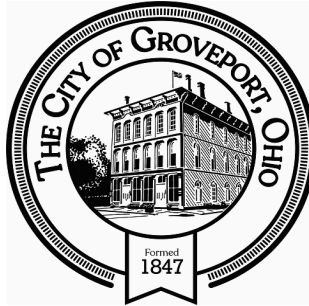


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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Jack Rupp

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Dildine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Finance Director, Michael Loges - Development Director, Steve Farst - City Engineer, Brian Strayer - Public Services Director, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

Committee Chair Dildine asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Absent: 2 - Lockett, and Hilbert

Present: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The February 19, 2024 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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VI. Business of Guests**A. Madison Township Representative**

Administrator Susan Brobst updated Council and staff on news and events from Madison Township. She stated that there are still openings for their March 23rd self-defense class from 9am-12pm. One may register by reaching out to the Madison Township Police Department. She then announced that the Franklin County Auditor Community Outreach has reached out to Madison Township, and will be operating a free document shredding and electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 4th at Brobst Park from 10am-1pm. Mrs.

Brobst then reported on the electric and gas aggregation and the opt out letters that had been sent out. She stated one of the current electric and gas contracts is up at the end of April and one at the end of May, and that the board has approved staying with Archer Energy for both gas and electric. She went on to say that the new rates will show customers a \$16 per month savings, and that residents may still opt out at this time. Mrs. Brobst and Council then briefly discussed the opt out process.

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MTFD Monthly Report

Attachments: [MTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)

B. Warren Motts - Motts Military Museum

Mr. Motts thanked Council and staff for all their support over the years and gave highlights on recent events at Motts Military Museum.

C. COTA - Kelsey Ellingsen

Local Government Affairs Director Kelsey Ellingsen gave a presentation on behalf of COTA and their Central Ohio's Comprehensive Growth and Mobility Plan. She discussed the presentation with Council and staff and answered any questions they had. Senior Director of Development Kim Sharp was also present and aided in the discussion.

D. American Legion Post 486 - Josh Saunders

Josh Saunders spoke to Council about American Legion Post 486's plans for use of the Crooked Alley KidSpace building, and the possibilities and for not only Post 486, but for the City of Groveport and Canal Winchester. He shared information on possible available grants for Post 486 as well as possible outreach and services that could be made available for veterans. He then discussed options for buying or leasing the building and any possible maintenance required with Council and staff.

E. American Legion Post 486 - John Stertz

John Stertz continued the Crooked Alley KidSpace discussion with Council and staff. He expressed how Post 486 has been here for one hundred years and their desire to provide further outreach to veterans. He said the Post is currently unable to do all the things they would like to do because they do not have a permanent home. He brought forth the idea of a quick claim deed, which would give possession of the building to the American Legion, which would in turn make grants

accessible to them. He then spoke further about veteran suicide statistics and the need for veteran assistance.

VII. New Business

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[Ord. 2024-010](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Lockett

Finance Director Carr explained the purpose of the three bond anticipation note ordinances, each issuance amount, and savings based on difference in cost. Law Director Shannon added that the purpose of Ord. 2024-013 is to consolidate all three.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

[Ord. 2024-011](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING VEHICLES AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICING PURPOSES, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Rupp

A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

[Ord. 2024-012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND

ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A RECREATIONAL FACILITY CONSISTING OF PICKLEBALL COURTS, SHELTERS, BLEACHERS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS, ALONG WITH ANY NECESSARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS THERETO, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Hilbert

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

[Ord. 2024-013](#)

AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING UP TO THREE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO INTO A CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE, AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SUCH CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE

Sponsors: Hutson

A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

[Ord. 2024-017](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE EXPANSION AND RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT LOCATED OFF OF WIRT ROAD AND TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAID PROJECT

Sponsors: Rupp

Administrator King stated that this encompasses the realignment of the existing municipal parking off of Wirt road, closure of a portion of Cherry street, and also using the property where KidSpace is currently located to expand parking. He spoke of the community's need for parking and also the American Legion's desire to use the building. He said we've talked about it for a long time and feels like we need to make a decision and move forward with it. Council Member Cleary inquired about the building's mold issue. Public Services Director Strayer reported that Servpro had come and taken samples on Thursday and we do not yet have results of those samples. Mr. Cleary expressed his thoughts about having tenants in the building with a mold issue, the value of the building, demolition and repairs. Council

Member Rupp asked Mr. Strayer to explain the process he went through to acquire all of the expenses related to the building. Council and staff continued to discuss repair and maintenance needs to the building including the roof, electrical panel, heating and cooling, brick on the exterior, transoms, windows, foundation cracks and settling, and the mold issue. Council Member Dildine raised the question of how many parking spaces this would create. City Engineer Farst said it would almost double the 60 spaces we currently have. Council concluded discussion with their expression of the need for parking in our downtown area as well as their desire to find the American Legion a home here, whether it be the KidSpace building or not.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to make no recommendation to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

[Ord. 2024-018](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LEUKCO CONSTRUCTION FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 9.02(B) AND 7.03

Sponsors: Hilbert

Administrator King explained that this is in reference to the buildout on the second floor of the Rarey's Port building and that we are working with the contractor now to come up with a final cost estimate.

A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

B. 2nd Readings

[Res.](#) [2024-002](#)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [Res. 2024-002 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Rupp, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dildine, Hutson, Rupp, and Cleary

X. Financial Report

Finance Director Carr gave highlights from the financial report including our general fund balance, interest earnings, and income tax.

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Financial Report

Attachments: [Financial Report.pdf](#)

XI. Other Business

XII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

B. Administrator - BJ King

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

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PD Council Report

Attachments: [PD Council Report.pdf](#)

F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges

Economic Development Director Loges discussed the newly constructed project on Hayes road with Council.

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EDEV Council Report

Attachments: [EDEV Council Report.pdf](#)

G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer

Public Services Directory Strayer reported that his department was finally able to acquire their two new snow trucks.

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PS Council Report

Attachments: [PS Council Report.pdf](#)

H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier

[#063-2024](#) B&Z Council Report

Attachments: [B&Z Council Report.pdf](#)

I. Director of Golf - Tom Walker

[#064-2024](#) GOLF Council Report

Attachments: [GOLF Council Report.pdf](#)

J. Recreation Director - Seth Bower

[#065-2024](#) REC Council Report

Attachments: [REC Council Report.pdf](#)

K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke

[#066-2024](#) CA Council Report

Attachments: [CA Council Report.pdf](#)

L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

City Engineer Farst briefed Council on the 2024 Street Program.

[#067-2024](#) ENG Council Report

Attachments: [ENG Council Report.pdf](#)

M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler

[#068-2024](#) DOT Council Report

Attachments: [DOT Council Report.pdf](#)

N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers

[#069-2024](#) HR Council Report

Attachments: [HR Council Report.pdf](#)

O. Director of Information Technology - Trevor Swackhamer

P. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

Q. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp

Mr. Rupp reported on the discussion of last week's school board meeting. He said the most notable piece was on the curriculum review group they've composed with the intent to standardize the curriculum. This would mean that all teachers in the school district will teach from the same lesson plan. He also spoke about how they are working with the preschools to ensure that children are kindergarten ready before they start. He expressed how impressed he is with how the schools are taking on many approaches to get students on the right path. Mr. Cleary spoke about channel 10's article on forever chemicals and how they're causing water rates to go up, and how he would like to get the baseball diamonds at the Rec Center dedicated to some of our hometown heroes.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adjourn at 750: p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Edward Dildne, President Pro Tem

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

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