

**50<sup>th</sup> GIRARD CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022  
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
PRESENT  
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN  
ABSENT  
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN  
PRESENT  
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN  
PRESENT  
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN  
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE  
PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE  
PRESENT  
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

**ROLL CALL**

MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	
MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	
MR. MARK STANDOHAR	
MR. JEFF KAY	
MR. THOMAS GRUMLEY	PRESENT
MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	
MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	
MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

**MOTION KAY SECOND MOLITERNO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN SCHUBERT FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY           1  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO   2  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 10, 2022 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND STANDOHAR TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2021 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR 2  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 1  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND STANDOHAR TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2022 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR 2  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 1  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Fran Wilson, 117 Ella Street, Girard, Ohio, stated that there were two things she wanted to bring up that she thinks are urgent and she wants to talk about them today. They do have infrastructure money that will be coming in eventually and she doesn't know if they will be having a meeting for the citizens or whatever, but she does want to talk about two items. School safety. Wilson said she has been on this for she doesn't know how many years now and Zuppo is on it and said he'd take care of it but everybody keeps telling her they are going to do something about it but she worries about at Prospect School there are no signs on the street on the side where well they do have them on Wellman Avenue going that way. They've got the yellow sidewalks marked across the street with the yellow paint and they have signs on both sides of Wellman Street saying 20mph school zone. There is nothing on the other side. She continued, with all of the congestion going because of the busses and hub coming in and out and every time she hears her granddaughter tell her about the kids and how they have to watch this and watch that she worries that they don't have anything there that tells you you are going into a school zone and you can go from Churchill Road over to Liberty that there is a lot of traffic

going on all the time and she said she is going to bring that up every so often and go to the Board of Education with the same thing again. She stated that this has been going on for years. Why are we waiting until someone gets hurt before we do anything? Wilson said she hopes that they think about this when they talk about the infrastructure money. Ms. Wilson continued that the second thing is that she was really worried when they had that snowstorm and she wanted to thank Jimmy because he took care of it right away. Her son had a liver transplant next door and when that snow came he had already been to the hospital and had two surgeries and when that snow came down she thought what if no one gets the street cleared and something happens and they can't get an ambulance down there, but Jimmy took care of that right away and she wanted to thank him and Jerry for his help on that. She said she was fine with that, but she thinks that other people, they have citizens there and she would ask if they knew in their wards where their citizens are who are, and she would hope that the fire department has and police department where someone is living, and they're living alone, it could be they are dead for two or three days before they find out about it. If there was some way, like in Liberty they have the lights on the outside of the houses to identify who these people are and where they are. Ms. Wilson said she was thinking of starting a committee, but she thought do we really need another one just for that, and talking to Laura over at the Multi-Gen Center to take care of it. She continued that she knows that Jimmy and Jerry make their rounds and she is sure that they know where these people are. She has no doubt that Jimmy knows who they are and Jerry knows who they are, but she worries about other people that don't know that. Wilson said that people that live in neighborhoods today don't talk like they used to. You used to know who lived three doors down from you. Now we are so closed within ourselves that we don't do that anymore so she'll say something and they'll say whose that and they only live two doors up and they don't realize that.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**

**MAYOR**

**JAMES J. MELFI**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Melfi stated that he just had a comment he will make under finance. He does not have anything else in his report this evening. President of Council asked if he wanted to wait until finance then and the Mayor replied that yes he would wait until finance.

**COMMENTS:**

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR**

**JERRY LAMBERT**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Lambert stated that he just had a couple of things. Mr. Lambert said that the cameras are up and running in Liberty Park. He said it is interesting to take a look at and if they have a chance they should stop in dispatch or in his office. One of them is a 360. It is pretty neat. You can see everything going on. Lambert continued that they do record only when there is movement. It has been doing a pretty good job. It is very nice. Lambert said it goes all the way from basically the old bathrooms all the way down to the end of the soccer fields toward the pony league field. It is working very well. Mr. Lambert said the second thing is he would like to have the chairman of the streets and sidewalks to bring in legislation tonight to ask for legislation to advertise for bids to pave certain city streets. If they can start on that right away they can get it approved by

February he is hoping. The street superintendent and himself have gone and made a partial list. He would like to compare it to the list that the committee puts together and put them out to bid, then see what they feels is the worst and finalize that at that time.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley stated that maybe at their finance committee meeting they can come up with a number so they are prepared with a number so they are not looking at a whole bunch of streets so that they have a number that they can base their paving on for this year. Councilman Kay said do you mean what we will have to spend and Grumley said yes.

**LAW DIRECTOR  
PRESENT**

**BRIAN KREN**

Attorney Kren stated that Friday morning he will be at the hearing on the Penza injunction on the demolition and the court will be adjourning and coming on site to look at the property. He stated that he doesn't know what more could speak for itself other than seeing the actual deplorable condition the building is in. President of Council asked the time and Attorney Kren said the hearing at the court is at 9:30 but he couldn't tell him what time they would be over there. Kren said secondly, at the end of last year, he knows that there was talk about updating, revising the zoning permits schedule and stuff and they really didn't have enough time to go three readings for that so he said he would be more than willing to meet with the committee and go over some of his concerns and bring that back forward now that they starting a new year.

**COMMENTS:**

**AUDITOR  
PRESENT**

**JULIE COLEMAN**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**TREASURER  
ABSENT**

**MARK ZUPPO**

**POLICE CHIEF  
ABSENT**

**JOHN NORMAN**

**FIRE CHIEF  
PRESENT**

**JAMES PETRUZZI**

Chief Petruzzi stated that the 2021 run total for the fire department was 2,032 runs. That is the busiest year on record. It is continuing into this year. The Chief stated that so far this year there are at 56 calls for service to date. The new medic truck was placed in service on Christmas Day. Anybody is welcome to stop in and see it if they like. The Chief said that lastly, he has started the process for a new heart monitor but like everything else, the microchips are backordered, so they are looking at months before it can be built or delivered.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley asked how long the lease is good for on the one they are leasing right now. The Chief responded that they were supposed to turn it in at the end of the year but he spoke to the salesman and they don't have anyone looking for a rental right now so they are able to keep

it for a little longer.

Councilman Moliterno said that he wanted to point out that he played bocce with Kenny Bornemiss last week and that is the most relaxed he has seen him over the years.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

No report. Councilman Moliterno said he would like to schedule a caucus prior to the next meeting at 6:30 pm.

#### **COMMENTS:**

Mayor Melfi said that he had a chance to review RITA's report for income tax for the month of December. He stated that he is glad that the Treasurer spoke with RITA so at least they have the daily log for a month instead of going into another month and even making it more confusing for everyone, but the report lacks the comparison to 2019. The Mayor stated that he wanted to point out to everyone that it shows the difference between 2020 and 2021. Everybody is going to be up significantly from '20 to '21. Melfi said he had asked the Treasurer for '19 so that they could see the results as compared to a normal collection year. '19 was a normal collection year and as everyone knows the difference between collections between '19 and '20 was the most dramatic decrease in the city's history since they started income tax. So that really doesn't give them true meaning of where they are at right now. The Mayor said hopefully he is there at the next meeting to explain that because he would like to see what 21's collections were as compared to '19's collections.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO**

No report.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY**

No report.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO**

No report.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY**

Councilman Standohar said as Jerry touched upon, he was going to, as he does at the first meeting every year, to encourage all councilpersons to drive around the city and, hopefully the streets will remain unsnowcovered, and they can get an assessment and make a list of any streets they feel may need to be addressed. Many of them may be the same streets as the ones Jerry and the street superintendent have on their list also, but maybe there will be some new ones. Standohar said he would encourage everyone to do that and to bring it to their committee's attention. Standohar said also he would like to set up some type of committee meeting. He asked Jerry if he wanted to do it before a council meeting. There was discussion as to when to schedule the meeting. They decided on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR**

No report. Councilman Zirafi reminded everyone that Ohio Edison would be coming in at 6:00 pm prior to the next council meeting to discuss the outages and hopefully have an answer as to why every so often the power goes out in Girard and there is no electricity.

**COMMENTS:**

The Mayor said that he is truly surprised that the chairman doesn't have that circled on his calendar. The Mayor said that the chairman has been waiting for First Energy for quite a long time. President of Council said that they were supposed to call him and meet him at Avon. They were supposed to walk down the street and see how many trees are going to fall on wires in the next five years but they've never done that. Paolone said there are four or five trees ready to fall on the wires and the wires are only 20 feet off the road, high. Its amazing what was done over there when they built that development, but who is he. The Mayor said an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Paolone said they have not called to meet him yet.

**ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT**

Councilwoman Martuccio said that she was wondering if Law Director Kren thought that 15 minutes was long enough to get the preliminary conversation of what he wants to go over with zoning if they could do it on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:15? Kren said that he was asking some of the other communities about their fee schedule. He said they have a few things that they charge for that he doesn't understand why, but if she wants a meeting yes. Martuccio said just to bring up the questions and then they can go down the road to see what they can resolve. She asked Sam if that worked for him and he responded that he didn't know that 15 minutes would be enough time for questions and answers to be addressed by Ohio Edison's representatives. Discussion continued about a meeting time. Councilwoman Martuccio said she would call Attorney Kren to set up a preliminary meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

**RULES-GRUMLEY-STANDOHAR-SCHUBERT**

Councilman Grumley asked that anyone that had rules please get them to him this week. Renny gave him a list and he is going to work off of his list and he will put everything together on a spreadsheet so that everybody can see the possible changes and they will take them one by one and look them over. President of Council stated that Monica will put together the new one and print it out for everyone and the committee will dissolve.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS IN GIRARD.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR 1

KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2022.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 2  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 1  
ADJOURNMENT PASSES 6-0

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**REYNALD PAOLONE,  
COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF**