

**50th GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRESENT	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN PRESENT	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN ABSENT	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

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI

PASSES 6-0 TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR

COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

50-49

FIRST

READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVING OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GIRARD.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO ADD 50-49 TO THE AGENDA OF JUNE 14, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR

KAY
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI
PASSES 6-0 TO ADD 50-49

50-53

FIRST

READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO RAZE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 15 W. LIBERTY STREET, 15 ½ W. LIBERTY STREET AND 25 W. LIBERTY STREET, GIRARD, OHIO.

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SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI
PASSES 6-0 TO ADD 50-53

50-54

FIRST

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF CANFIELD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 TO ADD 50-54

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JUNE 14, 2021 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND SCHUBERT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSES 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR
PRESENT**

JAMES J. MELFI

Mayor Melfi stated he had a couple of items this evening. He continued, as you see before you the Resolution to demo the two structures downtown. Some preliminary numbers were coming in and certainly they were exceeding the limit that the administration is allowed to contract so they want to bring it in front of council. As he said all along, they are making council step by step in this process aware of what is going on and we will go from there. The Mayor stated also on a couple of properties that they have been working on for sometime on Washington Avenue, 909 Washington Ave. is slated for demolition and there doesn't seem to be any problem there. Unfortunately, 1047, which has been a big nuisance, and if you happen to view the interior pictures of 1047, they were quite nauseating. Apparently there has been a transaction between the current owner and the new owner. The Mayor stated that he spoke with the County Treasurer and he is going to continue forward with the foreclosure action. There are quite a lot of liens on the property. There has been a shallow attempt at cleaning the property up. Melfi said they put a new roof on and left piles of shingles on the ground, without taking out a permit of course, so they have not been inside, but obviously they are going to delay that until they get a little more information. 909 is scheduled and could go at any time. Also, there is a tentative agreement with the railroad. The Mayor stated that after sixteen years there is a tentative agreement. Melfi said the Law Director wanted him to inform Council this evening and the President of Council that they have an email providing all of the details. The Mayor further stated that he is not going to call for an executive session tonight out of respect that he just sent it out. This way it gives council an opportunity to review and ask the Law Director when he is

there. It has been a long, long task. The Mayor said he has read the details and they look pretty good. It remains with the Law Director and executive session of Council he would imagine at the next meeting.

President of Council Paolone stated that the Law Director informed him on the phone today that anyone on Council that wants to call him please do so and discuss the email. At the next meeting he will have some legislation for them to move forward because it will require legislation to do this. He said any questions just call him just like the Mayor said.

The Mayor said his only other comment is there again he has not had any information on income tax. The Mayor asked Councilman Moliterno if he had anything on income tax numbers for them. Melfi said he would like to know where they stand. Councilman Moliterno said that he is not sure why he would have any more.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Kay asked 15, 15 ½ and 25 which two buildings are those? Is that the building and the building behind it or is that just two addresses? The Mayor stated that is two addresses at the same building. The former Sackus building, Z Fitness. The Mayor said he doesn't understand why but it is there and they are going to include it. They are not going to leave anything out. Kay asked the other property behind it is? The Mayor said that is part of the Sackus property but remember we are condemning, it's a different process, they are condemning 15 based upon 15 ½ condition that it may fail and it is dangerous to the public. The Wilson Avenue property doesn't fall into that category as of yet. Although, if you may recall, a year or so ago a major wall fell down, the east wall fell on that building. But, no, their target is the Ben Franklin Building. The Mayor said unfortunately, they are delayed because of the dangerous conditions of the adjoining wall. Kay asked who owns that property behind there? If they knock it down then the City owns that property right? The Mayor responded that no. First of all, he is going to leave all questions to the Law Director, but he believes that they will lien the property for the cost incurred by the City and they will go from there. Melfi said, obviously he has already been in contact with the County Treasurer, he understands what they are going to do and they have to recoup their money. If they don't recoup their money then, obviously, it is going to be City property and then City Council will determine what they would want to do with that property.

Councilman Grumley said that brings him to his question. Grumley asked if he could get them an answer if they could use the available Covid funds for the demo and also to replace it with a park type setting. The Mayor responded that unfortunately they are delayed because they have to advertise now so he is sure he can get that answer for him.

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

JERRY LAMBERT

The Service Director said he had a couple of things. He continued, like the Mayor said about the demolition if they can get that passed tonight it is just to advertise of bids. The second thing on his list is the piece of legislation for the streets. Lambert stated that the original legislation that was passed they interpreted it somewhat as him being able to advertise for bids without doing anything further paperwork, but just for precautionary sake he thought they would bring it up this way just to say okay advertise for bids for the street paving. If they can pass this thing tonight, the money will not be available until July 1st anyway, if they pass this tonight again they will advertise on June 21st and open the bids on July 15th. Jerry said that is the timeline right this minute. If they don't, it will be a couple more weeks. Lambert said they are also getting prices

on painting the lines on Liberty Street, 422 and Shannon Road, wherever they need it. As soon as they enter into a contract with the people they used before they will also be doing parking spaces for the handicap on Liberty, especially on the one side of the street and maybe some, on the south side they will put down four of them and then one or two on the north side. He said they are also going to line a couple of handicap spots down on Market Street. Line it all so that the bars will have spaces just in case they need them. They are getting prices on that and hopefully they will have a contract before the next council meeting. Lambert said that he did not have a chance to talk to the safety committee. He apologized to Councilman Grumley but said that some of these things just went across his desk today. John wants them to bring in legislation to request a mutual aid agreement with Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties for law enforcement if they could bring that legislation, just a Resolution to pass this for the mutual aid part. They also would like to, again Tom they just talked about this today, put on the agenda the original and amended ordinance because the Law Director is not here to say which one they should use, just to address the part time dispatchers for possible amendment. Lambert said they will talk to him about it before this thing comes up. He said if they could bring those two pieces of legislation, well the second to put it on the agenda for the next time. Jerry said the Fire Chief and he spoke in the morning and they are trying to put into motion to condemn the old Racik Dairy building across from the old high school. They are starting that process today.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Grumley asked if they could bring in the new hires from both the police and fire department so they could be introduced to council like they were doing before. Jerry responded yes. They have one in the fire department and two in police, LaPierre and Maura.

**LAW DIRECTOR
ABSENT**

BRIAN KREN

COMMENTS:

**AUDITOR
PRESENT**

JULIE COLEMAN

No report.

COMMENTS:

**TREASURER
ABSENT**

MARK ZUPPO

**POLICE CHIEF
ABSENT**

JOHN NORMAN

**FIRE CHIEF
ABSENT**

KEN BORNEMISS

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 the council meeting.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO

Councilman Martuccio reminded everyone to shop Local. Martuccio said she asked for the noise ordinance to be put in everybody’s packet to have council look at it. She said that she thinks there are some updates that need to be made. They had some complaints two Fridays ago. There was noise coming from a venue on 422 that was emanating into the neighborhoods in Squaw Creek so she wants to check into that again. Councilman Martuccio continued, also with the noise ordinance to work with building and grounds because at some of our parks there are loud stereos at different times being played so she just kind of wants to keep an eye out for a peaceful city. She stated that would go under economic development and maybe building and grounds for a caucus at 6:15 pm on the 28th. President of Council asked Councilman Schubert if that was okay with him and he said it was.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR

Councilman Schubert said he had no report other than that they will have a joint caucus the next meeting at 6:15 pm. He stated he will make sure that he looks over that ordinance with regards to loud noises.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Zirafi stated he wanted to make a statement under building and grounds. He continued, many years ago they once had a tree harvest. They did \$163,000 out of that tree harvest when they were in fiscal emergency. Zirafi said, if you notice, when you drive up 11 or 82 or 193 all of these little patches of trees are gone now because they are all being cut down for lumber because the price of lumber is so high. Zirafi said he would like to throw out just for consideration maybe they should get a company in to take a look again at the cemetery, parks and lakes, especially the upper lake. If we are going to sell it if there is something they can harvest to bring in money why not do that. Just throwing it out for food for thought.

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Kay asked Mr. Lambert as far as the streets they are paving they already decided last year on what they were going on? The list in here is from last year and that’s why they didn’t go over stuff? Lambert said correct. Kay said other than that, no report.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

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SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

PASSES 6-0 TO SUSPEND 50-49

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-49.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

50-50

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A RENEWAL OF A TAX IN THE FORM OF A FIVE YEAR, 0.5 MILL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

50-51

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 307.10 OF THE CITY OF GIRARD CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING ALLOCATION OF CIVIL PENALTIES FOR AUTOMATED SPEED VIOLATIONS.

50-52

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

50-53

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO RAZE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 15 W. LIBERTY STREET, 15 ½ W. LIBERTY STREET AND 25 W. LIBERTY STREET, GIRARD, OHIO.

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SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

PASSES 6-0 TO SUSPEND 2ND & 3RD READINGS OF 50-53

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-53.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

ORDINANCE 50-53 PASSES 6-0

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NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION COVERING THE 2022 ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET DUE IN JULY.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 VOTE

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINING COLUMBIANA, TRUMBULL AND MAHONING COUNTY MUTUAL AID.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 VOTE

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO BRING IN THE PART TIME POLICE DISPATCH ORDINANCES.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 VOTE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
ADJOURNMENT PASSES 6-0

REYNALD PAOLONE,

MONICA URBANIC,

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

CLERK OF COUNCIL