

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
REGULAR MINUTES/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	ABSENT

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MARTUCCIO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN ZIRAFI FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO EXCUSE ZIRAFI PASSES 5-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN SCHUBERT FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO EXCUSE SCHUBERT PASSES 5-0

COMMUNICATIONS

Memo from Brian Kren, Law Director regarding submission of proposed levies thankfully prepared by Attorney Kren. President of Council Paolone said he is not going to read it. It is about levies. He suggests everyone files it somewhere. Keeps it in the back of their head. Know where it is at. He will know where it's at. Paolone thanked Attorney Kren.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ACCEPT COUNCILMAN SCHUBERT INTO THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO ACCEPT SCHUBERT PASSES 5-0

Councilman Moliterno thanked Mr. Kren for putting this together for them. They appreciate it. Obviously, getting it down in writing is very important. He thinks it should be filed with their Auditor. He knows she

is not there. She has a staff of three people. He thinks it is the responsibility of the Auditor to monitor when they have levies coming up and bring it back to council and this needs to be done. Moliterno said in the past they have not paid attention to it the way that they should be paying attention to it. He would like to formally make it the Auditor's responsibility to do that. President of Council Paolone said he thinks it already is. Councilman Standohar said he is in full support of it and it should be the Auditor's responsibility. Councilman Grumley said if he is making it in the form of a motion he was going to second it. Paolone said no they will get this to her. Paolone said hopefully they will have a recreation levy once he gets that done.

President of Council Paolone said the second communication is a letter dated September 21, 2022 from the Girard Tenant Association. Paolone read the letter aloud regarding a meeting scheduled for October 17, 2022 @ 6:00 pm that the association was inviting council to attend.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO FILE THE LETTER WITH COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

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

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 11, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR Abstain
KAY 2
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO Abstain
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 5-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Miles Jay, 3017 Northwest, Warren, Ohio. Mr. Jay said he is a community organizer with Trumbull Metropolitan partnership working with the Girard Tenant's Association on the meeting they just read about. They wanted to come in person to invite them again, so council sees who they are and put a face with it. They have been dealing with it all summer long and now it is very imperative that they have their support for what they are doing. May Jay said if they can come to this meeting next Monday please come. He said council has their contact information and he Thanked council for their time.

Mary Pettway, 502 Park Avenue #20, Girard, Ohio. Ms. Petway said she is the chairwoman of the Girard Tenant Association. Ms. Petway said she wanted to thank council for putting them on the agenda and said that they desperately need council's help. Petway said it is too much to go into right now so if they come to the meeting they have all kind of stuff to tell. President of Council informed her that they can come to any meeting. They do not need to be on the agenda. Every meeting they have citizens' comments so they are more than welcome. Ms. Petway said she appreciates him and he responded in kind.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR **JAMES MELFI** **PRESENT**

The Mayor said he had a couple of items. The soccer season has wrapped up. Another exciting season at Liberty Park. The changes and improvements continue throughout the year and it just continues to improve. It continues to meet their goal of improving Liberty Park. The Mayor continued, so long ago it was in a lonely state. It is not lonely anymore. It is moving along very nicely. The Mayor said talking about improvements to recreation take a look at the city gym. The floor is now completely stripped and they decided to do the seating as well. If you look it is the old original oak seating so they want to match everything up nicely, but you have to see the gym. The Mayor said Councilman Standohar might average a double double in there. The Mayor said the floor is so smooth now he would probably have no problem.

COMMENTS:

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR **JERRY LAMBERT** **PRESENT**

No report.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR **BRIAN KREN** **PRESENT**

Attorney Kren said he did get a quote from American Legal Publishing about the codifying of the zoning ordinances. He doesn't remember the quote off the top of his head but he will put together legislation for council to review if they want to authorize it. It is something that needs to be done. Attorney Kren said he will have it at the next meeting.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR **JULIE COLEMAN** **ABSENT**

COMMENTS:

TREASURER **MARK ZUPPO** **ABSENT**

FIRE CHIEF **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**

Chief Petruzzi said the 2022 calls for service is at 1,659. Over the weekend the hosted a fire prevention open house at the fire station and the attendance was greater than they anticipated. The Chief said they would like to thank the community for their support.

COMMENTS:

POLICE CHIEF **JOHN NORMAN** **ABSENT**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno scheduled a caucus prior to the next council meeting, October 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm for the finance committee.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

No report. Councilman Grumley said he wanted to make a comment on 51-33. The committee met and are recommending two changes to the ordinance. President of Council Paolone asked if he wanted to amend it. Councilman Grumley said yes. Paolone said to wait until it comes up under Ordinances.

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Standohar addressed Jerry and said he was on a walk and he was shocked, he hadn't noticed when he was driving by a few times, but when you are walking you obviously notice things, the corners of Elruth and Hazel. The whole idea he was talking about and brought up about that is that for some reason in the past all areas of the corner weren't paved from the sidewalk to the street. Somehow when that was done, everywhere else in the city that he has seen he believes each is running to each street, but there since it wasn't done originally like that they went and did it like that again and left those grass patches there so there is not cement running to Hazel on each of the corners he believes. He thinks all of the corners. Standohar said he can't imagine why they would not have done it like every other corner instead of leaving those patches of grass there. Mr. Lambert said he would have an answer tomorrow. Councilman Standohar said go Guardians.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

No report. Councilwoman Martuccio announced a block watch meeting at the library on October 20th at 6:00 pm and everyone is welcome to join.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

51-33

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 351.15(D) ESTABLISHING THE FINES FOR VIOLATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

Councilman Grumley said under the parking changes to 1 hour, first section, first whereas change the establishing to two hour parking

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 51-33 CHANGING THE 1 TO 2 IN THE FIRST WHEREAS.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 6-0

Councilman Grumley said under the same section from 6 a.m. to changing the 8 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Attorney Kren said the whereases are just reciting the facts and the history. Section 1 is where that should be added if they are going to make that amendment tonight. There was discussion on the amendments between council and the law director. The law director said Section 351.15 of the codified ordinances shall be amended to change the times to 2 hour parking from 6 am to 6 pm and increasing the fine for such violations to \$35.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 51-33 CHANGING 8 PM TO 6 PM.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2

MARTUCCIO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 6-0

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-33.

Councilwoman Martuccio asked if they could get a finished copy in their next meeting with the amendments. President of Council said yes.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI

MOTION FOR PASSAGE OF 51-33 PASSED 6-0

51-34

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PARKS AND RECREATION SECONDHAND SMOKE POLICY THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO PURSUANT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH’S ANTI-TOBACCO CAMPAIGN.

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-34.

Councilman Moliterno said that section 2 really says this all. This came down to us from the Trumbull County Combined Health District and through the Ohio Department of Health but it is built upon the compliance of park visitors. They are trusting the good people of Girard to know that they should not be smoking at the baseball fields or around children in any way, shape or form. President of Council said he saw the signs and they are very nice.

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STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 6-0 for PASSAGE OF 51-34

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SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF DIRECTOR OF LAW OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

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SECOND READING

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

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SECOND READING

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

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SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

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SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

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FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Moliterno said he would like to formally ask their Auditor to work with their Law Director as they rewrite that let’s please, anytime they make changes in their distribution of their income tax, let’s put into the actual ordinance where they are at now and where it’s going to . Moliterno said he knows he relies on Ms. Martuccio all of the time because she has everything in her file as to where they were and where they are at. Moliterno said they have made a lot of changes to those distribution rates over the last couple of years. This is just, if they are both in there it is just a good reference point for a year or two years from now when they look back at the ordinance they remember where they were. Moliterno thanked the law director for doing that.

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FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.

NEW LEGISLATION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION SECOND TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY 1

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED 6-0

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL

REYNALD J. PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL