



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: August 24, 2015

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:29 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Kevin Olman – Present
Bill Hutchison – Present
Phil Snyder - Present

Jeremy Treen –Present
Carolyn Erdody – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman, Kristel Joseph

VISITORS: Brian Martin – Scouts Pack 325

MINUTES:

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Hutchison to accept the Minutes as submitted for August 10, 2015.

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

MOTION APPROVED

BILLS:

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Treen to pay the bills dated August 8 to August 21, 2015 as submitted.

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

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Brian Martin discussed the Cub Scout Pack 325. He would like ideas for a service project for the pack to do for the Village. An idea he had was mulching around trees at Labino Park, the same area the Cub Scouts use for the Apple Butter Festival. Council agreed on this project area. Brian will report back once his plan is approved.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Need to get Safety Meeting setup for the bus routing for Apple Butter Festival. Mayor specified he would contact Chuck concerning setting up the meeting. Also there is a letter from the Historical Society stating they will not be picking up trash for everyone. This letter will also be discussed in the Safety Committee meeting. Mayor stated he would contact Chuck and let him know that a meeting needs to happen in the next few days or the route will stay the same as last year.

Mayor indicated Council received a draft Town Hall Agreement for only the Grand Rapids Historical Society, due to them not being satisfied with the cleaning prior to them using it.

Olman made a motion, seconded by Erdody to accept the changes of the Town Hall Rental Agreement as purposed between the Grand Rapids Historical Society and the Village of Grand Rapids.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Mayor told Council that the Historical Society put a new hot water tank in the Old Fire Hall. Also the sign for the front of the building is being built. The Society also is looking into a Mural on the east side of the building, they will ask for permission from council once they get the rendering.

Mayor received a letter from Suburban Natural Gas about the quarterly gas consumptions.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

The Administrator presented his report. It will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Hutchison made a motion seconded by Treen to leave trees as they are.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Erdody made a motion seconded by Hutchison to contact the Historical Society about removing item 11 from the application due to previous approval of property to other organizations.

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

MOTION APPROVED

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:

Fiscal Officer conveyed to Council that due to increasing refunds this year in the income tax fund Village needs to transfer/reallocate money into the refund line item to allow enough money to expense out.

Erdody made a motion seconded by Olman to transfer \$4000 from line item 2071-910-910 transfer out to line item 2071-760-690.

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

MOTION APPROVED

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: Snyder read minutes from the Utilities, Sewers & Streetlights Committee a copy will be attached to the official minutes.

ORDINANCES: Fiscal Officer gave the first reading by title only to **Ordinance 2015-9:** An Ordinance Establishing Rates to be Charged by the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio for Water Service

Fiscal Officer gave the first reading by title only to **Ordinance 2015-10:** An Ordinance Establishing Rates to be Charged by the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio for Sewer Service

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treen asked if the scratches on the playground equipment at the extended Labino park area have been fixed. Administrator stated Chad or Tony was supposed to take care of it. Treen was told it was not taken care of by the same person. Administrator stated he would check it out.

NEW BUSINESS: Erdody stated the Grand Rapids Garden Club (New for 2015) had put pots of flowers out at Lincoln Street for the Jazz Fest. She wanted to get permission to plant Lincoln Street and along the canal from Council for beautification. They would make sure it was weeded and watered or the business owners said they would do it. Does Council have suggestions for the Garden Club? Treen suggests if there is anything that would need an application or approval, to follow proper protocol as other organizations should. Erdody stated when they decide to plant they will contact Council with their plans for approval. Erdody also indicated The Jazz Fest had a great turnout.

COMMENTS: Snyder said a beautiful job was done with the gravel pathway from Blue Bell Island down to the bridge at the other park. The Village's split rail fence at Blue Bell Island looks great also. Snyder found out the Library is asking for a permanent 1 Mill levy at the November election and asks everyone to vote for it.

Olman said the Sidewalk letters have been mailed out. He will be scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks. He asks Council to take the time to look at the bad sidewalks so they can be discussed. He wants to keep this moving along.

Mayor stated that Halloween will be on October 31st from 5 to 7 pm. Mayor also asked about the LED streetlights. Administrator stated we have not received them.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

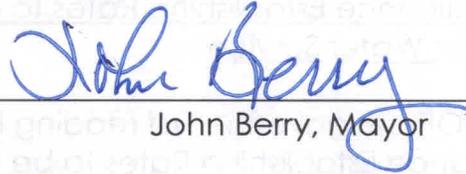
Votes were:	Hutchison – no	Treen – yes	Snyder – yes
	Erdody – yes	Olman – yes	

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2015 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.