

**51st GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

PLEDGE

President of Council Paolone introduced Vada Schubert to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND KAY TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR
KAY 2
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
PASSED 5-0 TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN GRUMLEY FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
PASSED 5-0 TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN GRUMLEY

COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JUNE 13, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 5-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2022 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Fran Wilson, 117 Ella Street. Ms. Wilson stated that she was trying to find the minutes of November of '21 but she didn't have time to research them, but, anyway, when she read the article in the paper about the streets that have been done, the only remark she has to make here is that she had thought that her street, according to those minutes, might have been one of the first streets done. Wilson continued, she is taking count of all of the other streets that are already paved and she asked tonight if they had a date when her street was going to be paved and she was told that they are still going to be talking about it. Ms. Wilson said that she wanted to go on record and say that she would probably pull those up and look at those because the city put in the new waterline and tore the street up and she had to live with that since October or November of last year. Every time she walks out there she has to be careful because she walks the dogs up one side and tries to stay on the sidewalk but there are times that she does that, and you know how big those rocks are when the street is torn up. Ms. Wilson continued, she had a personal problem recently in her life and a lot of out-of-towners came in town and it was embarrassing for her to have to explain why her street looks so bad for these people from out of state and all of the other ones look so good. She was crying enough without having to say she's sorry they have to drive down this street to come and see her like that. She thanked council.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR **JAMES J. MELFI** **PRESENT**

Mayor Melfi said he had just one item. He was informed today by Gary Modarelli, who is the low bidder for the demolition of 15/15 ½ and of course 25, that he will be bringing his equipment in this week and could begin as early as Friday for the demolition of 15/15 ½. The Mayor continued, as they may know, 25 has been challenged by the owner and the thinking is that they are going to repair theirs once ours is down. They will be able to get in it and repair their wall among everything else in the building. They did put two new glass block windows in the back so the cats no longer have entry.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Moliterno asked who owns the building that they are going to tear down. Mayor Melfi responded that it is actually in foreclosure and FNB has it. They have been informed.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES **JERRY LAMBERT** **PRESENT**

Mr. Lambert said he had a couple of things. Last year's paving is finishing up as we speak. They only have a few more things to do as far as the manholes and stuff like that. Mr. Lambert continued, the paving that has been done so far is actually last year's list. This year's that they awarded within the last month or so, they are having the pre-construction meeting on Wednesday and hopefully they will be starting as early as next week on this year's paving list. Lambert said he did not have much time to talk too much to Sam before the meeting but he would like to see if they can bring in legislation to advertise for bids for the six pumps at the Tibbets Wick station and the Churchill station. Three at each one. Just to advertise for bids. Lambert said he wants to keep the labor to install it as a separate entity because it is probably going to have to be a different organization that has to be doing the installation. So, two pieces of legislation, one to advertise for bids for the pumps and one to install the pumps.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR **BRIAN KREN** **PRESENT**

Attorney Kren stated since the last meeting he did file a claim in Bankruptcy Court against Volunteer Energy based on Buckeye Energy's calculation of their lost savings on the electric aggregation and we'll see where that goes. All of the pleadings have been filed in the traffic camera appeal so they are just in limbo waiting for a decision on that.

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Martuccio said that they had a zoning committee meeting prior to this and a couple of issues came up that they would ask for his opinion on. One of the main ones is signage in the City on residential properties. People putting homemade signs that most people feel are offensive. Are there any state laws or other parameters that they could abide by. Martuccio asked if he could look into it and let them know. Attorney Kren said if you're talking about political....Councilwoman Martuccio said no this is like feuding. It is like social media at its worst on a sign. It was neighbors directing comments at each other. Attorney Kren said he would be glad to look into it. They took a case to trial where, well he doesn't want to get into specifics, but it was what they believed to be racial harassment. The First Amendment is a high hurdle but they are not shy upon filing charges if appropriate. Martuccio stated that some of the wording could almost entice a neighbor into violence she thinks so she would want to look at that aspect of it too. She said she could meet with him and see the ordinances that they have standing and see if they can improve on them. Martuccio said this brings her to her next question. Where are, how, they're zoning ordinances are in different places and spots and she is not sure how to look up an ordinance, a zoning ordinance to be honest to answer people's questions. Help. Attorney Kren said nor does he sometimes because, don't ask him why that since 1970 the City has never codified its zoning codes and it just compounded worse and worse as they amend. That is the next step, to codify. Everything except the original zoning code is online. The zoning code they do need to get. They will be an upfront expense. There was further discussion between council and the law director regarding how to get these ordinances included in the codified books and online. Councilman Moliterno asked Attorney Kren if there is something they can do as council to fix the problem please let the know at the next meeting.

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

COMMENTS:

TREASURER **MARK ZUPPO** **ABSENT**

FIRE CHIEF **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**

Chief Petruzzi stated that the 2022 to date is 908. Chief Petruzzi continued, they ordered the buoys for the river that will warn people on canoes of the upcoming dam. When they come in they will be going out to install them.

COMMENTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno reminded everyone that they have an upcoming finance committee meeting at 6:30 at the next meeting which is June 27th.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report. Councilman Kay said that the corner the old HHH building that he thinks he mentioned before is selling that the deal is done and it has changed hands so somebody else has control and from what he understands they are going to make some improvements.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

No report.

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Kay told Jerry that he thinks the streets are looking pretty good and they are on pace for maybe next week to start the next project. Mr. Lambert said that they will know on Wednesday.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

Councilman Zirafi reminded everyone that also at the next meeting at 6:15 Spectrum will be coming in to say hello and the new rep will introduce himself. They will be asking to two ordinances later also.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio reminded everyone that there is a block watch meeting at the Girard Library this Thursday the 16th at 6:00 pm. Prior to the council meeting there was a zoning committee meeting. She thanked everyone who attended and thanked them for their input. Martuccio said that they have a lot of subjects to look into.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

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

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

51-22 **FIRST READING**
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.

51-23 **FIRST READING**
A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.

51-24 **FIRST READING**
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND SUBMITTING COPIES OF SAME TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION.

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 6 NEW PUMPS AT THE TIBBETTS WICK AND CHURCHILL PUMP STATIONS.

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MOTION PASSES 5-0

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE LABOR FOR INSTALLATION OF SIX NEW PUMPS AT THE TIBBETTS WICK AND CHURCHILL PUMP STATIONS.

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MOTION PASSES 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 5-0 TO ADJOURN

REYNALD J. PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL