

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023  
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

President of Council Paolone asked everyone to stand back up. He said this past week we lost a former member of council who served the city for many years. He did a lot besides council. He was a school teacher. He was a principal. Mr. Paolone asked for a moment of silence for Don Rex. Paolone thanked everyone and said he knows he would appreciate that.

Councilman Standohar said the voice of the Indians. Paolone said yes before Zup right? Mr. Zuppo said well before him.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN SCHUBERT FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023.**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

President of Council Paolone said he is going to bypass this communication because he is not there so he doesn't need to answer him. It's that simple.

Councilman Moliterno asked if they could ask for a response from the law director?

Paolone said he did.

Moliterno asked, he has given us a response? The first time?

Paolone said yes. It's at the top of this letter is his response.

Moliterno said oh the top is his response?

Paolone said yes the top is Brian's response. The bottom is the reply. Paolone said he thought he might be there to talk about it. He needs to deal with this with Brian or the board of appeals not with them. That is what he was going to tell him this evening. It cannot go through them. It has to go through the board of appeals and Brian.

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**51-93**

**FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 181 ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD 51-93 TO THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023.**

SCHUBERT     Absent  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO    1

ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION PASSES 6-0

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND STANDOHAR TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023 AS AMENDED.**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND KAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023 AS WRITTEN.**

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

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**

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

**COMMENTS:**

Councilwoman Martuccio asked where we are with the Wellman Theater? Mayor Melfi said the Wellman Theater has been applied for along with the bike trail from the Appalachian funding. Both are in process. The mayor said that is all he can report. He would like to have a final report for it beforehand. He said they feel very, very confident in the funding of both. It is very competitive. There is a lot of money there but it is very competitive.

Councilman Grumley said he was actually going to touch on the theater. Grumley asked if they get a copy of the architect drawing? Mayor Melfi said sure.

Councilman Moliterno said they had some updated information from the auditor tonight. He sees they spent \$173,000 so far on the city gym. The mayor said it is a big project. They are still doing the bathrooms as they speak. The mayor said he didn't know the total but he is not surprised about it. That is a total revamp of that city gym. We are talking asbestos in the plaster. We are talking removal of and insertion of windows. Specific types of dry wall. Vandal proof drywall. Not surprised at all at that. The mayor said he has to tell them that they rounded at about \$250,000 so he is a little surprised it's at \$173,000 but they will get to about \$200,000. Councilman Moliterno said that his only point is it's wintertime and it's used much more than it is at other times of the year. It would be nice to have it. He realizes they are working on the restrooms but the lion's share of the people that use it wouldn't use the restrooms anyway and they have them right outside in the hallway. It would be nice to have the volleyball back and some of the programs they used to have. Mayor Melfi said he has been pushing the contractor. He has been pushing them daily. They are not far away. There is going to be a different entrance to the gym. They don't want them coming off of Main Street. They don't want folks who are going to use the gym to walk across the floor and change their shoes. They want them to come in from this entrance where number one dispatch can view that whomever is entering and exiting and two they can go right to the locker room. The locker



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

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR**

No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT**

Councilwoman Martuccio said she had no report but she would like to plug the firemen’s ball this Saturday night and if anybody wants to donate for the basket raffle you can bring your donation to the Multi Gen Center between 8-4 Monday through Friday.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

**51-84**

**THIRD READING**

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

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND STANDOHAR FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 51-84.**

Councilman Standohar respectfully requested support for this ordinance. Standohar said this is an ordinance that is needed for the City of Girard as is outlined in the preamble to the ordinance. Also, it is important to note that probably over the last 50-60 years the city hasn’t done too great in this department and at times has hired close relatives of elected officials or department heads and things like that so something that we need to restore the faith of the public in not only the hiring process that it be advertised properly and that everything is on the up and up and very transparent. Standohar said it is important to note that the ordinance is all-inclusive. It includes close relatives of all elected officials and department heads so it is something that is all-inclusive for all elected officials. He thanked everyone.

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR 2

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1

MOTION PASSES 6-0

**51-85**

**THIRD READING**

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

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-85.**

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 6-0

**51-89**

**SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE & SAFETY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROVISION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**51-90**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE NUMBER 307.11 ESTABLISHING THE ALLOCATION OF CIVIL PENALTIES OF THE TRAFFIC PHOTO-MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

Councilwoman Martuccio asked for an amendment to ask for 1% to be dedicated to a bike trail fund to amend the distribution amount. President of Council Paolone asked where she is taking that 1% from? There was discussion among council and the auditor where it would come from. The auditor said it will come out of the 100 fund that got lowered by the 3%. Paolone said so the 55% would become 54? The auditor said that is correct. Paolone said they need to be specific here so the 55% becomes 54% and then at the bottom add 1% for the bike trail. Martuccio said yes. Paolone asked if she had more and Martuccio said that is her only change.

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO AMEND 51-90 BY ADDING 1% TO A BIKE TRAIL FUND AND CHANGING THE 55% IN THE 100 FUND TO 54%.**

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 1

MOLITERNO 2

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 6-0

President of Council Paolone asked if they wanted to suspend or just second reading? Councilman Moliterno said they want the law director make this change and present it back to them at the next meeting.

**51-91**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #8377-23 AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

Councilman Moliterno asked the auditor if she would like them to suspend this tonight. Ms. Coggins said yes then she could submit everything to the county.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 51-91.**

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-91.**

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

**51-92**

**SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 51-92.**

SCHUBERT Absent

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-92.**

SCHUBERT Absent

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

**51-93**

**FIRST READING**

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**NEW LEGISLATION**

President of Council Paolone said he will ask for new legislation but remember you have one more meeting scheduled so if you're looking in that direction you may want to wait until January.

President of Council Paolone said they should have received a sheet swearing in January 1 at 10:00 am, organizational meeting on Wednesday of that week, he thinks it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and then the first meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot make the swearing in he can swear you in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023.**

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

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REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL