

**50<sup>th</sup> GIRARD CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021  
REGULAR MIINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	PRESENT
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	PRESENT
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. MARK STANDOHAR	
ABSENT		
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. JEFF KAY	ABSENT
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. THOMAS GRUMLEY	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MOLITERNO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021.**

SCHUBERT 1  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION TO EXCUSE PASSES 5-0

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MOLITERNO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN KAY FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021.**

SCHUBERT 1  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION TO EXCUSE PASSES 5-0

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 11, 2021 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT 1  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 5-0

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 2  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSES 5-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**

**MAYOR**

**JAMES MELFI**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Melfi stated he had a quick overview of 2020, the many ways things did and did not change for the City of Girard. The Mayor continued, as many of you know the pandemic has closed City Hall. It is still closed. The closure has protected our employees, protected our citizens. As you know it is a rather small building. They have had one employee on that side have Covid throughout the whole year, which is very good considering and has not spread to anyone else in that department, so they have been successful in protecting the citizens and employees. Also, the operations have not suffered at all because of the closing of City Hall. The Mayor further stated, the administration meets in the police roll call room whenever a meeting is needed. They have the ability to social distance there. The Mayor stated the projects completed, obviously the largest done in City history, the wastewater treatment plant, completed on time and \$50,000 under budget. The roof in the street department garage, paving and so forth, all done within their scopes and all fairly successfully. They will discuss finances at a later date later this month when Mr. Moliterno has his committee meeting. The Mayor said one item to note, City Council last year passed 7-0 for the Mayor to discuss with several surrounding communities about a fire district. The Mayor stated he has personally contacted those entities. At this time, Weathersfield and Liberty are enthusiastic about sitting down and talking about that measure. So, they will move forward in 2021 towards that discussion.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Schubert stated that they recently went through the process of the bids of the Upper Lake and asked the Mayor his thoughts and concerns on moving forward with that. President of Council Paolone asked Mr. Lambert if he would like to respond to that question. Mr. Lambert said he was going to wait and that was the only thing he had this evening in his report. He stated they did have a bid opening and of course the one bid that was turned in was below the minimum asking price. The Mayor and he are in contact with Dennis Meek and are putting together some alternative ways of how they want to handle the entire situation going forward. Lambert stated that hopefully they will have at least two or three recommendations to council on what they would like to do and if they would he would like to schedule a half hour caucus for the first meeting in February to discuss some of the alternatives for the Lakes.

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO SCHEDULE OF CAUCUS FOR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE AT 6:30 PM, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 PRIOR TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

**SCHUBERT 1**  
**STANDOHAR**  
**KAY**  
**GRUMLEY**  
**MARTUCCIO**  
**MOLITERNO**  
**ZIRAFI 2**

MOTION FOR CAUCUS PASSES 5-0

The Mayor stated that it is important to note that the purchase of the Lakes in 1995 was a 20 year loan and the City purchased those lakes for \$2.5 million with the interest they paid \$5 million. A quarter of a million dollars a year with payments. But it has been paid off now for five years. He further stated that as far as the financial burden on the City there is not one and that is important to note as they go forward. The Mayor said they don't have to panic certainly to consider that property.

Councilman Grumley asked the Mayor what the yearly cost was to maintain the dam. The Mayor responded that Jerry may know a little bit better than he but, they follow all of the guidelines set forth

by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and he'll let Jerry continue that answer. Mr. Lambert stated that usually cutting the grass is \$6,000 per year. The work that they have been doing in the past in regards to the valves that are on there that control the water coming in and out of the dam. They did put in a valve down there on the lefthand side. That will take the dam down to a certain level but he thinks there is still 12 feet of water left even if you get down to that level. Work like that would have to be done if they are going to have recommendations with regard to that at the meeting next time he can tell them about that. The last few years they have been paying the \$6,000. Before that when they were actually exercising the valves before they broke that was costing them an extra \$10,000. Lambert said he would say anywhere from \$16,000-\$20,000 a year once they started cutting the grass on a regular basis. The money they spent this year, and he thinks Jim Toth is back there and he will agree with them, they spent a lot of money because they cleared out the front, cleared out the back, repositioned the stones, went 800 feet down on each side of the dam. Mr. Lambert said it is pristine right now as far as he is concerned. He further stated that from this point on he would say it would be under \$10,000 until they decide to do something with it. Councilman Grumley asked if they are under any compliance and Mr. Lambert said no.

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR**

**JERRY LAMBERT**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Lambert stated he is done with what he had for his report.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley said he was going to bring it up with Councilman Kay because he knows it is his committee, but there are some business owners downtown that have approached him with some concerns regarding parking downtown. Grumley stated there are a lot of rental properties downtown and they are taking up the parking spots and under ordinance they are only supposed to be parked there for an hour during business hours. He is being told there are actually cars that are there for a couple of weeks at a time and not being moved. Grumley said he is not sure how, if it is police or zoning, but can they do anything? It is really putting a burden on these business owners as far as their customers coming in and so forth. Mr. Lambert said that he would check on that but he is pretty sure they passed an ordinance years back that said they had to be gone by 8:00 a.m. Grumley said he found the ordinance and that is correct and he thinks 6:00 p.m. in the evening with one hour parking between that. Grumley said there are actually business owners parking their vehicles in those parking spots for 8-10 hours. Lambert said he would check with John Norman tomorrow. Councilman Grumley also asked that when the health commissioner comes in he takes a look at the old Benjamin Franklin building also. The Mayor stated that he thinks it is also important that those folks that have those concerns contact them on a regular basis because they can monitor the parking areas. The Mayor said he would go out there right away and send the police up. Grumley said it just came to him at 5:00 p.m. tonight. They Mayor said it's not a problem. Grumley said they passed out a petition and so forth. They reached out but he doesn't know if they reached out to the right person. The Mayor said he is glad to help and he understands it takes a constant monitoring.

**LAW DIRECTOR**

**BRIAN KREN**

**PRESENT**

The Law Director stated that it is that time of year to renew their contract with the public defender's office so if at the end of the meeting someone will ask for legislation to renew the contract. Secondly, he doesn't know if anyone noticed, but he forgot to prepare the ordinance for the treasurer's salary. It was not a setup or anything he merely forgot to do it at the end of the year. Kren further stated there is no timeline with regard to the treasurer's position so he will have it printed next week. He will leave the numbers blank because he wasn't given anything. President of Council said that was requested by Councilman Standohar and he can't speak for him. Attorney Kren said it will be in their packets and if there is anything else he forgot let him know. Paolone asked if they could do the indigent one on the same one as public defender. Kren responded that that is the same ordinance. Councilman Grumley asked if the Treasurer's salary came before council as a whole. President of Council stated that at the last meeting Councilman Standohar asked for it to be added to the agenda. That's it. Paolone said Brian simply forgot and no numbers were given. Standohar is not there and he can't explain for him.

**COMMENTS:**

**AUDITOR**

**JULIE COLEMAN**

**PRESENT**

The Auditor stated she did not have much this evening. She just wanted to say that her office is closing the month of December and they are processing year end. She further stated that everything would be finalized by the end of this week so at the finance meeting she will review the month of December and also discuss how they ended last year.

**COMMENTS:**

<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>MARK ZUPPO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>POLICE CHIEF</b>	<b>JOHN NORMAN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>FIRE CHIEF</b>	<b>KEN BORNEMISS</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

Councilman Moliterno stated he wanted to set up a finance committee meeting for 6:30 p.m. before the February 25, 2021 council meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO**

No report. Councilman Martuccio wished everyone in the City a very happy and healthy new year.

**COMMENTS:**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY**

Councilman Grumley stated he wanted to thank the administration for starting the process of looking into regionalization and whenever they are ready for a meeting of the committee, they are ready.

**COMMENTS:**

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

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION INDIGENT DEFENSE.**

SCHUBERT 2  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 1

MOTION FOR LEGISLATION PREPARATION PASSED 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021.**

SCHUBERT 2  
STANDOHAR

KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI            1  
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT PASSED 5-0

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**REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

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**MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL**