

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

PLEDGE

President of Council Paolone welcomed the Girl Scouts to the meeting and asked them to lead the 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

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

51-60

FIRST READING

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MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADD 51-60 TO THE AGENDA OF MARCH 27, 2023.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0 TO ADD 51-60

President of Council said he knew that the law director asked for the prosecutor's salary and asked if they were going to do anything with that tonight and the response was no.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MARCH 27, 2023 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0 TO ACCEPT AGENDA AS AMENDED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND SCHUBERT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO 1
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 7-0 TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Amanda Teutsch, 1106 Washington in Girard. She stated that she is the troop leader for Troop 80739. They have been in existence here in Girard for probably nearly 20 years. Ms. Teutsch said they have a long history of scouting and their girls have a history of giving back to the community with their silver and bronze projects. She stated that their most recent silver project they can see right across from city hall at the church. It is a neighborhood food pantry that is right here. They have put an estimated 3,000 lbs of food themselves through that pantry in the last two years and that is not counting what all of the other community members have done. Ms. Teutsch said it is very well received. Teutsch continued, today they have two groups of girls that want to talk about their projects. The first group is their cadets and Ms. Teutsch asked them to stand. She stated they are going to be pursuing a silver project with council's permission at Tod Park. The project is two-fold. One is some signage that needs some attention up by the ball fields and the other is an area, a flowerbed area, by the bocce courts where two trees were cut down recently. Ms. Teutsch said that Kayla can talk about some trees that they would like to plant there. Ms. Teutsch introduced Kayla Mastacco. Teutsch said Kayla is a little tongue tied and apologized. Teutsch stated that Kayla is looking into the type of trees that would be appropriate to plant there. An Ohio native tree and perhaps some flowering shrubs. They also have Lauren who will be helping with some of their ground work and park refreshing as well. Ms. Teutsch introduced Addison Melissa to talk about the part that she would be researching. Addison said she has been researching plants that are pollinators. Ms. Teutsch said the idea is to try to attract native insects and birds to the area as well. Ms. Teutsch introduced Emily Martin. Emily said she is researching statues of companion animals that they could put there like dogs and cats. Ms. Teutsch said their project is also to raise awareness to the homeless pet population in the city and to direct people through signage to organizations where they can help animals or find new companion animals themselves. Teutsch said they will be working with a professional landscaper to help them pull all of this together in a nice looking fashion as well with of course city permission. Ms. Teutsch said part of this was to see how city government works and to also see how they might proceed with the project.

President of Council said that Councilman Schubert is their building and grounds chairman so if they need anything from him he is always available. He is a good man. Paolone thanked them for what they are doing.

Mayor Melfi said that he spoke with Mrs. Mickey Williams this evening to make her aware of the fact that the girl scouts would like to enhance the memorial sign for their police captain who passed away some time ago and she was excited that the girl scouts were going to take that project on and when they have the right opportunity she would love to come down and take a photo with the girls.

Ms. Teutsch said that they had one other project going on. Their younger level girls are working on their bronze project and that will focus over at the scout cabin where they hold their meetings. Teutsch said that this is going to be handled by Mr. Hernandez.

Adam Hernandez, 1009 Washington Avenue. Mr. Hernandez said that for the bronze project for the girls, they would like to put in a fire pit in that area. Mr. Hernandez said that what they found so far is that they have to be 25 feet away from a residence, the cabin. They are looking to put in a standard paver fire pit or a bowl. The cost is around \$100 and what they are going to do is raise the funds or have donated funds for that project. President of Council said if they have any questions he is sure Chief Petruzzi would be happy to answer their questions.

President of Council thanked all of the girl scouts for coming and wished them luck with their project.

Councilman Schubert said he would donate \$100 for them to do their pit. The scouts thanked him.

Sal Ponzio, 1136 Ward Ave. Mr. Ponzio said he is there on behalf of the Girard Library. He said he talked to the director today and she asked him just to verify that Dynegy is the new aggregate. Ponzio said she got something in the mail and looked it up on line and couldn't find Girard connected with Dynegy anywhere on our site or their site so she wanted to make sure that this is going to be okay to do. Ponzio said he did not receive one personally so said he would go to city council and find out.

Mayor Melfi responded that Dynegy will be their electrical provider in a short period of time. The mayor said we are with First Energy and little do we all know that the First Energy auctions are going to be in double digits. So what we are paying right now is \$5.70 for electric. That is slightly higher, he believes it

is \$6.88, but they are going to leave First Energy to go to the lower amount. This is all going to happen very shortly, by June First Energy will skyrocket. Melfi said he doesn't know why. They can guess that maybe there is some affect of the nuclear plant. He doesn't know. But he does know that that will be the city electrical provider. Mr. Ponzio asked if it was an opt out and she doesn't have to do anything and Mayor Melfi responded yes.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR

JAMES MELFI

PRESENT

Mayor Melfi said he had a few items this evening. First of all he has been in contact with the Trumbull County Health Department and the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership and we are going to form a partnership with both entities, the city and beginning early summer through fall we are going to have a farmer's market in the city parking lot. Melfi said this is something they have been looking at for a while. It isn't so easy to formulate but it will provide opportunities for a lot of our citizens to have fresh vegetables and some other opportunities too thanks to those two bodies. Mayor Melfi said he received an interesting phone call. He has to tell them the Wellman Theater is just, the excitement continues. Melfi said he received a call from the benefactor and developer of the Robbins Theater last week. When he gets into town next month he wants to view the Wellman Theater. This is the individual who invested in the Robbins Theater, Mr. Marvin. This is the kind of excitement that is growing. Melfi continued, if that isn't enough he received calls last week from three generations of Wellmans all from Florida. The daughter-in-law, grandson and great granddaughter of Pete Wellman. They are sending them photos, artifacts, and the one that they have all probably heard of over the years is that Bing Crosby stayed in Girard. Melfi said sure enough one of the items that she sent today was a photo of that letter and it was Bing Crosby writing back to Peter Wellman thanking him for his hospitality in 1942 because Mr. Wellman of course hosted various PGA tournaments at Mahoning Country Club and Mr. Crosby stayed across the street, in the first house across the street. Mayor Melfi said they have all been told this and sure enough it was verified today. A lot of artifacts. They all want to come up. They all want to get involved. The youngest son of Peter Wellman is deceased, Attorney Nick Wellman, but his widow is from Girard, so a lot of excitement coming just blowing up our phones so they Mayor said they will continue with that. Mayor Melfi said just to make council aware they had partnered with Youngstown, Niles and Liberty for an Appalachian Technical Assistance Grant and the parties were successful. Melfi said this will enhance the capabilities of our border, and as we all know with grants, it will also trigger other opportunities. So we'll see where that goes, but they were successful with those other parties in receiving that grant.

COMMENTS:

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

JERRY LAMBERT

PRESENT

Mr. Lambert said he had a couple of things. The MVSD had sent a letter to them and he talked to Tom Holloway down there, they are supposed to have a representative on that board. According to Section 6115.104, the council shall consist of one member who uses water supply directly or indirectly by the district to be appointed from each municipal corporation or township that receives all or part of its water supply directly or indirectly from the district. Lambert said they asked if he could have council bring in this and he'll have the wording for the law director and bring it in to pass a resolution and we will have a member on the advisory council from this point on. The first meeting they requested one person to be there. They had Howard Zickefoose, who is the superintendent of the plant, he went to it. He attended it. He is very happy to be working in that position right now to help with this thing. Lambert said if they can pass that, get it written up and pass it, then they will have a member on this advisory council. Mr. Lambert said the second thing he has, they already talked about streets and salt barn. The second thing is the backhoe. They found out it won't be delivered before October. That is how far they are behind. They passed that about a month ago and it won't be here until October. Mr. Lambert said if you notice around the Kline Street area, Broadway area, around North Avenue there is catch basin repairs. They have a list of catch basins. They are attempting to redo the ones that are the worst. Lambert said they have a list that was made. They have sent out all of the members of the sewage department to suck out all of the residue inside of the catch basins and then they are in the process of rebuilding the ones that are there. Mr. Lambert said they are probably going to do 20 or 25 at a time in certain areas of the city. They will just move their way from Squaw Creek all the way to Parkwood. That is in the process right now. Mr. Lambert said the sweeper, this is the earliest, they were talking about the weather, the sweeper has been out on every good day. It has been out lately as long as the temperature is above the freezing mark. What they are going to try to do is next few days if it does subside they are going to try to get it into the areas that have been hit the hardest as far as the roads are concerned with the debris from the storms.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR **BRIAN KREN** **PRESENT**

Attorney Kren said at the last meeting Councilman Martuccio had asked about blight. He has the code provisions that he printed out to give her. The city can declare eminent domain over blighted properties. There is a strict definition of what constitutes a blighted piece of property. Kren said the same procedures with normal eminent domain where they declare a public purpose to acquire a property apply. The city as opposed to, he's too young to remember which is which, but the one that is referred to as the Ben Franklin building, in that case it was declared a nuisance, fix it or we are tearing it down. The alternative is if a blighted property the city could attempt to acquire it by eminent domain and then the city has two years to improve it and if it is not improved within two years the city could demolish it but if it is improved they could sell it at auctions. Kren said the only thing is that for that blighted designation you kind of have to run the course first through the zoning process. They have to make sure that if something can be cited and wiggle its way through the court to be rectified then that is not technically blight, but he would be glad to review this and take whatever actions is needed. Also, regardless with the Ben Franklin building they all know that the wall was worked on previously. There has been significant work done on the roof. They do have occupancy permit issues lingering, but action was taken on that building and he would be glad to work with the administration to take on the next one that they throw at them.

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Martuccio thanked Attorney Kren.

AUDITOR **JULIE COLEMAN** **PRESENT**

Ms. Coleman said she had nothing further from finance.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER **MARK ZUPPO** **PRESENT**

No report.

COMMENTS:

FIRE CHIEF **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**

The fire chief reported their call total to date is 531. He is happy to announce that the fire department has been awarded a state fire marshall grant in the amount of \$8,385. This grant requires no financial match from the city. Chief Petruzzi said it will provide personal thermal imaging cameras for each one of their personnel. These devices have multiple purposes and they will be able to see through a wall per se to detect heat without causing damage to property. Also, for those that are not aware the weather siren on Highland Avenue was a casualty of the storm on Saturday. He spoke to the county EMA director and he is going to send him some ideas for solutions.

COMMENTS:

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

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno said he had no real comment. They had a finance committee meeting this evening. They had both their auditor and treasurer at the meeting as well as the administration. They will hear more from them in the future.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert said he wanted to update. He is still gathering information on the previous meeting caucus with regard to the splash pad, redoing the playground area at Tod Park and possible pickleball courts. Schubert said he will hopefully have that finalized for the next meeting and report back.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

Councilman Grumley said he wanted to thank the chief and the men out there in the department for all of the work they do on writing their grants, obtaining grants, as well as the police department.

COMMENTS:

STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY

Councilman Standohar said that his co-committee members told him the bad news about the salt barn estimate. Certainly, that is going to throw a kink in their paving program a little bit this year, but they are going to move forward with that ordinance tonight to advertise for bids for certain streets so it will be still something to be very useful for this year and for at least a guestimate for next year. Even the ones that are not done this year. So they will move forward getting the bids in. They are going to have additional meetings of course to discuss what ultimately gets put on the list with this latest news about the salt barn’s excessive cost. They will trust that madame auditor will do a better job than the service director in controlling this matter. She will find some money for them. Almost \$270,000 for the salt barn? Mr. Lambert responded so far. There was some discussion regarding the salt barn. Mr. Lambert said that so far they had an engineer’s estimate on the thing and they got some prices from a place called Clear Span and just the structure alone was going to be like \$77,000. The prevailing wage and rate installation in building this thing was approximately \$68,000. That brought it to about \$140-145,000. Plus you are going to, like Tom was saying, you have to have demolition. You have to take up all of the concrete that is there and they are guessing that with the concrete and the additional labor it could be up to about \$85,000. That is where they came up with the \$250,000. Lambert said, like he said engineer’s estimate. The way Tom is talking if they have a second way of building this building and they could see what that is going to come out at and then they can present that to council and see which one they want them to bid. They may want them to build both. He doesn’t know. Whatever the committee decides to do he’ll do. Councilman Standohar said he is sure Mr. Lambert will keep them updated.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

No report

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio said she would like to thank Mr. Coggins on the Youngstown Air Reserve Station’s Military Compatibility Area to them this evening. Martuccio said zoning committee they have their work cut out for them. They have to do their homework and they will get together and decide on pursuing and presenting the ordinances on Girard’s adoption of these ordinances.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

51-57 **SECOND READING**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 765.02 ESTABLISHING THE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSIENT VENDORS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

51-58 **SECOND READING**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$72,900.00 PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

51-59 **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, OHIO.

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY TO SUSPEND THE 2ND AND 3RD READINGS OF ORDINANCE

51-59.

- SCHUBERT
- STANDOHAR 1
- KAY
- GRUMLEY 2
- MARTUCCIO
- MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0 FOR SUSPENSION

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-59.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR 1

KAY

GRUMLEY 2

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0 FOR ORDINANCE 51-59

51-60

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MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR SUSPENSION OF THE 2ND AND 3RD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 51-60.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0 FOR SUSPENSION OF ORDINANCE 51-60

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 51-60.

SCHUBERT

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MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 7-0 FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO.51-60

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF GIRARD TO BE APPOINTED TO THE MVSD ADVISORY BOARD.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION FOR PREPARATION PASSES 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2023.

SCHUBERT 2

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI
MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT PASSES 7-0

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL