

**50th GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 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	
PRESENT		
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. JEFF KAY	PRESENT
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

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND STANDOHAR TO FILE COMMUNICATION FROM OHIO EPA

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR 2
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION TO FILE PASSES 7-0

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 25, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 7-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR Abstain
KAY Abstain
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSED 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR

JAMES MELFI

PRESENT

Mayor Melfi said he had just one comment this evening. The Mayor stated as he spoke about during the finance meeting, due to the decline in City income tax collection for 2020, he will not support, and, if necessary will veto, any elected officials' raises at this time.

COMMENTS:

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

JERRY LAMBERT

PRESENT

Mr. Lambert said he had a couple of things. He said they got notification the other day that their paving schedule is due for this year. They got the \$150,000 grant, it will cost the City \$313,000 and they are going to do all of the streets, even the ones they have talked about that were going to be chipped and tarred before they are going to be paved. That is on schedule to be bid in the Spring. The other thing that is starting this year too is the Wellman Avenue project. Lambert stated they are going to start advertising for the bids for that on February 2, 9 and 16th. They are thinking, weather permitting they will be starting on March 15th for digging the retention pond on the golf course, putting up the fence, doing and all that stuff and hopefully the entire project will be done by May 21st. 78 days for the whole thing to be done. They are shooting to be done by that date. Jerry said he would like to have a meeting with the safety committee if possible. He told Tom they could set it up later on. The service director said they have had some calls with regard to parking on Liberty Street that was brought up at the last meeting. They did check the legislation and they are right and are going to put together some signs on the street because it wasn't done because of the sidewalks. They also want to talk about the possibility of putting up a couple of handicap parking spaces on both sides of the street. Especially from 422 down to Market Street. There are some hair salons there and some older people so even if they put one on each end he would like to go over that with the committee to see if they are all on the same page. One of the biggest things they want to talk about are the parking fines. They talked to the Police Chief the other day and he said some of these things have not been addressed for over 30 years. The majority of their conversation will be on those two things plus the parking fines and handicap parking fines. They have not been addressed forever. Lambert said whenever it is convenient for Mr. Grumley and the committee. Mr. Grumley responded he would call Mr. Lambert tomorrow.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Grumley said when he was talking the bank also has some concerns. They have parking in the back but there is no handicap parking in the back. The only handicap access to that bank is through the front so they would like a couple of handicap spots in front there also. With what is going on today and the closures of banks and everything, Grumley stated that he thinks anything they can do to accommodate them we should do sooner than later. Mr. Lambert replied that that is why he thinks they should get together just to see what won't hurt the other business there but to put as many as they can. Especially on that block. Lambert said they are on the same page.

LAW DIRECTOR

BRIAN KREN

PRESENT

Attorney Kren asked, even though it is the first reading for the contract with the public defender's office, it is a standard one year bill that goes to the public defender's office budget probably \$150,000 and we only have to contribute \$3,500. They asked for this earlier but we did not meet in December. If council would consider suspending this he would appreciate it.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR

JULIE COLEMAN

PRESENT

The Auditor stated she wanted to do a quick recap of the finance meeting. She stated when you take a look at the statement of cash going forward into this year they did end last year with all positive balances. Every single one of their funds are in good shape. As they talked during finance, they know they will have problems with income tax as they have this past year. Coleman said she will be working on the 2021 budget and she wanted to thank Mr. Moliterno for offering assistance from the finance committee for planning the budget. Going forward hopefully she will be able to get everything done.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER

MARK ZUPPO

ABSENT

POLICE CHIEF

JOHN NORMAN

ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno stated that they did have a finance meeting earlier this evening. The auditor was very helpful with the information she put together for them. Mr. Moliterno said he didn't realize himself how bad the problem was with their computer system. They lost most of 2019. He stated he really didn't realize what problems it caused the Auditor's office in terms of maintain information through the years. Moliterno stated they fully expect to have better end of the year numbers at the next finance meeting. It is too early to rush the Auditor at this time because he does know how they tend to change as you go through that process. Councilman Moliterno thanked the Auditor for her help.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO

Councilman Martuccio requested a meeting for the economic development committee on March 8th at 6:30 pm.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR

Councilman Schubert stated that they will have a caucus at the next meeting, February 8th at 6:30 pm, they will meet with administration with regard to possible thoughts for the Lakes property.

COMMENTS:

President of Council Paolone asked if Dennis Meek would be attending that meeting and Mr. Lambert said yes he would.

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY

Councilman Grumley said he will reach out to Jerry and the rest of the committee to set something up Monday or Tuesday of next week.

COMMENTS:

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

No report.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

No report

COMMENTS:

ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO

No report. Councilman Kay stated that he wanted to mention that Lily wanted him to come to the economic development meeting because she might want to discuss zoning issues at that meeting so he didn't know if they should make it a co-meeting but he will definitely be there for that. Councilman Martuccio thanked him. President of Council said they could request it as a co-meeting if they wished. Mr. Lambert said he forgot to mention that the fire department has started their fire inspections and they did a lot of the ones that were inhabited from what he understands and he thinks they are making arrangements now to try to get into the vacant buildings just like council recommended they do at the last meeting. So they have started the process. Lambert said he has seen reports of the different places they have been already and hopefully will get into the vacant buildings soon to get the answers that council is looking for. Paolone asked Kay if he wanted to call for a meeting because it would only involve Sam and Kay said yes. Paolone said they will make it economic development and zoning together on the 8th.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

50-40

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF TREASURER OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

50-41

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE TRUMBULL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE LEGAL DEFENSE FOR INDIGENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT TO SUSPEND THE 2ND AND 3RD READINGS OF ORDINANCE 50-41.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI

MOTION FOR SUSPENSION PASSED 7-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-41.

SCHUBERT 2
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MOTION FOR PASSAGE PASSES 7-0

Attorney Kren stated that at the time the agenda was prepared he did not have the numbers. President of Council said he understands and that is up to council to provide those numbers. Attorney Kren said he would recommend they postpone. They probably shouldn't give a reading to something that is blank. Paolone asked if he suggests they postpone. Kren said if that is what council wants to do. They shouldn't have readings that are blank and then at the last minute plug in numbers. Councilman Moliterno said that he is not going to disagree with Brian other than it probably shouldn't have been on their agenda if it isn't complete. If it is not complete don't put it on their agenda. Attorney Kren replied that no one gave him the numbers. Councilman Grumley said the committee should not have brought it to him. Moliterno said that they don't have the numbers either. Noone on council has the numbers. Attorney Kren said he is not going to do another ordinance without all of the information. Moliterno said his suggestion is they had first reading and the next meeting they can postpone. They are allowed to do a postponement anytime they want. Moliterno said there are numerous times they have legislation that doesn't have the full numbers on a regular basis. They started the process they could just go through and the next time if council wishes they can postpone. President of Council asked Attorney Kren if he was okay with that and he responded what difference does it make.

NEW LEGISLATION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT PASSES 7-0

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL