

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL

PLEDGE

President Pro Temp Moliterno asked Councilman Standohar to lead the pledge and thanked him after.

ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	ABSENT
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

President Pro Temp Moliterno: Communications? **Councilman Grumley:** None that I'm aware of. **Moliterno:** We do have communications because it is the letter that we all received but I don't know that everybody all got this same letter. **Grumley:** Oh. Ok. **Moliterno:** I know Sam didn't get it in his packet. I know that it is going to be addressed by Brian in his report tonight. I believe that council does have to hold a public meeting on it but Brian will give us more information during his report.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

52-30

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GIRARD SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCHILL & TIBBETTS WICK WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS; PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO ADD ORDINANCE NO. 52-30 TO THE AGENDA OF JULY 22, 2024.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY 2

GRUMLEY 1

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSED 7-0

Moliterno: Even though I am chairing the meeting as Pro Temp tonight I am also exercising my right as a member of council to vote this evening. Just for general knowledge.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND STANDOHAR TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF JULY 22, 2024 AS AMENDED.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION KAY SECOND SCHUBERT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2024, AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY 1
GRUMLEY Abstain
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSED 6-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR

MARK ZUPPO

PRESENT

Mayor Zuppo: Real brief report this evening. Our website. We continue to tweak our website, cityofgirardoh.gov. We will be posting council minutes. Monica, when did we decide we will be able to post those by? **Monica:** I sent this year's to Erik today so as soon as he gets to that they will be up. I am not sure when that will be. **Mayor:** So we will be posting the minutes on our website. We are going to be adding to our artificial intelligence lady, Gabby, to her knowledge base so that you will be able to ask more and more questions and quick answers. As far as recreation, I think you might have noticed that Tod Park continues to get upgrades. The roof on the bocce courts and the gazebo all redone and looking great. Mike and his staff continue to be hardworking and getting the job done in the city in our parks. The public hearing that we had for the zone change was well, there were a lot of people here. There were a lot of comments made but in the end everybody kinda agreed to it so now it is in council's hands. Council will be advising you of your duties shortly. As I mentioned earlier, we have a new traffic officer who will be getting the job tomorrow. We will be getting together talking about getting our parking situations in town squared away. We are parking all over the place. We are parking on the corners, parking next to hydrants. If there is a safety issue I don't need our fire chief to have to run to a fire and find that a hydrant

is blocked because somebody is having a party at their house. We are going to give people warnings. We are not going to come out and club them over the head. We are going to give them warnings, but you are going to get one warning and then you are going to get ticketed. He will also be assigned to the speed camera, etc. Any accident that occurs in the city the traffic officer will get called. I had a long conversation with the police chief about it and we think it is really needed. Without further ado, that concludes my report.

COMMENTS:

Moliterno: I would say mayor, I see it pop up on Facebook from time to time about updating the general public as to the website and some of the other things, activities, I think that is great. A very positive thing to do for the city. Continue that line of communication. **Mayor:** Thank you. I would also like to point out that we started a podcast, the mayor's podcast, that will be coming from TCTC sometime probably, we talked about starting it last month, but he had some technical issues out at TCTC, Mr. Doran, but I will be starting that either late July or early August. Much more communication. I am all about getting the word out to everybody.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR

SALVATORE PONZIO

PRESENT

Mr. Ponzio: I have a couple of things. First of all, regarding the legislation about paving today, I want council to know our engineers are ready to put the bids out as soon as we get the approval to do so with the goal being to have the roads that we can afford to pave done before, while they are still making asphalt. Also, the mayor just informed me that we are going to meet with Eastgate tomorrow and KO Consulting to research some funding opportunities for a traffic light signal study throughout the community. I know Tom wanted the one on Trumbull taken care of so we are going to do a study to see which lights are warranted and which ones aren't warranted and, hopefully, have all of the lights on 422 be organized so we're not, I think they need to be reset so it helps traffic flow in the community. It shouldn't have one light and then go to the next red light and then the next red light, so we have gotten a lot of complaints about that. So, we are going to see if they can do something to help us out. I will let Tom know what we find out at the meeting tomorrow. One other related thing is legislation is on the table today, with the help of the law director and the fire chief I was able to issue a nuisance abatement for 344 E. Wilson for the koi pond where the child almost drowned. I am happy to report that he did comply with the nuisance abatement and it is filled in. He is buying grass and now we are going to have an ordinance for this and hopefully that will never happen in Girard again. That concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR

BRIAN KREN

PRESENT

Attorney Kren: The paperwork has been submitted to the sheriff's office to issue the sheriff's deed for the abatement at TK Charles Property that we had tore down. I am expecting that any day now to get recorded. I will let the administration know as soon as I find out when the paperwork makes it's way through the county so that the city has title to that property. As to the correspondence about the zone change. All zone changes must go through council as opposed to variances which don't have to come to council. Council needs to set a public hearing at least 30 days out before they could vote on either approving the recommendation for the amendment or not. That is all I have.

COMMENTS:

President Pro Temp: You heard the comments from our law director. Lily, when is our first meeting back in September? **Councilwoman Martuccio:** It is September 9th.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 PM SEPTEMBER 9TH FOR THE 422 PROPERTIES.

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

AUDITOR JULIE COGGINS PRESENT

Ms. Coggins: Nothing further from finance meeting.

COMMENTS:

TREASURER HENRY SFORZA PRESENT

Mr. Sforza: Nothing further from finance.

COMMENTS:

President Pro Temp: For the general public, part of the reason we don't have any additional questions is because we just completed from 6:30-7 a finance committee meeting of which all members of city council and the administration were present at that meeting, so they are already aware of all of the information that has been provided by both our auditor and treasurer.

FIRE CHIEF JAMES PETRUZZI PRESENT

Chief Petruzzi: Calls to date 1183. The only other thing I have, the fire dept was awarded a grant for the purchase of a new LUCAS automatic cpr device and two video laryngoscopes. The LUCAS, this will be the second one. It really sets us ahead of the game in our emergency medical care. Normally, it would be \$22,000 for the purchase of all of this equipment. The the cost to the city will be roughly \$1600.

COMMENTS:

President Pro Temp: That's great. It is certainly exciting about how progressive we've been in the fire department. It is going to be good for all of the citizens of Girard.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN NORMAN ABSENT

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno: We just said a couple of minutes ago. We had a finance committee meeting this evening. We heard a lot about the updates. The information about various categories and where we are at. We will certainly take a good hard look at it when we come back in September.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

Councilman Kay: No report.

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert: No report

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

Councilman Grumley: I stopped at the fire station prior to the meeting tonight and I encourage all the members of council to stop by and see the two new units, the two new ambulances, one used and one brand new one. They actually gave me a demonstration, chief, of the LUCAS cpr device. We are state of the art. There is no doubt. I went through EMT school in 1978 and we were pumping chests and blowing in mouths. It is amazing what they are able to do today. We have the experience and expertise in that department. I just want to thank all of the men and women that serve us on a daily basis. Police and fire is what makes Girard great is what we have in service.

COMMENTS:

Attorney Kren: I just wanted to point out that I was born in 1979.

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

Councilman Standohar: I would just respectfully encourage all council members to, as the service director stated, Ordinance No. 52-29 regarding the advertisement for bids, it is only for advertisement of bids, so I would respectfully request that the rules, the readings be suspended this evening. When that does come up we will have some amendments to the attachment to the ordinance, the exhibit "A". I spoke with the service director about specifically stating exactly from what points on the road like for instance Hazel Street from Wellman to Elruth, etc. So we will do that for each. On exhibit "A" it is just generally listed versus specific points so that everybody is clear on the intent of what we are putting out the bid for.

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

Councilman Zirafi: No report

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio: No report

COMMENTS:

THEATER-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio: We have a committee meeting schedule for Monday, July 29th at 1 pm at the Girard Library.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

52-26

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE WATER & WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-26.

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

52-27

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND SUBMITTING COPIES OF SAME TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-27.

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

President Pro Temp: Before we have 52-28 read, Tom, I did have a conversation with WFMJ today. They asked about this. I did say that we would probably just have a first reading to give anyone who is in the community and wants to come forward and make any comments as it goes through its second and third readings.

52-28

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 1323 (“RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE”) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GIRARD FOR THE REGULATION OF WATER GARDENS AND KOI PONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Pro Temp: I want to make sure that everyone understands that I appreciate what the administration did by moving forward very quickly and addressing that issue. It is certainly one that we all agree with this ordinance and we will get it taken care of as we get a chance to listen to any other members of the public that come forward and will be voted on by this council in September.

52-29

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.

Councilman Standohar: Move for amendment and first just a question for the service director to confirm the accuracy. Park Avenue I believe you conveyed it is Ward to Tod? **Mr. Ponzio:** Correct. **Standohar:** Hazel, as we discussed, would be Wellman to Elruth. **Ponzio:** Correct. **Standohar:** If you could please

Ponzio: Mosier is Iowa to Taylor. **Standohar:** Iowa to Taylor. **Ponzio:** Correct. **Standohar:** I respectfully requests amendments to Exhibit "A" of 52-29 to read wherever it says Park Avenue to put in parentheses Ward to Todd after it. Wherever it says Mosier Road to state in parentheses next to it Iowa to Taylor and wherever it says Hazel Street Wellman to Taylor.

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND ZIRAFI TO AMEND ORDINANCE 52-29 TO ADD MORE SPECIFICS TO THE DESCRIPTION OF STREETS IN EXHIBIT "A".

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

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND ZIRAFI TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-29.

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

MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-29 AS AMENDED.

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

52-30

FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GIRARD SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCHILL & TIBBETTS WICK WATER BOOSTER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS; PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Grumley: Sal? **Ponzio:** Yes. I would like to ask for suspension of the rules and have this passed.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND KAY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-30.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY 2
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSED 7-0

Councilman Grumley: We have been laboring over this agreement for over a year now so I mean it is not like it just got thrown in front of us today. Sam’s committee has been looking through this and that is why I am comfortable. Normally, I am not always one that is, you know, suspending and so forth, but I am very comfortable with this. Like I said we have been working on this for over a year. The pumps were bought, they weren’t bought, but ok.

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND KAY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-30.

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

NEW LEGISLATION

Attorney Kren: Just a real quick comment. The last time that you chaired a meeting I commended your skills and I got an angry call the very next day from the president of council so I will not say how professional of a meeting this was tonight. **Kay:** Good thing you didn’t say that. **Moliterno:** You don’t have to say it Brian. **Zirafi:** Don’t bring that up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2024.

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

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL