

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023
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	PRESENT

COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MARCH 13, 2023 AS WRITTEN.

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MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR
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President of Council Paolone said everyone should have gotten a new copy of the purchase agreement for the theater. If you didn't get it it should be in front of you.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR **JAMES MELFI** **PRESENT**
Mayor Melfi said he had just one item. 306 Broadway, they know the situation that went on there, he did attend the Trumbull County Combined Health Board meeting of February 22nd and they did condemn the property. They can go forward, he assumes, as early as March 22nd. The mayor said he is attempting to secure a bid for demolition. In the meantime, the owner of the property, Wells Fargo, has been in contact with his office. They have every right to attempt to improve the property. He hopes they do. If they do not, then shortly thereafter, March 22nd, they will remove the squatters and they will demo the property. The mayor said that is all he had.

COMMENTS:

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR **JERRY LAMBERT** **PRESENT**
No report.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR **BRIAN KREN** **PRESENT**
Attorney Kren asked the mayor, as he is sure he would, before they forcefully remove somebody, they make sure they give the proper notices under the property abatement law. He knows that is some of the hold up with the Penzas but there is notice requirements under the current city rules and he has nothing further.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR **JULIE COLEMAN** **PRESENT**
No report.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER **MARK ZUPPO** **PRESENT**
The treasurer said the current year to date collections through period 2 is \$897,771.06 vs prior year to date \$753,762.22 up \$144,008.84 or 19.11%. Mr. Zuppo said that concluded his report.

COMMENTS:

FIRE CHIEF **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**
Chief Petruzzi said their calls year to date are 421. Their fire inspectors have started their annual business inspections and they will be working diligently to make it everywhere in the city as soon as possible.

COMMENTS:

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

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno said he would like to ask for caucus time at 6:30 p.m. prior to the next council meeting on the 27th for a finance committee meeting. Moliterno said he also wanted to let council know that in conversations with their auditor he is going to request that 51-56 the appropriations that they suspend and pass that tonight because she needs that to be able to submit that.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert said they had a caucus at 6:30 to discuss a few items that they would like to see potentially get done in the parks. Pickleball courts, splash pads, redoing the playground area at Tod Park. Lights he thinks is not going to make it. Schubert said other than that, he will have some information for them at the next meeting on where they go to move forward with this.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

No report

COMMENTS:

STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY

Councilman Standohar said they had a street committee meeting this evening at 6 in the service director's office. The administration did present them with 13 streets that they felt in their opinion were in need of immediate attention in this paving program. The committee did accept and acknowledge those 13 streets. The committee did also discuss some other streets and 3 have been added for a total of 16 streets that will be asked for to be placed out for bid at the next meeting on Monday, March 27th and everybody will wait for those in their packet. They will have time to review them and discuss them. Standohar said they tried the best they could to stick with most of the recommendations and at the same time realized there were some possible areas that needed some attention spread out throughout the city to be equitable to all of the wards of the city. Councilman Standohar asked if there was anything his committee members wanted to add. Councilman Kay asked if Jerry needed them, Jerry said he didn't mark everybody's handouts which ones they wanted to add. Kay asked he did? Lambert said he only marked his copy so the three that they wanted to add they didn't have that. Councilman Grumley said after the meeting they would cover the rest. Councilman Standohar said at this stage they are only putting out for bid so they will see how things resolve.

COMMENTS:

Attorney Kren said this isn't under streets but the employee welfare/finance. Attorney Kren said he would like to pull the prosecutor's salary for review. When they did the other officials last year he said he was remiss in revisiting that so he doesn't know which councilman.....there was conversation regarding who would take care of it and Councilman Moliterno said they would discuss it at finance next time.

Councilman Grumley asked if he would submit a recommendation before the next finance meeting. Attorney Kren said he was going to submit a recommendation before they request legislation. Councilman Grumley asked if they could have it before the next finance meeting and Attorney Kren said they would have it.

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio said that this Thursday on March 16th there will be a block watch at the library at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. She sees that they got the application from Trumbull Geauga Waste for the litter cleanup for the request for implements and gloves and such so thank you for getting those. Martuccio continued, Earth Day cleanup is April 22nd from 9-12 in each ward. She asked that each ward councilperson maybe talk to Tom Grumley to see what is needed because he has vast experience with these from every year. He can help guide them to that if that's possible. Councilman Grumley said strong backs and good feet. Martuccio said she is in the process of checking with the schools to see about sending volunteers. Martuccio said she wants to check with their law director to look into our downtown properties as blighted, as sources of blight for nuisances and/or eminent domain to perhaps do something with our.....Attorney Kren said he does not run the zoning department. Martuccio said she knows but from a law perspective to look at properties as far as eminent domain. She asked if this was something they could look into. Attorney Kren said they would have to have a use plan first. For eminent domain you have to have a public purpose. Martuccio asked you have to have a what? Kren said some public purpose in mind. The federal government....their state supreme court is somewhat restricted with eminent domain. Martuccio asked if it was something they could look at down the road to come up with a plan to look at these properties that are not being utilized. Kren said any property is subject to eminent domain. It is coming up with a plan of action that the eminent domain is based on. Martuccio asked Kren to help guide her, have a conversation and move forward if they can. Attorney Kren said sure. Martuccio said that is all she had.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

51-56

SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR SUSPENSION OF THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 51-56.

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MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-56.

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51-57

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 765.02 ESTABLISHING THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIENT VENDORS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-58

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$72,900.00 PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR 2023 STREET PAVING PROGRAM.

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MOTIONS PASSES 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND SCHUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2023.

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MOTION PASSED 7-0

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL