yes
	Snyder – yes	Treen – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

BILLS:

Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Erdody to pay the bills.

Votes were:	Berry - yes	Erdody – yes	Snyder – yes
	Treen – yes	Hutchison – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Gave Monthly Report

Council indicated speeding on Sycamore and Bridge Street is an ongoing problem.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Lance Miller from McClure Telephone Company spoke about their project and to see if Council had any questions or concerns for him. They did a survey/questionnaire of the Village, received 100 responses back 99.9% of them were positive. They also had a mapper walk through the Village. Lance gave Administrator a broad overview of their mapping and they will narrow it down to sections. He didn't want to enter into Village limits until he gets permission from Council.

Berry suggests getting a detailed plan of where they will be putting the Utility, so it does not interconnect with existing Utilities. Lance stated their Contractors are bonded and secured. If it's not feasible to directional drill they would go aerial. One junction box/cabinet will feed 288 customers.

Administrator stated that Village zoning will come into play concerning private property easements.

The project will probably start the end of the first quarter next year.

Administrator will review the plans with the legal department and see what he suggests. If legal okay's this project will Council be comfortable with Village issuing a permit. Council agreed on allowing Village to issue permit with the approval from Village legal.

Lance specified he wants all complaints to be directed to him.

Steve Kryder came in to finalize the lease for the Old Fire Hall. Also thanked Council for involvement and support for the Christmas Lights downtown, it looks wonderful.

Cindy Sneigowski from the Chamber of Commerce brought in an event permit for the "Light up the Night " event/parade and was asking for Councils approval.

Cindy will contact Sheriff's department concerning traffic control for this event.

Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Erdody to allow Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to go through with the Light up the Night Event/Parade.

Votes were: Erdody – yes Snyder – yes Treen – yes
Hutchison – yes Berry – yes

MOTION APPROVED

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Administrator gave his report. A copy will be attached to the official minutes.

Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Snyder to allow Dr. Shelley to pay for the install and removal of the lights on the tree in Howard Park at her expense.

Votes were: Erdody – yes Snyder – yes Treen – yes
Hutchison – yes Berry – yes

MOTION APPROVED

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Passed around October Bank Reconciliation. Snyder questions the difference Column on page 2 of Bank Reconciliation. Fiscal Officer stated she would look into it and let Council know.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES:

Hutchison submitted Safety and Welfare Committee Minutes; the Fiscal Officer will give Council a copy in their next packets. A copy will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Erdody read minutes from the Finance, Wages and Audit Committee a copy will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Hutchison made a motion seconded by Erdody to approve Tony's 72 hours @ 1 ½ times his current pay schedule to do the testing and to be on call for any emergencies within the Village.

Votes were: Snyder – yes Treen – yes Hutchison – yes
Berry – yes Erdody – yes

MOTION APPROVED

ORDINANCES:

Fiscal Officer gave the third reading by title only to **Ordinance 2014-6: Ordinance Scheduling Regular Council Meetings and Repealing Ordinance 2013-5**

Hutchison made a motion seconded by Erdody to amend Ordinance 2014-6, section 1; to be read as the second and fourth Monday of each month

Votes were: Treen – yes Hutchison – yes Berry – no
Erdody – yes Snyder – no

MOTION NOT APPROVED

Fiscal Officer gave the third reading by title only to **Ordinance 2014-6: Ordinance Scheduling Regular Council Meetings and Repealing Ordinance 2013-5**

Snyder made a motion seconded by Berry to approve Ordinance 2014-6

Votes were: Hutchison – no Berry – yes Erdody – no
Snyder – yes Treen – no

MOTION NOT APPROVED

Ordinance 2014-6 does not pass.

Fiscal Officer gave the second reading by title only to **Ordinance 2014-7: An Ordinance Amending and Establishing Pay Schedules for the Village of Grand Rapids**

Fiscal Officer gave the first reading to **Ordinance 2014-8: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Grand Rapids to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Historical Society of Grand Rapids, Ohio and declaring an Emergency**

Hutchison made a motion seconded by Erdody to pass Ordinance 2014-8

Votes were: Berry – yes Erdody – yes Snyder – yes
Treen – yes Hutchison – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Snyder made a motion seconded by Hutchison to waive the three readings of the emergency Ordinance 2014-8.

Votes were: Erdody – yes Snyder – yes Treen – yes
Hutchison – yes Berry – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Hutchison made a motion seconded by Berry to pass Ordinance 2014-8

Votes were: Erdody – yes Snyder – yes Treen – yes
Hutchison – yes Berry – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Ordinance 2014-8 has passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Snyder asked what the Village legal's opinion was concerning Township, the generator and painting of the old Fire Hall. Legal suggested leaving it alone and remember it for next time when something else comes up.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS:

Hutchison stated in the Sentinel it was referenced about the parade being eliminated downtown. The Mayor with approval of Council decides what day the Halloween Parade is. Grand Rapids Township Fireman's Association and the American Legion are the hosts and sponsors of the parade and costume judging. It had nothing to do with the Downtown Businesses it was for costume judging. The Fire Hall is very large and it was nice to have it there. He wanted to thank JR Bostelman who is president of the Firemen Association and John Schlotz.

John Berry read the Mayor Marjory Obermyer's Letter of resignation.

Administrator indicated John Berry will become Mayor at midnight tonight and then will have to be sworn in. Council has 30 days to fill the empty Council seat if not filled within 30 days the Mayor will appoint someone.

Snyder made a motion to accept the resignation of the Mayor. There was no second, motion fails.

ADJOURNMENT:

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Hutchison, to adjourn.

Votes were: Snyder – yes Treen- yes Hutchison – yes
Berry - yes Erdody - yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.



Kristel Joseph, 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.