



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION



Held: January 26, 2026

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:35 P.M. in the Town Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rachel Smith – Present Sean Thiebaut - Absent
Doug Grey – Present Rick Tolles – Present
Louise Estep – Present Jody Donsbach – Present

Mayor stated Thiebaut is absent due to illness. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to excuse Sean Thiebaut from tonight's meeting due to illness.

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

MOTION APPROVED

EMPLOYEES: Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: Angie Studer, Lynn Sylvain and Michelle Nagle and Bob Clark

MINUTES: Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Grey to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2026. Mayor stated if there are no questions they will be accepted as presented.

BILLS:

Smith made a motion, seconded by Tolles to approve the bills from January 9, 2026 – January 22, 2026 in the amount of \$30,494.18. Grey asked how often the public restrooms get cleaned by Casa Bella, Fiscal Officer stated every weekend, Grey said then it costs \$120/week, Fiscal Officer said yes. Estep asked if the advertising invoice was for December, Fiscal Officer stated yes. Estep asked what the Hylant Ohio Plan Renewal covers us for, Fiscal Officer stated Property, Liability, automobile and cyber coverage. Grey asked if this was for the year, Fiscal Officer said yes.

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

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INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Angie Studer came to introduce herself because she was elected the Chamber President, Angie stated Michelle Nagle was elected Vice President. Angie looks forward to collaborating together. Lynn Sylvain asked where the meeting postings will be located moving forward, Fiscal Officer stated the website, admin building, Town Hall, Library and the Information Cabin. Sylvain asked about Ordinance postings that the Village paid \$11,000 for, Fiscal Officer stated that was for our Code of Ordinances which can be found on the American Legal Publishing

website and there is also a direct link on the Villages website. Sylvain stated she has multiple public records that have not been released, what is the status of that. Fiscal Officer stated the last time Sylvain stopped in she had presented her stack of records and Sylvain stated she did not have the amount of money with her. Sylvain would like a notice of what is available and the cost. Mayor asked Fiscal Officer if those records are ready now, Fiscal Officer said yes. Mayor stated you have been informed that all records are ready. Sylvain asked if there will be a job posting in the next couple of weeks for the Village Administrator position. Mayor stated most likely in the first quarter. Sylvain asked if the Finance report area on the website can be updated. Estep stated she is sure the Fiscal Officer will get it updated soon. Sylvain continued questioning the remaining committees. Michelle Nagle introduced herself to Council, they have lived here for almost two years, lived most of their lives in Sylvania or Toledo. Michelle really enjoys the community and is very excited to be here. Bob Clark submitted a picture to Council to add an entrance banner with the Hometown Hero banners, the cost would be \$60 a banner. Estep asked if they are requesting funding for the entrance banners. Grey asked if these would be hung all year or just when the banners are hung, Bob stated when the banners are hung. Estep made a motion seconded by Smith to contribute \$240 for the Welcome to Grand Rapids Banners to come out of the lands and buildings.

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

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF’S REPORT: None

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor thanked all the help with cleaning up the Village with the sidewalks and streets. He is appreciative for everything that people did, even just checking in on a shut in that is unable to get out. Mayor gives a big thanks to Jeremy and Dave for they have logged in quite a few hours to get the streets cleaned up and they will continue until completed. Mayor wanted to remind people to clean their sidewalks as soon as possible to make them passable.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Fiscal Officer stated Jeremy received some quotes for the led stop signs ranging from \$1500 to \$2000 per sign. The Village purchased a led solar light to see if we would like to use these instead. We received a quote from McCabe Outdoor for a new Toro mower, cost is \$12,600 with trade in. The Kleinfelder contract for the Master Meter project ended at the contractor bid award. The cost for them to continue the project to completion is \$13,500. Estep thought we already approved the McCabes quote, Fiscal Officer stated it was brought up at the finance meeting but was not approved. Grey would like to have another quote just for comparison, council agreed. The Pavement Analysis company was planning on starting but then we got all this snow, so they will start when weather permits. The 250th Flag will be ordered for the two places discussed. Estep asked about the letter for the data center moratorium, Mayor has not heard back from Ryan on that.

January 9, 2026 - January 22, 2026

Kendall Plumbing	\$765.00	Replaced Faucet in Womens Restroom
Casa Bella	\$240.00	Public Restroom Cleaning
Grand Rapids Chamber	\$567.50	1/3 Share of Advertising
USA Bluebook	\$1,061.64	Water & Sewer Testing Supplies
Cline Trucking	\$4,000.00	Building Removal
Northwest Ohio Mayors & Managers Association (NOMMA)	\$100.00	Annual Membership
WC Engineer	\$129.48	Street Signs
Toledo Edison	\$5,162.37	Electric Bill
Frontier	\$642.91	Landline Phone/Fax
Suburban	\$557.92	Natural Gas
Verizon	\$106.36	Cell Phones
Gressley, Kaplin & Parker	\$150.00	Attorney Fees
Hylant	\$17,011.00	Ohio Plan Renewal Premium
Total	\$30,494.18	