

**50th GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 PRESENT	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

COMMUNICATIONS

President of Council said there were no communications but he wanted to ask the Director of Public Services if they found anything out about... Jerry said no....Paolone said you know what I'm talking about, next to Marco's, Jerry said I know there is a lot of work going on. There have been electricians there. The Mayor asked if he may and Paolone said please, he has been asked a million times and GB License is all he knows. The Mayor said he is being told, at the coffee shop on Saturday, that it is a new concept in food delivery, grocery delivery. That is what he has been told. Melfi said they are going to have 60 of these open in the near future and basically you will be able to call a grocery list in and they will fulfill that. Other than that, that's all he knows. Paolone said hence the beer and wine license. The Mayor repeated hence the beer and wine, but nobody has approached him so it is a no go until they get... Paolone said we still challenged it Jerry. Jerry said the electricians told them the other day that they are doing a lot of electrical work to hook up vending machines. That's all they told them. President of Council said ok, there you go.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

50-63

FIRST

READING

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EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND AND NINE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$129,900.00).

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD 50-63 TO THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 7-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2021 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO Abstain
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR
PRESENT**

JAMES J. MELFI

Mayor Melfi said he has an update on something that they have been talking about for some time. As they all know, the City constructed some time ago soccer fields at Liberty Park in the quest to separate soccer and baseball and to give the baseball fields at Tod Park the ability to recover after the season and they are pretty happy the way Liberty Park has revitalized. There are a lot of people there on the weekends, a lot of families, young children, small children, it is just very nice. The concession stand is nearly complete. The Mayor said it will not be completed this season. The bathrooms will be finished this season. They are under construction. Starting today they are drilling, it has been a long process to try to obtain somebody to drill a water well in order to maintain those fields properly. They have been awfully lucky the last couple of years. They have had sufficient rain and last year, he believes was cancelled due to Covid. There was no activity. Eventually their luck will run out and run dry. The well should be completed at the end of the day tomorrow and then, of course, they will have to run the appropriate lines down to each field and water them at the appropriate time. Those fields will be safe and secure, hopefully, by Fall.

COMMENTS:

Councilman Martuccio asked if it is strictly for irrigation. The Mayor responded yes, strictly for irrigation.

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

JERRY LAMBERT

The Service Director said he had a couple of things. Today the boys in the street department put up the handicap parking signs as well in downtown so that now they are not just painted on the road but the signs are up as well. The paving. They are still anticipating the paving to start within three weeks. They said no later than the first of October. He thinks they are a little bit ahead of schedule so hopefully they will be here within the next two weeks. They are shooting for that. Lambert said that as far as the Trumbull Hill waterline, they have also put in for the OPWC funding and he looked at the preliminary charts as to where they sit right now with regard to the different projects and on October 1st the engineering forms have to be submitted and then on October 5th there is a first points meeting. Right now with the amount of points they have they will probably be number 7 or 8 so that still looks good for next year. They also did turn in some projects for House Bill 168. Lambert said the Trumbull Hill waterline was also on that one so it is a possibility that they might get that funded and have to participate in the

monies from both entities to get Trumbull Hill done. So that's in the process.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR

BRIAN KREN

PRESENT

The Law Director said in relation to the demolition ordinance, he knows there has been discussion back in forth, if that were to go through and the city demolishes that they are abating the nuisance. That does not immediately affect the title to the property so the property would still remain titled in the owners' names. They would obviously assess that cost to the County Auditor and there would have to be other steps down the road to either acquire the property or whether the Land Bank acquires the property but they are just demolishing the nuisance. Not taking ownership yet. Kren stated he thought there might have been some confusion on that. Secondly, the Law Director stated that he and Councilwoman Martuccio had talked last week about the marketing position. When they were going over creating the new ordinance it looked like they were creating a position which would actually be a city employee which wasn't what he thinks they were looking for. If the Council wants to request a resolution authorizing the board of control to get bids for the marketing firm and then they can submit those to Council and they would decide whether or not to move forward with council's criteria.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR

JULIE COLEMAN

PRESENT

The Auditor said all she had was she got back from Trumbull County with regard to the alternate tax budget and she needs to have an ordinance approved by October 1st so she is going to ask for that tonight for the next meeting.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER

MARK ZUPPO

ABSENT

COMMENTS:

POLICE CHIEF

JOHN NORMAN

ABSENT

COMMENTS

FIRE CHIEF

JAMES PETRUZZI

PRESENT

Chief Petruzzi stated briefly, the fire department since the last meeting has responded to 267 calls for service, including fire, ems, rescue and miscellaneous of a sort. A few other general things. They started providing ems coverage at the varsity football games with the permission of the Mayor and Safety Director they are glad to be able to do that. They acquired an ATV from the county EMA so they can drive it on the field if God forbid they need it. Also, he was excited to report to these gentlemen that they were awarded an AFG grant for headsets to wear in their

front engines. These headsets will provide hearing protection to the crews while responding it will block out some of the siren noise while responding it will also allow them to communicate with dispatch and protect their hearing at the same time. They had new bay doors installed in the front of the station. Some of those replaced original doors from 1967. The new ones are much lighter, quieter, it's a very nice addition. Lastly, Richie Rider has taken the place of Chief Bornemiss and as of now he is working out really well. He is a real nice kid. The Chief thanked Council for their time.

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno stated no report other then there will be a finance committee meeting prior to the September 25, 2021 meeting at 6:30 pm. President of Council stated it is the 27th and since he mentioned that, don't forget the first meeting of October will be a Tuesday. He is just telling them ahead of time because the 11th is Columbus Day so October 12th will be the first meeting in October not the 11th.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO

Councilman Martuccio said she had two items. She will request for a proclamation for Windsor House to be presented at the council meeting on September 27th at 7:00 pm. She is going to also request for them to enter into contract and request for the board of control to approve the contract position for the marketing and coordination development manager. Martuccio said she wanted to let everyone know that there is a car show at the Multi Gen Center this Saturday if anyone wants to pop in and say hello. That is happening on Saturday. She said that tomorrow night she was invited to attend a Homecoming Parade Committee meeting at 7:00 pm at the Little Indians cabin on Trumbull Hill so if anyone is interested in attending or being a part of that process committee they are welcome to attend. Shop Local.

COMMENTS:

President of Council asked if that was the high school homecoming. Councilman Martuccio said not high school. Girard Homecoming. There is a want to revitalize the homecoming, end of summer parade conjunction.

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR

No report.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY

No report.

COMMENTS:

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

Councilman Standohar stated that Jerry gave the update that he was going to ask for so thanked him for that. Hopefully it will be the last week of September. Hopefully.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-KAY-ZIRAFI-MARTUCCIO

No report.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

50-62

FIRST

READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO REPLACE BROKEN CATCH BASINS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Councilman Moliterno asked for Jerry’s input. Jerry stated he would like to have it. They could wait another two weeks if they wish. They have forty right now and this is going to be for fifty. They will probably get the prices two different ways. They will get it with the actual price of the catch basins itself and then they might, in order to do the job faster, they may have a couple of different vendors doing the work for them. They have roughly a guesstimate that labor and the materials themselves for forty was going to be like \$62,000 so add another ten to that. Material and labor. Councilman Zirafi asked what fund they would be paying for this with. Jerry said they could pay from sewer and street or if Julie could make it work for Covid that would be great. Councilman Moliterno said he was going to move to suspend. They are just advertising for the bid process.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE 50-62.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-62.

SCHUBERT

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SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

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MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 50-63.

Councilman Grumley asked the Mayor if they would be going back after the property owner for the cost of this? The Mayor said absolutely. He also stated that this was a very good bid in the sense that it was \$21,100 less than the next lowest bid. This is a very good bid. They are pleased with it. They shouldn't have to spend it but this is the way it is. Councilman Kay said so if we are going back after this we are going back after the people who own it, who owns the other property? The Mayor stated the bank. The Law Director said that he doesn't remember the name off hand. The bank might be foreclosing but they haven't taken title yet. It is still remains. Paolone said you told me the name awhile ago but he forgets. The Mayor said Charles. Kay said he knew Charles but he thought the bank had taken ownership. The Mayor stated that as soon as the demolition is completed he will be asking this body, along with the Law Director, to start the process where the City takes ownership of that property. If they can seek those dollars that it is going to take to demo somebody else's mess, then he would be happy to take those dollars but that is up to the legal end of their administration to determine that.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CITY'S RATE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2022.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND GRUMLEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE FOR THE POSITION OF EVENT COORDINATOR.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 7-0

Councilman Zirafi stated that some of them may or may not know, most of them do, they are members of the Public Employee Retirement Service and in order to get a full year's credit towards retirement you must make a minimum amount of money. Zirafi said he is introducing an ordinance to take care of council starting the year 2024 through 2029 giving them sufficient raises to be able to qualify for a year's pension.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR COUNCIL RAISES BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2024.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 7-0

Councilman Standohar stated that the Treasurer's position would be in the same situation. Discussion followed as to if the Treasurer was in the same position and when Council's term ended.

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE A PROCLAMATION FOR WINDSOR HOUSE TO BE HONORED ON THE 27TH OF SEPTEMBER.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 7-0

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE SALARY OF THE TREASURER'S POSITION STARTING IN 2024.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

Councilman Moliterno stated that as it is prepared they may have to make that '26 because that's a four year term not a two year like theirs. Paolone said he understands that. Moliterno stated if you went not this term you'd have to go four years out from that to '26 to make it a four year term. Paolone said he understands that.

Zirafi said that when he introduced his ordinance President of Council was included on that ordinance already. Paolone said yes he thinks that is how it is. Kay asked if he could change his vote. The Clerk said the President of Council was separate. Zirafi said he is separate but in his ordinance he included him also. It was stated that they don't think he can and Grumley said he'd take care of it.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S SALARY.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO 2
MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**REYNALD J. PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF