

**51st GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Girard Liberty Rotary regarding Special Olympics

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND STANDOHAR TO FILE LETTER WITH COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR 2

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

51-13

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WAGE AND CERTAIN BENEFIT INCREASES FOR THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD 51-13 TO THE AGENDA OF MARCH 28, 2022

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION TO ADD 51-13 TO THE AGENDA PASSES 7-0

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MARCH 28, 2022 AS AMENDED.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO 2(Abstain)
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR
PRESENT**

JAMES MELFI

The Mayor stated that he had a couple of things to follow up on from the last meeting. The Penza/City of Girard matter. Last Monday the parties and the Magistrate agreed to an inspection by the City to be completed by 3/25/22. A list of repairs will be delivered to the Penzas by 3/30/22 and the Penzas will have to make a decision by 4/20/22 to either remediate or allow the building's demolition. That is a matter decided by the Court Magistrate and the

parties. The Mayor continued, secondly, the Tesla charging station construction will begin, it probably has begun this past week, and it will conclude in about a month. So Girard will be on the cutting edge with a Tesla charging station at I-80 and 422.

COMMENTS:

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

JERRY LAMBERT

PRESENT

No report.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR

BRIAN KREN

PRESENT

The Law Director stated he had a follow up to what the Mayor said. They also pre-arranged on-site mediation hearings in the event that there is a dispute over the extent of the repairs that the City is requesting to hopefully, try to expediate the quick resolution of this. Kren continued, he knows he sounds like a broken record when the go into executive session but it is important that they remember that they have to say what they are going into executive session for. Northeast Ohio has been invaded by what they call public records bandits who have been requesting records from local cities. Kren said that Hubbard and he thinks Johnston are currently being sued because there are built in damages, attorney's fees and all of that for not following it. President of Council said he takes responsibility and will do his best but he thinks the Law Director usually catches him. The Law Director said he would like to think that he always catches him.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR

JULIE COLEMAN

PRESENT

No report.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER

MARK ZUPPO

PRESENT

No report.

COMMENTS:

FIRE CHIEF

JAMES PETRUZZI

PRESENT

Chief Petruzzi stated that the fire department has had 492 calls to service so far in 2022. The Chief stated he is sure everyone is aware the fire department started a car seat inspection program back in January and it is actually going off better than they anticipated. They have had multiple citizens from Girard and surrounding communities take advantage of the program and they are looking forward to keeping that going.

COMMENTS:

POLICE CHIEF

JOHN NORMAN

ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

No report. Councilman Moliterno stated that they had a committee meeting this evening that was attended by all of Council and the administration. It is very early in the year, obviously. They have not finished their first quarter yet. They got a report from their Treasurer who is also going to provide them with some additional quarterly numbers and a breakdown of both the business and individual income tax for their next meeting.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert stated that the city gym construction is going well and on schedule and with the weather getting better the kids will be in the parks and baseball will be starting, allegedly. He said we'll see.

COMMENTS:

Mayor Melfi stated that the contractor has assured him that October 1st is the ribbon cutting.

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

Councilman Grumley stated that they had a committee meeting with the entire committee, both chiefs and the service director this evening regarding the Ohio Revised Code changes in the fireworks. The Chiefs, the Mayor and the Service Director are going to bring back some recommendations to Council.

COMMENTS:

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

No report.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

No report. Councilman Zirafi stated that they will be meeting with the engineering consultant at a caucus at the next meeting at 6:15 pm to discuss various issues including the streets as well as the water problems on Liberty Street.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

No report.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

51-08 **SECOND**
READING
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO HIRE NO MORE THAN SIX (6) TEMPORARY SEASONAL EMPLOYEES.

51-09 **FIRST**
READING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-10 **FIRST**
READING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WAGE AND CERTAIN BENEFIT INCREASES FOR THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

51-11 **FIRST**
READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY AND HOURS FOR THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME RENTAL/ZONING INSPECTORS.

51-12 **FIRST**
READING
AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT PART-TIME POSITIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SERVICE AND RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-13 **FIRST**
READING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WAGE AND CERTAIN BENEFIT INCREASES FOR THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF GIRARD.

NEW LEGISLATION

None.

The Treasurer reminded everyone that Civic's Day will be May 12th.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND SCHUBERT TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION WITH THE MAYOR, SERVICE DIRECTOR AND LEGAL COUNCIL.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PASSES 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND SCHUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2022.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSES 7-0

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL