

**50th GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
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

President of Council Paolone informed everyone that the Law Director called him and he will probably not be there tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS

President of Council Paolone stated he had two communications that he wanted to get on the record. The first one is dated April 19, 2021 from Mayor Melfi to Weatherfield and Liberty. It is the same letter and he said he is only going to read it once. Paolone read the letters aloud inquiring of the two communities would like to share the cost of a fire district study. President of Council said they got one response. He stated first he would like to file this with the safety committee if that is okay with Councilman Grumley.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO FILE BOTH LETTERS FROM MAYOR MELFI TO WEATHERSFIELD AND LIBERTY WITH THE SAFETY COMMITTEE.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 7-0 TO FILE WITH SAFETY

President of Council said that on April 27th Jimmy got a reply from Dave Rowan from Weathersfield Township. Paolone read the letter aloud which stated that they were not in a position to participate in Mayor Melfi's proposal at this time.

Paolone said they did not get one from Liberty he is assuming. The Mayor replied no.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO FILE THE LETTER FROM WEATHERSFIELD TOWNSHIP WITH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
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GRUMLEY 1
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MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 7-0 TO FILE WITH SAFETY

Councilman Standohar asked if they had proof that that really came from the Administrator.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MAY 10, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 7-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSES 7-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR

JAMES J. MELFI

PRESENT

Mayor Melfi thanked the Chairman. The Mayor said that first of all he wanted to thank the Trumbull County Health District for their assistance on a number of items. One is already completed. An individual on Mosier Road, at the very top near Liberty Street, decided to throw their construction debris down the side of the hill, you might noticed before the leaves grew in, and into the area we know as Liberty Park. Melfi continued, with the help of Trumbull County that mess, which was on a pretty steep cliff, is cleaned up and back to its original state. The Mayor said sometimes he just shakes his head on this job and wonders why. Furthermore in the area of Trumbull County Health, at their upcoming meeting on May 26th, 1047 Washington Avenue will be condemned if it is not brought up to their recommendations by May 26th. The Mayor said we will go forward, we have already tested for asbestos at that site, and the testing came back good for us. There is a bit of asbestos on the wrap around the heating duct but very minor in cost. That will be coming down. The Mayor continued, 25 W. Liberty Street, the Law Director has informed him that he would like to file a warrant for our environmental specialist to enter and take samples there as well. As everybody remembers, Trumbull County has condemned 25 W. Liberty as well. Melfi stated they are moving along. Unfortunately a little too slow, but we are following the rules. Sometimes it is just easier to bring the bulldozer in, but what are we going to do.

COMMENTS:

President of Council Paolone asked what is next at Liberty Street. The Mayor stated that the Law Director is recommending that once Trumbull County has sent them the paperwork, and they are going to do so tomorrow, the official paperwork, he is going to give the owner an additional thirty days to bring it up to code. If he doesn't at that point and time we are free to warm up the bulldozer.

Councilman Schubert asked who that cost goes back to. The Mayor answered that initially that cost will be the City's and that is why he is bringing everybody along on this because it is not going to be a typical demolition. The homes, he has already received a bid of \$6,000 on those homes. That location will not be \$6,000 but they will, as Councilman Moliterno stated, obviously lien his taxes and go from there. The Mayor said that it is the beginning of some urban renewal.

Councilman Grumley asked if they are obligated to give them another thirty days. The Mayor responded that that is a question for the Law Director. He wants to say he likes to always follow his Law Director's recommendations. Councilman Standohar stated the advisor to the inadvisable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

Councilman Moliterno said he had no report other than he would like to set a finance committee meeting for 6:30 pm prior to their next council meeting.

COMMENTS:

President of Council Paolone stated that that would be May 24, 2021.

Mayor Melfi stated that the Treasurer was kind enough, at their request, to send the Administration his report. They have not received one for several months. Melfi continued, he doesn't know if they were in the penalty box or what have you, but he, as you know, some time ago, and as he stated earlier this evening, that it is very important for them to have accurate income tax numbers and very important for the upcoming monies and possible transfers to the general fund. After the Treasurer's four month sabbatical he finally showed up here and, obviously there is a pattern, he comes during the finance meetings and that is it. The Mayor further stated that he has to remind this body that this City was down over a half a million dollars in income tax last year and despite a stellar budget, a very healthy financial report, that is our only blemish. That is a concern. It is concern going forward because these dollars will end some day. The Mayor said he is looking at this report and, there again he doesn't want to say he was treasurer eleven years, he doesn't want to put any colleagues here on the spot, but there is no one here, including myself, that added any of these numbers up and could even understand them. The Mayor said that he would recommend to the Treasurer that he looks back to the 1990s or 2000s and get somebody's report who was the treasurer before him so they could understand this. There again, no one added this up because he doesn't even understand it. Melfi continued he understands a daily log. This is the money that comes in daily. They need a monthly report with a breakdown of the various tax dollars and a quarterly report, which he believes, the Law Director isn't here, but he believes by law that they have to have a quarterly report. Just taking something from RITA and sending it to somebody in an email, and he had his printed out and has been looking at it for days and his mind is scrambled so he guesses if he shows at the next meeting he will ask him about more specifics when it comes to the finances. The Mayor thanked the Chairman.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO

Councilman Martuccio reminded everyone to shop local.

COMMENTS:**BUILDING AND GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR**

Councilman Schubert said that he will make sure that that mural gets taken down for Councilman Martuccio before that building is demoed.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Martuccio thanked Councilman Schubert. President of Council Paolone said that Keith would do it himself. Paolone said he will help him. Martuccio said call her and she will call the artist's wife. Martuccio said she wants to witness it and take pictures.

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:**STREETS, SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY**

No report.

COMMENTS:**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

Councilman Zirafi wanted to comment that because of the Covid meeting that they had, the caucus prior to this meeting, he did present all of the councilmen a 3-5 year capital improvement plan for the infrastructure for the water department.

COMMENTS:

President of Council Paolone said he appreciated that.

ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

50-46

THIRD

READING

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-46.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUND #250 TO SEPERATELY ACCOUNT FOR ANY FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0 TO PREPARE LEGISLATION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING OF MAY 10, 2021.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1

MOTION PASSES 7-0 FOR ADJOURNMENT.

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL