

51ST GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 23, 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. JEFFREY 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. SAMUEL ZIRAFI	PRESENT

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

51-21

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRUMBULL COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BILLING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD ORDINANCE 51-21 TO THE MAY 23, 2022 AGENDA.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO - 1
ZIRAFI - 2
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MAY 23, 2022 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO - 2
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI - 1
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND SCHUBERT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF MAY 9, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT - 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO - 1

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

PASSED 7 YES VOTES

CITIZEN COMMENTS

NONE

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR JAMES J. MELFI PRESENT

MAYOR MELFI:

Mr. Chairman, just a couple of comments: Seems to be a broken record. Zoning, once again our zoning department is out in full force. It's a very busy time of year. High grass. We sent the police down on Market Street about an hour ago. Somebody just thinks that they can clean out a house and put it all over the front yard and the devil strip. I don't know where these folks come from or where they were before, but it is getting a little bit disgusting. But we will stay on it, you better believe. Twenty-four hours a day, any time we see something, we are on it. Even if we're sending the police now. Not to let you think that once they make the first cut of grass that we go away. We do not.

Secondly and finally, I've asked a month ago at the last finance meeting from the city treasurer for certain statistics from 2017 to the present. I also asked for a breakdown of income tax dollars from the business sector from withholding, which would relate to business and others who pay on their own. The treasurer did not provide that. Maybe we have to send a letter to the editor. Maybe the newspaper editor can call and ask him for these statistics. But once again, we do not have them. We have nothing to go on through the pandemic. He is not here to answer questions to this very generic RITA report. So we'll continue to ask and maybe I will write a letter to the editor and maybe she can get the answers. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

MR. PAOLONE: Questions for the Mayor?

COMMENTS: No comments.

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SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR JERRY LAMBERT PRESENT

MR. LAMBERT:

The only thing I have tonight is we got a letter from Spectrum. They want to come and talk to us and introduce themselves. If we would like to, we can set them up for a caucus time.

MR. PAOLONE: Ask Sam. Sam is our utility chairman. That's his call.

MR. ZIRAFI: Do you have any idea how much time they want, Jerry?

MR. LAMBERT: I wouldn't give them anymore than 15 minutes or a half-hour.

MR. ZIRAFI: I know that Lily wants our first meeting in June for a zoning meeting at 6:30. So second meeting in June?

MR. PAOLONE: June 27.

MR. LAMBERT: Make it 6:15. Let him talk for 15 minutes.

MR. ZIRAFI: Then we have the Finance Committee thereafter. If John doesn't mind, second meeting in June at 6:15.

MR. PAOLONE: June 27 at 6:15. With?

MR. ZIRAFI: Spectrum.

MR. PAOLONE: Any questions for Jerry?

COMMENTS: No comments.

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LAW DIRECTOR BRIAN KREN, ESQ. PRESENT

MR. KREN:

Thank you. I was reminded the last time that Councilman Martuccio asked me about getting the zoning ordinances online. One of the reasons that I haven't gotten the quote yet is that it was brought to my attention some various amendments that were passed in the late '70s that I never had a copy of. So I'm trying -- and this is one of the reasons why we need to be online. But I'm trying to make sure that I have what is on the books. Unfortunately we don't have a clear answer to that zoning law.

But the auditor brought to my attention that we do have two garbage levies for renewal. If you want them on the November ballot then I would suggest asking for the first step piece of legislation to get the numbers from the county auditor to move forward with the second piece of legislation. That's all I have.

MR. PAOLONE: Questions for Brian?

COMMENTS: No comments.

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AUDITOR JULIE COLEMAN PRESENT

MS. COLEMAN:

No report.

MR. PAOLONE: Questions for Julie?
 COMMENTS: No comments.

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TREASURER MARK ZUPPO ABSENT
 COMMENTS: No comments.

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FIRE CHIEF JAMES PETRUZZI PRESENT

MR. PETRUZZI:

Thank you. Just a couple of things: 2022 call total to date is 787. We had a representative from ISO come to the station today and met with us to do our evaluation. Our rating will be available in about five months. He feels that with some of the changes that have been made over the last year that our rating may improve. So that's what we are hoping for.

And second, Friday we have a meeting with a representative from the Red Cross. We're going to look at -- starting with the smoke detector program. The Red Cross will supply all the smoke detectors, the ladder and all the tools to install them. City residents will be able to call if they need them and we will install them. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. PAOLONE: Questions for the Chief?

COMMENTS: No comments.

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POLICE CHIEF JOHN NORMAN ABSENT
 COMMENTS: No comments.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES - MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

MR. MOLITERNO:

We had a Finance Committee meeting this evening. Loud discussion about where we are at and what is going on. The Mayor made some comments about the report that we get from the Regional Income Tax Agency. We do need updates. We do need some more historicals than what we have been provided up until now. I think we need to go back at least five years to determine where we're at. It tends to fluctuate. We had a good month but we do know that it bounces up and down very quickly. So we'll -- I'll also ask the treasurer for that additional updated information.

MR. PAOLONE: Next meeting on the 27th, John? 6:30?

MR. MOLITERNO: Sure.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

MR. KAY:

No report. But I do want to mention that I had my

chance to go to my first Civics Day. It was a couple of weeks ago. I had a great time with the kids. I think they did a great job and was happy to be able to be involved and be the only council member there. But it was a good time. I wanted to thank the school for having us, all of us.

MR. SCHUBERT: You represent all of us.

MR. KAY: Yes, I do. I did that very well.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS - SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

MR. SCHUBERT:

No report.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

MR. GRUMLEY:

We met this evening to look at our parking ordinances and I want to thank Jerry. Council brought some concerns to him. He's going to work with the chief and we'll meet again after Jerry gets back to me and decide where we're going to move with our current ordinance.

And then I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that came out two weeks ago. We cleaned Stambaugh Park. Trumbull Excavating was there. They donated some visqueen that we laid in the playground area. And the fire department is going to finish up this week by laying the rest of the mulch in the playground area. All the trash was picked up and the administration is going to get the field scraped and hopefully we get some activity at the park. That's it. Thanks.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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

MR. STANDOHAR:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had some discussion during the finance meeting regarding the 2022 street paving project. And it seemed to be the consensus of council that they were in favor of proceeding only with Contract A that was presented tonight among the options. In fact the finance chair asked if we would present it that way this evening. So that will be presented as Contract A for a price not to exceed \$328,762.08.

I don't think he's closing the door on any other activity that possibly could be done that has been proposed tonight, but I think council wants some more information before moving forward on any of the other paving listed in Contract B. Thank you.

MR. PAOLONE: Tom?

MR. GRUMLEY: Jerry, have we ever used Lindy before?

MR. LAMBERT: It's been a while.

MR. GRUMLEY: I always worry when somebody can come in 75 to 100,000 cheaper than anybody else.

MR. LAMBERT: From what I understand, there was some competitive bidding as well in regards to the paving in Youngstown. And I think that everybody was watching what everybody else was charging and they were trying to manipulate the numbers so that they can be lower on this and that. And it just so happened that Lindy wanted Girard, I guess.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

MR. ZIRAFI:

No report.

COMMENTS:

MS. MARTUCCIO: I had a question with utilities. Have we found an electrical aggregate for the city?

MAYOR MELFI: We have. I have them here somewhere. We are going with a 31-month term from May of '23 to December of '25. And it is 0.06880. And that is the best price available at this time. So we do have the electric in place.

Now, I've stated this before, the gas aggregation has proven to be magnificent. It's 3.06 per Mcf. And we've locked in as long as we could at that time. But that comes due in October. But I'll tell you what I tell my wife, put on a sweater or two.

MS. MARTUCCIO: Can we say who our aggregate is?

MAYOR MELFI: I can't tell you where we're at with gas. It's way too soon.

MS. MARTUCCIO: No, with the electric.

MAYOR MELFI: D-Y-N-E-G-Y, Dynegy. And there is a Greenback Program. They are going to -- for all of this they are going to give the city \$11,500.00 for energy consumption or conservancy. But a little bit comes back to the city for energy efficiency programs.

MS. MARTUCCIO: And so our friends with pools for the rest of summer, they can choose someone until next year?

MAYOR MELFI: Absolutely. If anybody is in the city's aggregation -- gas or electric -- you can always opt out at no cost, no penalty. That's very important to know. When people call me and they ask about these aggregations, I say listen, you want to make sure your opt out is zero. A lot of them get zonked, because they are as high as \$250.00 to opt out. And whatever you are going to save, you're not going to save. The city is zero cost opting out. And we always say that there could

be a better deal out there. There could be a better deal.

MS. MARTUCCIO: That sounds like a great deal but we just have to wait until next year, right?

MR. PAOLONE: What covers us until May?

MAYOR MELFI: First Energy.

MR. PAOLONE: This is the old contract.

MAYOR MELFI: Yeah. If prices were that cheap.

MR. PAOLONE: So we're just going under First Energy until May?

MAYOR MELFI: Correct. Of 2023.

MR. PAOLONE: Anybody that is in stays in?

MAYOR MELFI: Correct. You don't have to do anything.

MR. PAOLONE: So for a year we are with Ohio Edison and then we go to this in May?

MAYOR MELFI: Yes.

MS. MARTUCCIO: Thank you, Mayor.

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ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

MS. MARTUCCIO:

Back to zoning. I just want to announce there is a June 4 car show at the Multi-Gen Center, so everybody can come and look at the cars.

I've requested a June 13 Zoning Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. and if the rest of council could be here just to throw out some ideas and some directions of what we want to prioritize with our zoning going forward.

And I want to thank the fire department. There were three people there who were very valuable to my mother. So thank you very much. And for anybody who has any issues, please use those EMTs as a resource because they were very valuable with their service. Thank you.

COMMENTS: No comments.

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ORDINANCES

51-17 **MOLITERNO** **FIRST READING**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITIONS OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-18 **MOLITERNO** **FIRST READING**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-19 **MOLITERNO** **FIRST READING**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE

TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINDY PAVING, 225 N. SHORE DRIVE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15212, FOR THE PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$328,762.08.

MR. MOLITERNO: Mr. Chairman?

MR. PAOLONE: Is that a motion to add to the title?

MR. MOLITERNO: Yes.

MR. PAOLONE: And 2?

MR. STANDOHAR: And Section 2, also.

MR. PAOLONE: That's what I thought.

MR. STANDOHAR: I would leave it up to the law director or service director.

MR. LAMBERT: Make it Exhibit A.

MR. STANDOHAR: Contract A. I kind of wanted it to say -- and the streets listed and referred to as Contract A and then see attached exhibit. And then maybe you could just only take the Contract A streets and make that the exhibit or you can leave the B on. Because we're just strictly referring to -- we're only doing the streets listed under Contract A.

MR. PAOLONE: Item review, you're adding to the title at the end, 328,762.08. You're adding that same number to Section 2 where it says, not to exceed 328,762.08. And above Section 2 we're changing the wording to Contract A and erasing Exhibit A; is that correct?

MR. MOLITERNO: Brian, does that work?

MR. PAOLONE: I'm asking. Before we do this, let's get it right. Brian, is that okay?

MR. STANDOHAR: I didn't know if that was going to be the exhibit or if this was going to be the exhibit.

MR. KREN: Contract A attached hereto.

MR. PAOLONE: That's fine. Those are the three amendments to this. We are grouping them together.

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND MOLITERNO TO ADD THREE AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE 51-19.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR - 1

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO - 2

ZIRAFI

PASSED 7 YES VOTES

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE 51-19.

ZIRAFI
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

51-21 MOLITERNO FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRUMBULL COUNTY HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS BILLING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE
CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND KAY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND
THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE 51-21.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY - 2
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO - 1
ZIRAFI
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND KAY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE
50-21.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY - 2
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO - 1
ZIRAFI
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

NEW LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPLY
FOR THE NECESSARY LEVY OF 1.10 MILL FOR GARBAGE.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPLY FOR FIRST GARBAGE
LEVY.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO - 2
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI - 1
PASSED 7 YES VOTES

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR THE FUNDS
NECESSARY TO LEVY A MILL IN THE AMOUNT 1.00 MILL FOR

GARBAGE REFUSE.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO FOR PREPARATION OF 1.00
MILL GARBAGE REFUSE.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO - 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI - 1

PASSED 7 YES VOTES

AN ORDINANCE TO COVER THE 2023 ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO COVER 2023 ALTERNATIVE
TAX BUDGET.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO - 1

ZIRAFI - 2

PASSED 7 YES VOTES

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND STANDOHAR TO ADJOURN THE MAY 23,
2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR - 2

KAY

GRUMLEY - 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

PASSED 7 YES VOTES

REYNALD J. PAOLONE,
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

KELLY HAASE,
ALTERNATE CLERK OF COUNCIL