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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert,
Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Becky Hutson*

I. Call to Order

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

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

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Portier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

A motion was made by Council Member Drury, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to excuse Council Member Rarey from the meeting. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Council Member Ed Rarey arrived at 6:41 p.m.

Present: 6 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member Dildine, Council Member Drury, Council Member Hilbert, Council Member Hutson, and Council Member Rarey

V. Approval of Minutes - May 12, 2014

Approved as submitted.

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Attachments: [Council Meeting Minutes 5-12-14.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**1. Bruce Hoover - Groveport Madison Local Schools Superintendent**

Groveport Madison Local Schools Superintendent Bruce Hoover addressed Council with a challenge to work together to better

our community and improve our schools. Mr. Hoover commented the passing of the school levy on May 7, 2014 has everyone in the community very excited and thanked the Mayor and Council for their work toward getting the levy passed. Mr. Hoover invited the Mayor and Council to the Ohio Facilities Commission meeting to start the process of planning and using the savings from the bonds.

2. Swearing In of New Police Officer

Chief Portier introduced Samuel Yockey of St. Clairsville, Ohio as the Groveport Police Department's newest officer. Officer Yockey comes from Valley View and Ohio Health with three years of experience. He was one of the top three finalists, he is looking for a long term career and looks forward to serving the citizens of Groveport. Law Director Kevin Shannon executed the oath of office to Samuel Yockey as a Groveport Patrol Officer. Officer Yockey replaces Christopher Gyke and will start work on June 5, 2014.

VII. Executive Session

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) 3 Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; to include all members of Council, the Mayor, the Administrator, the Finance Director, himself and Special Counsel Matthew Stout.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to go into executive session at 6:37 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Rarey

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert and Hutson

VIII. Executive Session

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Drury, to come out of executive session at 6:58 p.m. with no action taken. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 14-013](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 5120 HENDRON ROAD, PARCEL # 185-002944

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [5120 Hendron Rd.pdf](#)
[Revised 5120 Hendron Rd 2.pdf](#)

Law Director Kevin Shannon informed Council as it relates to ORD. 14-013, staff is proposing the following amendment; in Section 1. at the end of the sentence replacing the period with a comma and adding the following language " provided all of the conditions set forth by the Planning & Zoning Commission are satisfied." That is the statement of the only amendment to this Ordinance at this time.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to amend. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

[ORD. 14-014](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT FOR 6201 GREEN POINTE DRIVE SOUTH (PARCEL NO. 185-002905 AND PARCEL NO. 185-001444) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dildine

Attachments: [6201 Green Pointe Dr final plat.pdf](#)
[ORD. 14-014 Final Plat revised.pdf](#)

Law Director Kevin Shannon advised Council of representatives, with respect to 6201 Green Pointe Drive, whom made contact

with City offices last week, inquiring if Council would consider emergency action on this matter. Mr. Shannon has a statement of the proposed amendments and Mr. Green can provide Council with some enlightenment on the emergency nature of the Ordinance. The statement of amendments is as follows; in the Title add "and the declaration of an emergency" and in Section 2. ~~strikeout anything after "that"~~ and add the following language " this Ordinance be deemed an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the community as this legislation must be enacted in a timely manner so economic development at the site in question can take place as soon as practicable; WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon passage by Council and signature of the Mayor.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to amend. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to suspend the rules as to the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 14-016](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING AS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, THE SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTED AND INSTALLED UNDER GROVEPORT ROAD AND THE MANHOLE CONSTRUCTED AND INSTALLED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GROVEPORT ROAD

Sponsors: Rarey

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-016.

[ORD. 14-017](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF

ENGINEERING, INSPECTING, RECONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING A WATERLINE, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS

Sponsors: Hutson

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-017.

[ORD. 14-018](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENGINEERING, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM AND PLANT, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS

Sponsors: Rarey

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-018.

[ORD. 14-019](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A POLICE FACILITY, AND THE CITY'S CURRENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTES

Sponsors: Hilbert

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-019.

[ORD. 14-020](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SAID NOTES

Sponsors: Cleary

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-020.

C. 1st Readings

[ORD. 14-022](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING

AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVEPORT, OHIO AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Drury

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-022. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[ORD. 14-023](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 9.6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL NUMBERS 180-001052, 180-001048, AND 180-003042, LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TRACT TO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT (JACKSON B. REYNOLDS, III, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Drury

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance No. 14-023. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

X. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp commented on the wonderful day for the Memorial Day Ceremony, he personally thanked Warren Motts for serving as Master of Ceremonies and Ms. Hall for the excellent shape of the cemetery. Council Member Hilbert stated she was very impressed that we have a graduate going to Annapolis. The Mayor remarked the Guest Speaker, Carl Price did an excellent job. The City needs to look into getting an upgraded speaker system.

Mayor Westcamp congratulated Clerk of Council Ruthanne Ross on her wedding anniversary today.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall reported there is an amendment to be included in the state budget that will take more of the City's tax revenue. Ms. Hall will keep Council updated as the state moves forward with the matter. Council Member Dildine inquired of Administrator Hall where is the state going with the bill, are they wanting to completely overhaul how municipal income taxes are handled? Ms. Hall responded the bill addresses resident versus

non-resident income tax revenue. The Senator who introduced the bill reasons a large portion of the revenue is paid by people who do not get to vote on tax issues for the municipality to whom their income tax is paid. The City providing the state with lists of resident versus non-resident tax payers, will not solve the issue. The state looks to go with a resident only income tax. Finance Director Jeff Green commented a resident only income tax will decimate the City.

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Adm Report to Council - May 27

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C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Chief of Police Ralph Portier thanked the Mayor, Council and Administration for their continued support. The department is running smoothly with everyone coming together. They will be finishing the Sergeants' contract very soon.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing further to report.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing further to report.

F. Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert, Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Becky Hutson

Council Member Rarey apologized to everyone for being late to the meeting. Mr. Rarey commented he has met with a group of people regarding the grass issues on Cherry Street. He addressed two areas where varmints have taken up residence. Another issue deals with the truck traffic giving the City streets a beating; it is hard on our streets with trash collection trucks overloading. Another issue Mr. Rarey commented on dealt with Palm's Pond and its poor condition. Administrator Hall responded after the grass issue was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting, notifications were sent out to the residents with high grass. On some of the vacant properties they are posting the notification on the door to speed up the process set forth by our law. They will start the City's routine of having the high grass cut. She knows a number of locations on

Cherry Street have been sent notification.

As to the Palm's Pond issues, Administration is looking into all of the City's ponds and signs will be ordered early next week for all the sites. Steve Farst and Tom Byrne are working with AEP to supply electric service to install a pump to keep the pond at a constant level. The pump will keep the level of the pond stable which will alleviate the marshy area around the pond. Steve Farst and Tom Byrne are working towards a permanent solution for the water level, the process takes time when you count in all the factors.

Council Member Hilbert asked if the City has a nuisance officer for the varmints causing problems. Mr. Green commented if wild animals become a real problem, the City can contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mayor Westcamp agreed with Mr. Rarey on getting the high grass issues attracting the varmint resolved and inquired as to how long after notification does the resident have to cut their grass. Law Director Shannon responded he believes they have 10 days to respond to the notification. If there is no response, the City goes in and mows the area and bills the resident. If the bill is not paid within 30 days, the City starts the process of placing a lien on the property. Ms. Hall confirmed the Mayor's inquiry to the City contracting out the mowing service.

Council Member Dildine asked Mr. Rarey for clarification of the truck traffic going through the City alleys; was it just trash trucks or are other trucks using the alley ways. Mr. Rarey stated just truck traffic was relayed to him. Mr. Dildine wanted to know if the situation called for the police to be patrolling the alleys.

Council Member Hilbert asked Mr. Shannon how long the City keeps membership fees in escrow for members of Silver Sneakers. Council Member Dildine stated it was until they quit the program or the program stops. Mr. Shannon stated he believes it is three years. Council Member Dildine believes it stays in escrow per the contract with Silver Sneakers until the member quits the program or the program is no longer available at the recreation center. Mrs. Hilbert asked if the City was doing Shred-It with the Touch-a-Truck event. Clerk of Council Ruthanne Ross will contact Parks & Recreation Director Kyle

Lund for all the details.

Council Member Hutson raised the matter of any updates on the Orchard sign. Ms. Hall responded the topic is to be discussed under other business.

Council Member Cleary asked for any updates on the Fourth of July festivities. Ms. Hall advised a Fourth of July committee member should be in attendance at the next meeting to update Council. There will be a lot of kids' events in the afternoon. Mr. Cleary emphasized the need to get electric service back to Palm's Pond.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees

Council Member Cleary reported the Cemetery Committee addressed the possibility of adding an old fashioned well pump on the other side of the cemetery to provide water to the new part of the cemetery.

XI. Other Business

Law Director Kevin Shannon addressed Council on the Orchard Subdivision sign at the entryway on Cherry Blossom Drive at Hendron Road. Currently where the sign is located, it is on another property owner's tract. It is not on City property nor on a tract owned by any association with the Orchard. The sign needs to be maintained and with no community organization in the Orchard subdivision the matter needs addressed. The City maintains most, if not all, of the entryways in our subdivisions. Ms. Hall clarified not all, some are the property of the homeowners' associations. One solution to the matter would be if Council would consider making a motion to allow the installation of the sign into the City's right-of-way at the intersection of Cherry Blossom Drive and Hendron Road, provided that it does not cause any traffic safety issues on either Hendron Road or Cherry Blossom Drive. Once the sign is on City property, the City can maintain the entryway. Council Member Hilbert queried where Administration looks to place the sign. Ms. Hall stated it will be on the same side of the street

towards the tree line. Mr. Shannon advised Council can act by way of a motion, ordinance or resolution pursuant to the City of Groveport Charter. If a motion is made to permit the installation of the Orchard Subdivision sign into the City's right-of-way at or near the corner of Hendron Road and Cherry Blossom Drive; provided traffic safety on either Hendron Road or Cherry Blossom Drive is not compromised, Council can act on the matter tonight. Council Member Hutson inquired if the same sign will be used or will a new one be installed. Ms. Hall commented the same sign will be installed. Council Member Cleary asked if there was a contingency plan in place if it is found to impede traffic. Ms. Hall advised it will be moved back along Cherry Blossom Drive.

A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Drury, to permit the installation of the Orchard Subdivision sign into the City's right-of-way at or near the corner of Hendron Road and Cherry Blossom Drive; provided traffic safety on either Hendron Road or Cherry Blossom Drive is not compromised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Rarey made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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