

**50th GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 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	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	
PRESENT		
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	
PRESENT		
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN GRUMLEY FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI

PASSES 6-0 TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN GRUMLEY

COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

50-57

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$728,253.32 OF BONDS, TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE CITY'S VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2016, WHICH WERE ISSUED TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING AN ADDITION TO THE GIRARD CITY HALL TO PROVIDE FOR A JUSTICE CENTER, INCLUDING ALL NECESSARY

APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND TO PAY THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE COSTS OF WIDENING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING STATE ROUTE 422 IN THE CITY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD 50-57 TO THE AGENDA OF JUNE 28, 2021.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

PASSES 6-0 TO ADD 50-57

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JUNE 28, 2021 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR Abstain

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA PASSES 5-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR Abstain

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSES 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Fran Wilson, 117 Ella Street. Ms. Wilson said the first comment she wanted to make, she just wanted to comment on she had asked a question at the last meeting and she guessed they

didn't understand the information, about the COVID, Federal, money they are getting from the government and the new monies that are coming through and she asked about her being there to follow that and to see how they were spending that and at that time she believes Don Rex had sent in a letter already with his requests so she found out tonight that they didn't start an ordinance. She thought they had started one. Someone said they did and they didn't. Wilson continued that the comment she wanted to make, or ask, if they are going to have a citizens' meeting on that like the other cities have done. She said that Lily had already told her that she was not sure if they had the directions yet for spending that money. The other thing that she wanted to say was that she heard Lily's presentation today and when she was on council they talked about this at a meeting that they had had about economic development and they had talked about doing something like this. Ms. Wilson said that she thinks she would be very much in favor of this because, she doesn't know about any of them, she is sure that some of them on Council, you Councilmen I am sure, and she believes Jerry and she believes the Mayor, there were a lot of people that were upset that they didn't do anything on Memorial Day. That would be something that this person could actually have something small like meet at the cemetery and just do something small rather than nothing at all. They do need a person to do this. When they tried to do things with Julie Greene and her and Lily they talked about this and talked about it but they never really go started, but they were lucky during Christmas that someone from the school PTA or PTO, whichever organization it is, that they took the ball on that tree thing that they had there. That was outstanding and a lot of people were excited about that when they had the tree lighting for Christmas. If they had a coordinator whose responsibility it would be to follow that up with the leadership, council or whoever, telling them what they want at least they could research it and tell them and then they would know why they didn't do something and they would be the person responsible for doing that. Ms. Wilson stated she really thinks our City needs something like this and thanked council. President of Council Paolone said that he was going to defer to Jerry about her questions about a meeting. Paolone said he didn't know, the Mayor is not there. He asked Jerry if he knew anything or if the Mayor had ever talked about a meeting about Covid funds with the public. Jerry said not yet. They just have the list that was submitted to them by Council and that's all they have and they haven't gone any further. Paolone told Ms. Wilson that they have discussed it but never really, that's something they'll have to look at. Paolone said he would talk to the Mayor too. Jerry asked Julie if they even have a concrete list of what they are allowed to use it for? Julie responded that there are several things that are listed. Paolone said that John has access to that too. Jerry said they have seen some of it but they just have to make a determination of which way they want to go. Attorney Kren said to touch upon one thing that Ms. Wilson said, Council did establish a fund at a previous meeting to accept the money. Wilson said that is what she heard. Kren said that he was just saying that is just a formality, but like most of what the Federal government does, now they are going to send out this money and the rules and regulations come later. They are still reviewing on everything that they can spend it on and he knows that, he believes the Mayor said there would be a meeting. Kren said he doesn't want to speak for the Mayor. Councilman Moliterno stated that the final action has to be taken by City Council anyway. It will come back to this body with a recommendation but Council will still need to approve it. Paolone said they have a couple of years. It is not like it is tomorrow. Ms. Wilson said the only thing that she was looking at was when she read in the paper that the cities are already doing this. They are having the citizens comment on it. That way if they already know that and they already talked about it

you won't hear the complaints later about why didn't we spend the money for this or that. She said she knows when they worked on she thinks the \$400,000 and they had their meetings she had people calling her upset. Why didn't they get their road? Why didn't they get their sidewalk? She said you weren't at the meeting. What meeting? Well they advertise a meeting and at that meeting you should have come to the meeting when they had it because you are required to do that on grants and they didn't do that so then they said oh well I guess I have to go to the meeting. Wilson said they are required. They are put in the newspaper and they have it there and then you go in and you make your request and then you know why you didn't get your street or your sidewalk. They would be able to tell you that. Paolone said he will bring it up to the Mayor and Jerry will too.

Robert Lowe, 717 E. Prospect. Mr. Lowe said that he doesn't know if this is appropriate or not, but he lives by the Prospect School where a lot of people walk dogs. He continued, there are signs on all four sides of the school to clean up after you dog. He stated he has never seen them anywhere else in the City so he guesses that is the place to walk dogs. From time to time they will put some kind of treatment on the grass and his dog, in particular, is very sensitive to that and her feet get all inflamed and so forth. He stated he has talked to other dog owners around there and a lot of them said the same thing. When they do this nobody is ever notified. They have asked them if they could tell people what they are doing. The school isn't interested at all interested in doing that and the reason he is there is he is hoping that maybe the City could ask the school and if the City asks them maybe they would take it a little bit more seriously. President of Council Paolone said that he is in the right place at the right time because the President of the School Board happens to be there tonight so he could talk to you about that. Paolone said he will give that to Mr. Zuppo. He is the President of the School Board and he is also the City Treasurer. Lowe said that you could see, earlier this year, there is a foot wide strip of total baroness under the fence so they don't have to weedwack anything. That was done earlier this year and nothing posted ever. He said he had one last thing. If people don't care about dogs, kids play there too. If he was a parent he would want to know so he is asking if the City would ask the school to post something on all four sides of the school two or three days before they do this and tell them what it is and a link to somewhere where they could find the OSCAA material safety data sheet on the materials so they could see what it does. He thanked Council. Mr. Zuppo said they have a Board meeting tomorrow and if he'd like to stick around when they're done he'd have a conversation with him then.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR
ABSENT**

JAMES J. MELFI

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

JERRY LAMBERT

Mr. Lambert said the only thing he had was that 909 Washington is down.

COMMENTS:

**LAW DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

BRIAN KREN

Attorney Kren said that he had asked the Clerk previously to email the documents for the settlement on the railroad property so that Council begin reviewing that. Kren said that he will ask for legislation authorizing the administration to enter into those. However, he will wait until the next meeting when Council has had more time to look those over for possible executive session to address any questions. As always, if anyone has any questions prior than then they can call him. Kren said that this is in regard to the 2006 eminent domain case that hopefully they have reached a resolution on. The railroad property. President of Council Paolone said that Keith would take that.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Moliterno addressed Attorney Kren and said that Julie had just handed them this ordinance tonight on the bond. It is important to them to know that he had a chance to take a look at it. Moliterno said he knows that he just got it at the end of the week as Julie did too. He just wants his thoughts. Attorney Kren said that he did review it. Moliterno asked Kren if he was comfortable with it and Kren said he was. Moliterno said that is all they needed to know.

**AUDITOR
PRESENT**

JULIE COLEMAN

No report.

COMMENTS:

**TREASURER
PRESENT**

MARK ZUPPO

No report.

COMMENTS:

**POLICE CHIEF
ABSENT**

JOHN NORMAN

**FIRE CHIEF
ABSENT**

KEN BORNEMISS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno said they had a short finance committee meeting tonight. He appreciates all of those that attended. Moliterno said that they had a good discussion about where they are at in the city and he knows that, as the Auditor told them, after August they will have a better understand where they are after a full half a year of the revenues of the City. Moliterno said that this ordinance that they will talk about in a couple of minutes, it was dropped on, very recently, on our Auditor as well as our Law Director and they appreciate their taking the time to look at this and their input in it. He thanked them and said they will do their best to handle it tonight. President of Council Paolone asked if July 26th would be the next finance meeting. Same time 6:30? Moliterno said sure. Paolone said he wanted to get it in the notes.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO

Councilman Martuccio reminded everyone to shop Local. Martuccio said tonight they had a brief economic development committee meeting and that you for all of the council people that were there in attendance. She asked that they table the noise ordinance because she wants to do a little bit more research on it and do a little bit more fact finding on it. She also presented an event planner consultant position that the council consider advising to administration that they hire someone in that capacity and so they will see what comes out from that. President of Council said they are not going to table that they are just not going to deal with it. She said ok. It's not on the agenda. She is going to postpone discussion of it.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR

No report.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:

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

No report.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

50-50

SECOND

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

SECOND

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

SECOND

READING

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

50-54

SECOND

READING

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE THIRD READING OF 50-54.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

PASSES 6-0 VOTE

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF 50-54.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

PASSES 6-0 VOTE

50-55

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.

50-56

FIRST

READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF 50-56.

SCHUBERT

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

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF 50-56.

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

50-57

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MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF 50-57.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 TO SUSPEND READINGS 50-57

Councilman Moliterno said they don't normally like to get something the night of the meeting and be expected to pass it, so they appreciate their Auditor taking the time to explain it to them at the finance meeting and also their Law Director having a chance to take a look at it and recommending it. Moliterno said that hearing that he appreciates it and will move for it.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF 50-57.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
PASSES 6-0 FOR PASSAGE

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE RAILROAD.

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

Mr. Lambert said that the ordinance that was put on there for discussion was for part-time dispatchers and they weren't sure whether they should amend the most current one or prepare a new piece of legislation and talking with the Law Director tonight they should prepare a new piece of legislation. They are having a very difficult time trying to find people at that wage to they would like to bring in this legislation with a wage of \$15 an hour from day one on.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO PAY PART TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS \$15 PER HOUR.

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
ADJOURNMENT PASSES 6-0

**REYNALD PAOLONE,
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**MONICA URBANIC,
CLERK OF COUNCIL**