

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023  
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	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO FILE WITH COUNCIL AS A WHOLE THE LETTER FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR REGARDING INITIATIVE PETITION.**

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

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND GRUMLEY TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 23, 2023 AS WRITTEN.**

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

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2023 AS WRITTEN.**

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

President of Council asked Mark Urbanic to stand up and said that Mr. Grumley's son, Tom Grumley, Jr., has resigned as the third sergeant at arms. Mr. Urbanic is going to replace him. He needs a motion to hire him. Paolone asked Mark if he wanted to say anything. Mr. Urbanic said he looks forward to serving the city.

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MOLITERNO TO HIRE MARK URBANIC AS THE THIRD SERGEANT AT ARMS.**

SCHUBERT 1  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

President Paolone thanked Mr. Urbanic and he thanked council. Paolone told him to give Cosmo his number and he'll take care of it.

Councilman Standohar stated he wanted to point out he voted yes only because Monica is not an elected official or department head, obviously with tonight's first reading.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Steve Drake, 21 LaSalle, Girard, Ohio. Mr. Drake said he is there on behalf of the Firefighters Local 1220 United union president. He hears that they are in, getting bids for insurance. Medical insurance. He wants to kind of go over what the firefighters have been through the last year as they look forward into this. January 2023 they had a labor management meeting with Mr. Lambert and Debbie with WJL. Some of their concerns were copays not on the back of the insurance card so they would go to these doctors and they wouldn't allow them to pay copays because they did not know what they owed. Firefighters were not getting eobs and if they did they were what they call late. Ninety days or more late. Some of them were in collections. Since January they did have some, to Jerry's credit, they tried to work through all of these things and Debbie was there. They do thing bring stuff to Jerry and he gets a lot of it cleared up, but since January eight or more firefighters and their families have been told they don't have insurance when they go to doctors or ers or stuff like that. Simply can't find it. Tell them they to take the dash out. They don't have insurance so it gets bills no insurance and thirty to sixty days later it comes in the mail and they have to bring it to the safety service director or to take it to Debbie at WJL. Six firefighters are in collections for past due bills. For example, Joe Danko gave me his permission to use his name. ER visit on 10/25/22 he paid his \$75 copay. He was admitted so the copay should be waived. He has brought to Jerry. Jerry has brought it to Debbie. He has faxed it to Debbie twice and the bill is still not paid and he is still in collections. Drake continued, his son he went to Akron Children's this summer. They had no insurance. No insurance. He tried to actually deliver that to Debbie. 3 phone calls unreturned and he actually drove there today and the building was locked and the lights were off. It does say knock loud. He didn't get anybody. The same thing with him at St. E's. He went there for a really bad sinus infection and was told they don't have insurance. He said he paid his copay. The bill comes and he has to either bring it to Jerry or Debbie at WJL. To Jerry's credit they have worked through a lot with him but some of these are just not getting paid and it's tough dealing with this. Drake said he doesn't know if they're bidding but he is hoping we are looking at the best bid maybe not the cheapest. He said he just wanted to let them know some of the stuff that they work with.

President of council and Councilwoman Martuccio thanked him for coming.

Attorney Kren said he too has been sent to collections on many occasions. President of council asked for healthcare? Kren responded yes. Paolone said he has spoken to Jerry. It's a horror story. He's heard about it.

Jason Propst, 517 N. St. Clair, Girard Ohio. Mr. Propst said he wanted to go on record that he submitted a revised edition of the ordinance that needs amended. He did receive their letter saying that he needed another 160 signatures or something like that. That's not a problem because noone agrees with this law and everybody wants it taken away. He submitted them pretty much the exact copy of the law except for you'd be allowed to keep your campers year round and he spoke with them about the community having a limit on size as well because they don't want too big of a vehicle parked in someone's yard. So hopefully this new ordinance that he submitted will satisfy all you guises' concerns.

Tina Kratsus, 49 W. Liberty Street, Girard. She said she has a local business there. Ms. Kratsus said she has been in the downtown area for over 30 years. Her business serves 300 or more clients weekly and has a total of 14 independent contractors in two locations in the city. Kratsus said she has always worked in and around and supported her City of Girard that she grew up in. She said her clients are from Mahoning and Trumbull counties as well as Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Sharon, Hermitage and etc. Their

clientele ranges from all different walks of life and social classes. Ms. Kratsus said she is worried about the zoning ordinances not being enforced in the downtown area. Who is actually in charge of them? Is it the police department or the zoning? She really doesn't know. They are allowing local businesses or property owners to use their commercial properties into residential residences. New local businesses using the downtown sidewalks as a flea market and garage sale. She continued, windows with trash bags on them and blankets covering the windows. Residents in the windows wearing underwear. Parking on Liberty Street being used as residential parking all hours and being used as staff parking for other businesses which is affecting her business as well as the other businesses downtown that have foot traffic. Soon winter will be coming and no one but a few will be shoveling their sidewalks. Kratsus asked what their future projection of the downtown. She feels like she should just turn her business into an apartment and go somewhere else. Ms. Kratsus said she feels like she is the only one worried about the downtown area and she has defended it on a daily basis for 26 years. She really does love Girard but she feels like she is at wits end.

Councilman Grumley said he saw what she saw today in the downtown area and she is right that needs to be addressed tomorrow. That guy needs to be put out of business if that is the way he is going to run his business. There was a dryer out in front of his store. There was still when he drove down tonight he still had half of his stuff out there and chairs and walkers and everything else at his store and it was dark. They appreciate the good businesses downtown. They bought the theater to invest in the downtown as a city, as a council, as administration, as everything. Councilman Grumley said they are moving funds towards getting that building renovated and there is not a person on this side that doesn't care about the downtown. This needs to be addressed tomorrow. What he got away with today should be a one and done because it was despicable what was outside that building. Grumley said she is right. It was a flea market. It's ridiculous. If we have to tighten up our zoning laws we have to tighten up our zoning laws because these motorcycles parked on the sidewalks. He doesn't care what is wrong with our ordinance we need to change that ordinance so they could fight this. Grumley said he rides a motorcycle. He has the biggest Harley as anyone in this room he is sure and he would not think about parking it on the damn sidewalk and they need to address it and address it now. Councilman Grumley said that is his rant and he is done.

Ms. Kratsus said she honestly defends their city on a daily basis. She wants to be able to be there and to pass it onto her son that is there also with her. Like she said he has another location but if this is going to be like the way it is she just feels like she is ready to leave. That makes her very sad because she is a generational business.

President of Council Paolone said they appreciate her. Don't think it fell on deaf ears because it didn't. Councilwoman Martuccio thanked Tina.

Mayor Melfi said to support what Tina is saying, and he thinks having laws in place is important, but that still doesn't take away what she experienced today. You're not going to take away somebody who is a slob. Let's just cut to the chase because only somebody like that would do something like that. There is no one would do something like that. The mayor said he has pontificated or years about zoning and the way people are and how they will never change. Unfortunately, they will never change. It is not going to change because out of 10 houses there is going to be one slob to ruin the other 9. This is the way it is. There are various reasons for that. The city has become a property maintenance organization more than almost anything else. This is what we do day in and day out. There is a pile of garbage here. There is a pile of garbage here. Someone did this. Someone did that. It never ends. The mayor said he has his own thoughts of why people do that. He is going to keep those to himself. He doesn't need to make the headlines tomorrow because he doesn't want to get carried away on the issue. Just put your garbage out neatly. We have an outstanding garbage service that picks up almost anything, but you're right, somebody long term to suffer like that it's bad. They have a lot of good points but there are weak points downtown there's no question about it.

Ms. Kratsus said she doesn't have a problem with him having a successful business, she just wants him and everyone else that is an owner that has a second hand store to follow simple rules like she does. She has never parked on the street. Never parked in front. Neither did her mother. She reserves that for her clients.

President of Council Paolone said he thinks it will be dealt with tomorrow. He knows these guys. He knows it will be done tomorrow.

Mayor Melfi said he didn't want to put him on the spot but he sees in the audience the president of council of the City of Warren sitting out there and he is sure he hears this at meeting after meeting about wherever in the City of Warren, neighborhoods or downtown. It is just a common theme that just seems never to go away and you just can't imagine what we see on a regular basis. They had a house on Broadway that has been refurbished. How would you like to live next to the house on Broadway where

they captured 85 cats and took the cats out. This is what we are dealing with almost daily and it takes time. You bring in the court and it takes more time. This is what you have. The mayor said you have it each and every day and of course then you have other people who have gotten away with it. You have antiquated buildings downtown that don't fit any model that need to be raised. The building on the corner was raised a few years ago, a couple of years ago, at Liberty and State Street. The city got involved and raised the old building, the old Sakas. The chance to use these antiquated buildings is limited, very, very limited and some are in the hands of slumlords, so this is what we deal with regularly. What went on today will be remedied. There again you have an individual who would do this. Who owns the building. It may happen again. The mayor said he is not going to sugarcoat it. This is what we deal with.

Jason Propst 517 N. St Clair. Mr. Propst stated she actually brought up another issue that she reminded him of. The future of Girard, they want it to be a beautiful place. Look at the sidewalks. He knows everyone is talking about money and the homeowners themselves don't want to fix the sidewalks, but if you think about it, it is a public thoroughfare, it is like the street for feet. There has to be a way that they can get it on the street budget or something. How much could concrete actually cost? They can get a local contractor for concrete. It is not one area. It is the whole city. Sidewalks are falling apart. Propst said he talked to one woman and she fell and had a black eye because she was walking around her block.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**

**MAYOR** **JAMES MELFI** **PRESENT**  
No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR** **JERRY LAMBERT** **PRESENT**

Mr. Lambert said he had a few updates. The waterline installation project on Keefer Road is complete and other than landscaping restoration and punch list review. That is all that is left up there and then it is ready to go. Up at the dam the soil borings, they are on a 9-day soil exploration and there have not been any preliminary updates to his knowledge. They are installing the Pison meters currently. They will give us various readings such as water migration, etc. They should be complete with the drilling the week of October 30th and that will be fifteen days as scheduled. The salt building is out for bid. This is the second week it has been advertised. The bids are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. The building is due to be shipped the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. They have Paul Morgan scheduled this week to pour concrete pad down at the site of the salt storage building for salt storage while the new one is being built and for future placement of the existing dumpsters. The OPWC meeting, regional significant points meeting, this is where they tell us if we have enough points for the two grants we requested to go forward. That meeting is tomorrow. They are in pretty good shape. They will know by tomorrow if anybody wants to give him a call whether or not they think they are in line to get either one of those projects done. One is the Tibbetts Wick Road revitalization and the other is the boring under 80 to get more water down in the Parkwood area. Mr. Lambert said he had one comment in regards to the pamphlets you got in regards to the procedural. This is something that has been in motion with him for probably 15-20 years at least. Lambert said he had the AFSCME group look at it today. He apologized to the fire department but they haven't seen it yet, but it is basically a personnel policy and procedural manual. Mr. Lambert said he was surprised at reading some of the stuff. There are things in there that he really didn't know existed. It was beneficial even to him, but it is going to be one of those deals where it is going to be a quick reference guide and if there is anything else that has to be looked at with regard to that they can compare that with contract to see which has more teeth in it for what they want to do. Lambert said it is a good thing to have. A lot of definitions. It will be a good quick reference guide for anybody, council, administration and anybody in the union.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilman Grumley asked how it matched up with the contracts because he was going through this and obviously the contracts supersede this handbook, policy book. Grumley said he believes this policy book should have been in place a long time ago. He didn't realize until it was brought before them that they didn't have one actually. How does it match up with the contracts because, obviously they don't dissect the contracts for the unions? Mr. Lambert said pretty close. You'd be surprised. He went over page by page of the thing and it is like reading or watching paint dry. It is really boring in some places. There is no doubt about that. Lambert said it would cover the wages of course. It really doesn't get specifically into like some of the things in the contract do have more teeth than this thing does so like if there is any question about it. It is just like with council talking about nepotism, it's addressed not only in the contract

but it's in here and now he sees we have one on the books on the agenda for tonight. If you have a question on something like that, it is a quick reference guide to say hey let's just check the contract to make sure this thing is exactly what it should be. Mr. Lambert said since they got it so late, he did hand it over to AFSCME, like he said he did apologize to the fire department, and he had them read it over just to see and they brought it back to him today and they were fine with it. It is just good information for someone that is coming to work for the city and people like us who have been around for a long time in case they are looking for some definitions or for some information on how to handle certain things it is addressed inside this book. It is very good. Councilman Grumley asked if they have a safety policy that goes along with this book? Mr. Lambert asked a safety policy in regards to? Grumley said a lot of times a lot of companies when the present this type of policy they submit a safety procedural policy. Mr. Lambert said they have some of that covered in the contract and there are some things that they try to accomplish in order to get some of the benefits of the worker's comp discounts and stuff like that so they have certain criteria that they have to follow in regards to getting those things and it involves safety. It's like they have to have meetings on a regular basis with the different departments and almost every department they see on a regular basis and then they try to follow the guidelines especially put down by the Bureau of Worker's Comp which we hope would cover all of those aspects. Councilman Grumley said off the subject but back to the zoning subject, the house on Wilson Ave. He is sure they've received many complaints on it. He has and it is not even his ward. It is Steiner's old house, the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, not the one on the corner. Mr. Lambert said they were talking about it today. Grumley said he stopped, literally in front of their house, and took pictures yesterday hoping that someone would come out of the house and ask him what he was doing. There were two lazyboy chairs sitting out there. Trash with food all over the yard everywhere, on the porch, in their driveway. Grumley said you talk about Broadway and animals he can't imagine the animals that could be coming from that place. The problem is there is a coy pond in the front yard. They just got done with football season and everybody that came into town had to take a look at something like that and he was hoping they already had them in court. Mayor Melfi said he had them in court. It's been a nightmare for two years. A nightmare for two years. The mayor said he is going to try not....he's just going to let them know, they thumbed their nose at city. They thumbed their nose at the court. Mr. Lambert a lot of those things that Councilman Grumley is talking about in regards to like the garbage, they put it on Facebook, they put those letters in all of the water bills and they were on bright orange. Grumley said these people are just disrespecting the days that trash is supposed to be out. Their trash is on the porch, it's in their driveway. There were bags of clothes in the driveway yesterday ripped open and everything else. It's terrible. Grumley said he can't imagine being a neighbor. He would be in jail. It is ridiculous. Grumley said he hopes the third ward councilman goes up there and raises hell. Councilman Standohar said initially, did he think, at the last meeting Mr. Chairman you had mentioned regarding this policy and procedure book that it go to employee welfare? President of Council said yes that's correct. Councilman Standohar said he would like to ask for the first meeting in November, the 13<sup>th</sup>, to set up is 6:30 available? Council President said that's good. Standohar asked Councilwoman Martuccio if she thought that was enough time? Martuccio said no but she thinks it is a good place to start. She said did they want to start earlier at 6:15? She said it's his committee, she's not on his committee. He said he is taking suggestions. Does anyone think they need additional time required. Martuccio said 6:15. President of Council said it's done. 6:15 on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Let it be written let it be done. Councilman Standohar said to discuss the specifics of the personnel policy and procedure book that has been recently provided to unions and council. Standohar said he wanted to follow up with the mayor regarding what happened in court with that Wilson house? The mayor said they gave them 30 days he believes. Then they gave them 30 more. It's been he thinks probably 6-8 months. Mayor Melfi said he has been to that home himself. There again, he can't describe some things that they see. The coy pond in front he started digging it about three years ago. Zoning was there. Told him it was a safety factor when he started to put water in and it didn't matter. The furniture outside belongs inside. It started with furniture on the porch. It was a sofa from the living room. He has been to the home again and again and again. They do on occasion pick up a few things then it just goes on. They cover cars. The mayor said he has to tell them that storage of vehicles, cars in particular don't belong outside. They don't belong covered and outside for the season. Any vehicles that are not operable should be stored. Not in the driveway. Not in the backyard. Not with a cover on them. They should be stored off premises or in the garage with the garage door down. It's just, he just can't describe it. The mayor said just up that street not long ago, it's been a little while, they had a lady who was abusing her father and making her father only go to the restroom on the basement floor. This once again what you see on a daily basis that you can't describe to people until you see it. Until you are actually in it. That doesn't make it better. He doesn't think that whatever they say about that Wilson Avenue address is going to change who they are. They certainly are not reading the newspaper. Maybe they would see it on tv if they featured their home. The mayor said

he believes it is owner occupied which makes it even more difficult. Councilman Standohar asked if there were any questions in court regarding proper ordinances in place to cover. The mayor said he wasn't at the court hearing. He doesn't know.

Councilman Schubert said on a lighter note, do they have any update on the pumps. Mr. Lambert said it's going to be part of the program as well. The pumps are running. They did have a little bit of an episode the other day when the power went out for that split second and that has been remedied and they are just making sure that the failsafe situations are in affect.

Councilwoman Martuccio asked with the personnel book, does that apply to the court employees also? Mr. Lambert said no. Martuccio asked what about contract employees? Lambert said it covers contract employees and non-contract employees. It covers everybody in the city, but again, like Tom was saying the contracts would be stricter and would take precedence over anything in there.

Councilman Moliterno asked for an update on the Churchill & Shannon Road light. Mr. Lambert said that 16 weeks ago they told him 2 weeks ago. They have even tried at this point to try to find a used one to put a whole used apparatus in. There is just nothing out there. So it is going to take about 16 weeks before they would even get the parts to put that thing together. That box is just in a shambles. Moliterno said we have a school right down the street with kids driving out of there every single day. Lambert said he knows. Moliterno said that's dangerous. Mr. Lambert said they're trying everything. They have ordered all the parts they are just waiting for them to come in. The other thing, they finally got the lights in for 711. 711 should be fixed hopefully by Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. ODOT is going to help them and block off the area of the street where they will be doing the work. So that should be addressed this week. The lights on Interstate 80, they are still out and again it's one of those deals where ODOT said that all of the parts for those lights ae on backorder too. They have no idea when they are coming in.

Councilwoman Martuccio said she had one more question. This is for two people, safety service and Brian, regarding our employees and their bills not getting paid. She said her question is can we put our payments to WJL into escrow until all these bills get paid. If people are going to collections and people will be getting treated until the end of the year and then how do we cover these employees for next year to make sure that these bills get paid that they use up this year. Mr. Lambert said they had said before was that at the last meeting that he attended that the new contract whether or not they bid again or not he has no idea. The contract that they bid is called a 15/12. What they usually do is they will go back at least 3 months prior to when the contract is supposed to start. The new ones. Right now they are on a basis, and this is how it has been working, they send a thing saying these are the bills that we are going to pay and then we fund them after they send in that list what to pay. Mr. Lambert said he knows that Councilman Moliterno had addressed the situation before and likely, knock on wood, he agrees with Steve wholeheartedly, in the last month they have had a few and normally they get taken care of very quickly, but it's a hard thing. These guys call me I get involved and we try to get these things paid as soon as we can. In the future, let's say she bids, you have that option when you are putting those things out to bid. It's lowest and best as well. We will just have to see. Mr. Lambert said he thinks the guy told them the bids are due in December so they should know. Councilwoman Martuccio said in reference to the Health Plan Administrators, WJL Administrative Services, the auditors said that they have to have an SOC1 report. Have they submitted that to you? Mr. Lambert asked what is an SOC1 report is? The auditor said she could answer that and they do not provide one. Councilwoman Martuccio said so they are in violation of us asking for that. Mrs. Coggins said they have never provided one. It is not something that she does so it's been the same thing year after year.

**LAW DIRECTOR**

**BRIAN KREN**

**PRESENT**

Attorney Kren asked if he could get a copy of the personnel policy one as a department head and two since Mr. Lambert mentioned that there is some stuff about nepotism he wants to make sure that they don't have any conflicts between what has been proposed and that. Secondly, since he wasn't at the last meeting, it was his wife's birthday he apologizes, there was discussion, he had given Councilwoman Martuccio some information about the antilock ordinance and there was an error of his on his part and then there were some concerns that the chief had and it wasn't really clear what the discussion was so he plugged in what he thinks so he would ask council to amend as presented before voting on it tonight.

**COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Martuccio said she wanted to comment on what the chief had presented. She thinks that will come up in another ordinance. They should address that citywide with their concerns for another zoning ordinance not tied in with this. Attorney Kren said that this ordinance requires that you can't get in the door so the question is how do we handle it. Councilwoman Martuccio asked how do they get into the other buildings? She said Liberty is locked. Attorney Kren said some of the business have boxes and the department has been reaching out to the business and other community, but he did add a provision

in there since they are mandating he thinks they should also address but he didn't think that came up at the meeting so that is why. Attorney Kren said he is on dance duty today so if they are still there at 7:55 he has to scoot out.

**AUDITOR** **JULIE COGGINS** **PRESENT**  
Mrs. Coggins said she had nothing further from finance.

**COMMENTS:**

**TREASURER** **MARK ZUPPO** **PRESENT**  
Mr. Zuppo said no further report. Everything was discussed in finance committee.

**COMMENTS:**

**FIRE CHIEF** **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**  
Captain Iceman was there in place of Chief Petruzzi. Captain Iceman said they are creeping up to 2000 calls for the year. This month they had 143 calls total. 78 in EMS. 65 fire related calls. October 7<sup>th</sup> they had their open house. It went very well. He thanked the union for the money to do the bounce house and his wife for donating the popcorn machine. Disaster Recovery Service cooked food for them. The IFH gave them tables and chairs. Iceman said he didn't know if the chief brought this up at the last meeting he was at, but on October 2nd & 3rd they did joint training with Liberty and with the air base. President of Council said he did bring that up. Iceman said he personally wanted to thanked him for facilitating that. Training like that is invaluable to them and the fact that the air base provides those instructors for free for them. The chief put them on their maintenance which opens the facility for them to train at. It is a very good facility to go train at. It just gives them live reps and allows them to be better at their jobs essentially. He personally for the community thinks it's invaluable.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Zuppo thanked the fire department. He brought his two little grandkids down the for the fire safety. They enjoyed it and they learned something. The jaws of life exhibition that they put on was very well done.

Captain Iceman apologized he forgot to thank A&M they gave them the cars to do that also.

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

**COMMENTS:**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

Councilman Moliterno said they had a very good meeting prior to our council meeting beginning this evening. Very positive report from the auditor. Our line items within the city are very good. We are 10 months or so into our year and things are looking very positive from a financial standpoint for the city. Same with our report from our treasurer. Income tax is up he believes 18.1% mark over last year which is very much a positive. They are excited about it. Even though they are doing very well on their income tax collections they know to be conservative as they plan for 2024 making sure that the response this year is not an aberration of any sort. He thinks you will see them be conservative as we move forward but it was a very positive report and positive meeting too.

**COMMENTS:**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY -GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO**

Councilman Grumley said not a report but a request. He asked Jerry if before they sign any health insurance contracts could they meet, the health and safety committee, he doesn't want to step on the toes of employee welfare, but if they can have a caucus or whatever so that they can be involved also

prior to signing the next health insurance. Jerry said yes, no problem. Grumley said he would like to thank all of the men and women that protect us every day at the fire department and police department.

**COMMENTS:**

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

Councilman Standohar said no report other than to reiterate that they will be having a committee meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT**

Councilwoman Martuccio said she had no report other than she feels sorry for the issues that are happening downtown and she is sure they will get resolved soon.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

**51-81**

**THIRD READING**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SELF-LOCKING DOORS AT ENTRANCEWAYS PROVIDING ACCESS TO BUILDINGS CONTAINING FOUR OR MORE DWELLING UNITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The law director called for a point of order. Councilman Standohar said they need to amend as presented. Attorney Kren said that was his report. Like he said nobody listens. There were recommended changes that he does not think were made at the last meeting so what is in council's packet he believes incorporated the chief's concerns and everything so if council would move to amend as presented and then passage.

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND STANDOHAR TO AMEND ORDINANCE 51-81 AS PRESENTED.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR 2  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 1  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-81.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 1  
MOLITERNO 2  
ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

**51-83**

**THIRD READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR THE PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 51-83.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0



**51-84**

**FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**51-85**

**FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN THE FORM OF A FIVE YEAR, THREE (3.0) MILL LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

President of Council asked the law director if they need a motion to amend, to replace. Attorney Kren said this is the first reading and that is what should have been in the packet. Paolone said we're good then and Kren said yes. Councilman Grumley asked are they ok timewise and everything? Kren said December 20<sup>th</sup>. They'll have more than three readings before this has to be filed by December 20<sup>th</sup>. So even if you went three, at the next meeting he would probably ask council to suspend but even if they went three readings that takes you to the end. Councilman Moliterno said that's fine they can do that.

**51-86**

**FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION AMENDING ORDINANCE 8377-23 AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.**

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

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION CREATING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.**

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

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE CURRENT GARBAGE CONTRACT TO 2025.**

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

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO BRING THE CAMERA DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE BACK TO THE FLOOR FOR POSSIBLE AMENDMENT.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2023.**

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

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**MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**