

**50<sup>th</sup> GIRARD CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
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**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**

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO ADD ORDINANCE 50-14 TO THE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY       2  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO    1  
ZIRAFI  
7-0 VOTE TO ADD 50-14 TO THE AGENDA

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AS AMENDED.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY       2  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI         1  
7-0 VOTE TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### **MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT Abstain

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO Abstain

ZIRAFI 1

5-0 VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN

## CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

### **MAYOR**

### **JAMES MELFI**

### **PRESENT**

The Mayor stated he only had two items this evening. He reported to Council that the City has successfully received a CHIP grant for 2020. They, over the last few applications, have partnered with the City of Niles and the City of Hubbard and once again they were funded to the tune of \$300,000. The Mayor stated that of course that will begin in 2020. Also, the Mayor stated he has received a call from a representative of the Mayors' Association and it seems, they will know more in just a few days, a possible settlement in the opioid crisis with the drug makers. The Mayor stated that if that is the case he is being told that a resolution of City Council would be necessary to accept the City's portion of that settlement and so they will be coming back to Council, from what he understands from this individual, it will not wait for the next meeting. Melfi informed Council that if a settlement occurs before the next meeting he will be asking City Council for a special meeting to accept the City's portion of the settlement.

### **COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley asked the Mayor if the amount of the CHIP grant, \$300,000, is split between Niles, Hubbard and them. The Mayor stated no sir that \$300,000 is strictly theirs. Niles received \$350,000 and Hubbard received \$250,000 so they have \$300,000 for the City of Girard alone.

Councilman Martuccio asked the Mayor who do they contact for applications for CHIP grants or who do they tell people to contact. The Mayor answered to call his office and they will forward them to the consultant.

Councilman Grumley asked the Mayor if this is going to be for home improvements or will they be doing sidewalks or anything with this. The Mayor answered that he is meeting tomorrow with representatives of this company for a neighborhood revitalization application. The Mayor stated that as they know in the past that local consultants were not interested in doing this application. This consultant is from Ravenna. Coincidentally, the same consultant that does the CHIP. The Mayor stated he is meeting with them tomorrow to put in application. Melfi stated that he believes the deadline is



Navajo and Apache and that was replaced in two days. The Chief said 30 hydrants, 5 bad and one of the ones that was bad was replaced already so they are pleased with that. Bornemiss stated that, considering the age of the hydrants and the lines up there that is really not too bad of a percentage, 5 out of 30. The Chief stated that he wanted to inform council that the fire department has been approved for a grant from the Bureau of Worker's Comp for \$12,740 gear washer, of which they are responsible for \$2,000. Bornemiss said that also includes 24 fire hoods valued at \$2,400 and 24 pairs of fire gloves also valued at \$2,400. It is a great get for the fire department. The Chief stated they need this machine. There has been a lot of legislation in Columbus that is going through now for cancer litigation and the gear washer is a key part of that for every department to have. The Chief stated that they are glad the Bureau of Worker's Comp. said the money should be here in about six weeks. Bornemiss said his people have already built a gear dryer and they are getting a hose dryer for after they wash hoses from the City of Niles. They just have to pick it up.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Kay asked Chief Bornemiss what they are going to do about the other hydrants that were not working in Squaw Creek. The Chief stated that Howard has been informed of them and they are closer to other working hydrants. The one on Apache was a lone hydrant on that particular stretch. Bornmeiss said what happened was that the hydrants on either side of it on Sioux Trail are both capped so they wanted to replace that one in the middle. Howard took care of it. The Chief said he sees Paul Morgan all over the place and he assumes he is replacing hydrants. He sees brand new yellow hydrants all over the place. Anytime weather is permitting he thinks he is replacing them.

Councilman Standohar said that he actually had a question for Brian on the amendment. Standohar said that he is sure there is an explanation on how it all ties together. Section 3 the way it reads, he wants some clarification, the sale shall be conditioned on the purchaser paying all costs associated with the new updated survey and/or legal description as required for recording by Trumbull County and sufficient deed restrictions prohibiting future annexation or per approval of the Director of Law and Director of Public Service. Standohar said that exactly just that last section. The Law Director stated that "or" should not be in there.

**POLICE CHIEF**

**JOHN NORMAN**

**ABSENT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

No report. Councilman Moliterno stated that they had a very good finance committee meeting today. A little bit longer one. Moliterno said they addressed a number of items but it was a good, positive meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley stated he was informed that the Judge could not make it this evening but he would like to schedule for the next meeting if possible. Councilman Moliterno stated that he had a conversation with Cosmo and they are going to invite the Judge on the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> which is the next finance committee meeting if that works for him. Moliterno stated the Judge's daughter had a tournament basketball game tonight which is why he couldn't be there.

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

Councilman Martuccio stated that she had a couple of items she wanted to mention. First of all, shop local, buy your gas in town. As we see it affects our income tax so do as much shopping, go to Rite Aid, to your shopping here in town and help our business and help our income coming in. Martuccio stated that on February 12<sup>th</sup> she attended the Fourth Ward Block Watch and they are asking for a sign for Stambaugh Field stating that it is Stambaugh Field. She said she guesses there is no sign there now. Service Director Lambert stated he has been working on it. Councilman Martuccio said she just wanted to see if he could put it on his sign list and thanked Mr. Lambert. Martuccio said on February 20<sup>th</sup> T.J. Keiran from the Trumbull County Planning Commission met with herself and Jeff Kay. She said he presented them with some business reports. Martuccio said it is a great tool for them to use. She further stated she has to organize it and figure it out and read it. She said Jeff had a pretty good handle on it. Councilman Martuccio said she will make copies of the cds and they can all look those reports on their business and marketing in town and the profiles of their community. Martuccio said there was a Fourth Ward Block Watch meeting and the guest speaker, Mr. Paolone, was there. She stated that some of the neighbors had complaints of trashy neighbors and they are homeowners and just kind of wondering what they can do. She said that in that case she asked Monica to put two zoning ordinances in Jeff Kay and Sam Zirafi's packet so that when they meet to review some zoning issues they can hopefully go from there and address some of those issues. Also, in their packets she requested the letter that they sent to the Auditor back in July to follow up on the delinquent commercial building taxes and they have not received a response from the Trumbull County Treasurer. Martuccio stated she was open for suggestions if they want to talk about it in zoning or as a council. Where do they go from here? There are a lot of delinquent taxes out there. Mayor Melfi said that he thinks they should invite the County Treasurer to one of their upcoming meetings to explain to us the procedure for foreclosure. The Mayor said there are some properties downtown that are always at center stage as far as having difficulties and he thinks that if the Treasurer comes here and explains to this body what the procedure is, what his office does, as far as notifying individuals of their delinquencies and what procedures have to be followed then all of us would be on the same page. President of Council Paolone said he thinks that is a great idea. The Mayor said that maybe then they could have a few properties that they have in mind available for him. Paolone asked Martuccio to contact him and see if he could make it to a caucus and she agreed. Paolone said a first meeting of the month caucus and Martuccio said ok, March 9<sup>th</sup> or April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMENTS:**

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

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Moliterno said that as they looked at the information from our engineers tonight there is a blurb for the costs of the engineering for the renovations of the gym. Moliterno asked where we stand on that. How is that coming along? The Service Director said they just passed the ordinance to advertise for bids so there is nothing put together yet, he hasn't seen them yet.

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

Councilman Grumley stated the only thing he wanted to ask for them to suspend and move forward with authorizing the bids for the Mark's system so that they can get it done sooner rather than later.

He said this is something they were told police and fire need and he would like to be able to do that this evening and he will be following up with the service director and the chiefs.

**COMMENTS:**

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

Councilman Standohar wanted to summarize briefly a discussion he had with the Service Director today and they want to request that Ordinance 50-03 regarding advertising for bids for paving for certain streets be postponed until the first reading in March for the reason that the Service Director needs more time for in-house cost estimates to be done prior to deciding which streets to attach as exhibit "A" to that ordinance and move forward on that so he would like to postpone that.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

Councilman Zirafi stated he had a conversation with Dennis Meek concerning the new wastewater treatment facility upgrades. Based on his comments and our conversation initiation of the full treatment of the operation to become effective on or about May 1, 2020. Completion of all construction, including paving, painting, training, etc. will be done by July 1, 2020. Thereafter for performance testing under the OEPA guidelines will be final report due out May 1, 2022. The annual payment is approximately \$767,108. It is a 30 year loan and the first payment is July 1, 2021 and final payment will be 01/01/2057. As of right now, percentages are tentative but this is going to be close, our share is 66% of that annual payment and Trumbull County is 34% of that annual payment.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley asked Julie or Sam if we would be okay with rates where they currently are to get us through this project. Sam said he would take that question because Julie wasn't in the position when the ordinance was passed. Councilman Zirafi said they passed an ordinance, Councilman Adovasio spearheaded it. They set certain fixed rates for a period of years and they have a rider in there that says that, based on inflation, they have a right to raise the rates. Zirafi said they have \$2.4 million in the fund right now as a surplus. If their share is \$500,000 he thinks they have a few years to react. If it looks like it is not going to make it as it starts to dwindle he would recommend they look at the ordinance and move forward with inflationary increases.

**ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MARTUCCIO**

No Report.

**COMMENTS:**

**RULES-GRUMLEY-STANDOHAR-KAY**

Councilman Grumley stated they met this evening and are satisfied with the current rules.

**COMMENTS:**

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND STANDOHAR TO APPROVE THE RULES AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR 2

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
RULES PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO REMOVE THE RULES FROM THE AGENDA.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY 2  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
PASSED 7-0 TO REMOVE RULES FROM THE AGENDA

**ORDINANCES**

**50-01-A**

**THIRD**

**READING**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE GIRARD UPPER LAKE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO OFFER SAID PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC BID WITH A RESERVE PRICE OF 4.35 MILLION DOLLARS.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO REMOVE "OR" FROM SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE 50-01A.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI 2

PASSED 7-0 VOTE TO REMOVE "OR"

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO PASS ORDINANCE 50-01-A.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI 2

50-01A PASSED 7-0 VOTE

President of Council Paolone asked the Law Director what happens now? The Law Director stated there is going to be a little bit of time to put an advertisement in the paper and put out for bid for five (5) weeks. Kren said they don't have a date now but they have to advertise for five (5) weeks. Councilman Kay asked if there would be a day then after that five (5) weeks when they would open the bid and the

Law Director said yes and then if they have offers above that then it would still come back to council to authorize Jerry to accept the contract. Councilman Moliterno asked what if they get no offers. Kren said if they get no offers then they start back at square one and start readvertising. Councilman Grumley asked if this would be a local advertising. Kren said that is what he brought up six months ago to council and nobody Councilman Schubert said he reached out to Jeff Bice to try to see what some suggestions from him would be and he is waiting for feedback from him. Schubert said he reached out to him three weeks ago. Paolone said lets work together on this and do this right. Schubert said in his opinion he would say at least nationally. Paolone said if not internationally and he is not being facious. Kren said that what he tried stressing before he would figure that out before they advertise for bid. Paolone said Schubert may want to get his committee together with him, not telling him what to do.

**50-02**

**THIRD 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 2020.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND STANDOHAR FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-02.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR 2

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

50-02 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**50-03**

**THIRD**

**READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GIRARD.

**MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND SCHUBERT TO POSTPONE THIRD READING OF 50-03 UNTIL MARCH 9, 2020.**

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR 1

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

50-03 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**50-08**

**SECOND**

**READING**



AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 307.10 OF THE CITY OF GIRARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING ALLOCATION OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR AUTOMATED SPEED VIOLATIONS.

**50-09**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

**50-10**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**50-11**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6658-95 TO INCREASE THE SALARY FOR THE PART TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

**50-12**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTURYLINK, INC. FOR THE UPGRADE TO THE CITY'S EMERGENCY 911 DISPATCHING SYSTEM FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$53,810.70 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO SUSPEND THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF 50-12.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI

SUSPENSION PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-12.**

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI

ORDINANCE 50-12 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**50-13**

**FIRST**

**READING**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE FORD TO PURCHASE THREE (3) MARKED FORD EXPLORER POLICE PACKAGE SUVs AND ONE (1) FORD UTILITY TRUCK FOR A PRICE NO TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED

NINETY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$193,930.00) PURSUANT TO THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO SUSPEND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-13.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI

SUSPENSION PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-13.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI

ORDINANCE NO. 50-13 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**50-14**

**FIRST**

**READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A MARCS RADIO SYSTEM AND UPGRADE TO EXISTING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO SUSPEND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READINGS OF ORDINANCE 50-14.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI

SUSPENSION OF 50-14 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-14.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI  
ORDINANCE NO. 50-14 PASSED 7-0 VOTE

**NEW LEGISLATION**

Councilman Moliterno recognized that Girard Municipal Court Judge was there and welcomed him. Moliterno said they already asked if the 23<sup>rd</sup> was good for the Judge to come to the meeting and the Judge said it was.

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO FOR A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OPIOIDE EPIDEMIC LAWSUIT.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 1  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI  
PASSED 7-0 TO PREPARE LEGISLATION

**MOTION KAY SECOND STANDOHAR TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR 2  
KAY 1  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
PASSED 7-0 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND KAY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURN MEETING.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR 1  
KAY 2  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
ADJOURNMENT PASSED 7-0

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**REYNALD PAOLONE**

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**MONICA URBANIC**