



# MEETING MINUTES

## GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: March 14, 2016

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Grand Rapids Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rachel Smith – Present  
Bill Hutchison – Present  
Kevin Olman – Present

Jeremy Treen –Present  
Carolyn Erdody – Present  
Jody Lewis - Present

**EMPLOYEES:** Chad Hoffman, Kristel Beyer

**VISITORS:** None

**MINUTES:**

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Hutchison to accept the Meeting Minutes as submitted for February 22nd.

Votes were: Treen – yes                      Hutchison – yes                      Smith – yes  
                                 Erdody - yes                      Lewis- yes                      Olman – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Berry stated minutes passed.

**BILLS:**

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Olman to accept the bills as submitted.

Votes were: Hutchison – yes                      Smith – yes                      Erdody - yes  
                                 Lewis- yes                      Olman – yes                      Treen- yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Berry stated bills have passed.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:** None

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

Sheriff gave Mayor monthly report. Olman asked about the recent break-ins. Sheriff stated they are working to find answers.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor and Administrator attended a meeting at the Health Department to make people aware of their facilities.  
The Mayor had calls concerning the water bills that went out with the rate increase. He states the next time we should send a mailing out to let everyone know of the rate increase.  
Also Mary Jane Thurston State Park is talking about redoing the top of the canal on the west end.

Mayor had a request to lower the speed limit on St Rt 65 between Sycamore and going west. Administrator stated this had been done.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

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

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

Fiscal Officer submitted the February Bank Reconciliation to Council.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor stated the Grand Rapids Suburban Gas consumption from 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 was 12,259 Mcf and compare it to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 was 21,250 Mcf.

**COMMITTEES:**

Erdody discussed the Committee Minutes from the Finance, Wages & Audit Committee on March 8, 2016.

Erdody made a motion, seconded by Hutchison to accept the 2016-1 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Votes were:	Smith – yes	Erdody – yes	Lewis – yes
	Olman – yes	Treen – yes	Hutchison – yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor stated Ordinance 2016-1 passes.

**ORDINANCES:**

Fiscal Officer gave the second reading by title only to **RESOLUTION 2016-01: A resolution declaring the amount of taxes that may be raised by levy at the maximum rate authorized by law without a vote of the electors to be insufficient, and declaring the necessity of a renewal levy in excess of such rate of 2.0 mills for general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repairs of streets and bridges in the village of grand rapids.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Erdody wants to talk about chickens in the Village that the Mayor had emailed to Council. Mayor read an Ordinance from 11-12-1979 concerning Agriculture Animals.

Olman stated if we had this ordinance on the books why did we not tell people they can not have chickens unless its agricultural.

Treen expressed we need to enforce what is on the books and then if Council wants something different then they will need to change it.

Council decided at this point and time we have to enforce whats on the books and they will discuss this further in a Committee Meeting.

Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss animals.

Utilities, Sewers, & Streetlights Committee Meeting was scheduled for Monday March 28, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss Lift Stations.

Olman asked the Sidewalk Committee to consider how they want to approach the effected sidewalk people once they get the maps and do a walk around. Mayor wants to consider updating the Council room with new paint, carpet and organize it to be more user friendly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lewis wants to revisit doing two days of unlimited pickup for residents, possibly doing one day in the spring and one day in the fall for residents.

Smith agreed and suggests sending out a postcard with a reminder for unlimited pickup. Treen stated doing a trial year of this to see if more people use it.

Mayor stated Village received an application for Apple Butter Festival for 2016. Mayor talked to Chuck Thomas and told him he needed to schedule the wrap up meeting from last year's festival before Council approves this year's application.

Erdody asked about rescue squad. Mayor stated everything is up and running they received their truck Monday.

Treen asked Smith if the Proclamation sign was time sensitive, she stated no. Treen stated it will be discussed further at a later date.

**COMMENTS:**

Mayor stated there is a drug problem around our community with Heroin. If anyone finds syringes do not touch them call the authorities. The Mayor and the Administrator attended a meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> with the Sheriff Department concerning this issue.

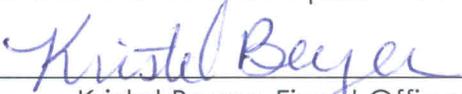
**ADJOURNMENT:**

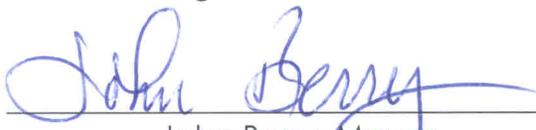
Erdody made a motion, seconded by Smith, to adjourn.

Votes were:	Erdody – yes	Lewis – yes	Olman – yes
	Treen – yes	Hutchison – yes	Smith - yes

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is March 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Town Hall.

  
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Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer

  
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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.