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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

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, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain

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

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to excuse Council Member Hutson from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2019

Approved as submitted.

[#039-2019](#) City Council Meeting Minutes 2.11.19

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 2.11.19.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

None.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions**A. 3rd Readings**

None

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 19-004](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVEPORT - **PART THREE - TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 351, SECTION 351.17, TRUCK PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [ORD. 19-004 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Council Member Dildine commented that with the weight limit stated within the Ordinance and no distinction between parking on a street versus parking in a driveway, in a residential area, that the two parking areas should be addressed separately. That would allow someone to park a vehicle in their driveway that would not be permitted parked on their street. Mr. Dildine passed around pictures of a Ford van work truck that would take a single parking spot but its GVW is 9,950 lbs. The vehicle is listed with a 7,065 lbs. curb weight (empty of passengers and/or cargo) with a payload of 2,085 lbs. (with passengers and/or cargo) which is under the 9,950 but not under the 9,000 lbs. specified in the Ordinance. Mr. Dildine passed around a photo of a resident's company truck that is not a big truck nor a heavy truck, yet it is in violation of the City traffic code. The resident works for a company that can call him out any time, day or night, to answer emergency maintenance calls for rental properties. Mr. Dildine thinks these type of situations need to be considered when an ordinance would prohibit trucks/vans over 9,000 lbs. from parking anywhere in residential areas. Council Member Cleary raised the matter of vehicles hitched to trailers. Law Director, Kevin Shannon, quoted the language in the Ordinance as it stands now: Trucks, tractors or trailers with a gross vehicle weight of ~~two~~ four and one-half tons (~~5~~9,000 lbs.) empty or over are hereby prohibited from parking in residential areas within the City after 6:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. except deliveries of goods and materials to persons within the City. Captain Blevins looked into how other Central Ohio communities handled this issue finding many differentiate between commercial and non-commercial vehicles. This Ordinance will have its third reading on March 11th. Council wants this Ordinance to get out to the community so residents would have an opportunity to have input on some points of discussion: commercial versus non-commercial, on street parking versus private driveway parking and what does the City mean by residential areas, to name a few. Council Member Becky Hutson, sponsor of the legislation and Chief Building Official, Stephen Moore, need to be included in the discussions. There are some prohibitions on certain types of vehicles being parked, even in the driveway. What Mr. Shannon is expecting, as this Ordinance hits its third reading, is for Council to consider postponing action on this Ordinance until the second meeting in March, (March 18, 2019) to have an in-depth discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Shannon will come up with some different versions of language to bring before Council. Council Member Scott Lockett would like to see the word get out to residents so if there is an interest or opinions on their particular residential area they could come before Council to speak their piece.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.19-004.

C. 1st Readings**[ORD. 19-005](#)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THIRTEEN - BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER 1399 - EROSION AND SEDIMENT POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION AND PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE NINE - SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1191 - PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [ORD. 19-005 Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[ORD. 19-005 Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. Staff is requesting emergency action on this Ordinance so the regulation can go into effect immediately. City Engineer, Steve Farst, through the City's Consultant Follow the River, was informed about some current EPA guidelines with respect to this matter, as well as some permit fees provisions.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.19-005. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

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

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

[ORD. 19-006](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GROVEPORT CODE OF PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [ORD. 19-006 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.19-006. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[#041-2019](#)

Summary - Code of Personnel Practices & Procedures Revisions

Attachments: [Summary of Code of Personnel Practices & Procedures Revisions.pdf](#)

[ORD. 19-007](#)

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$660,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND RETIRING NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dildine

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date because the notes will be issued in May. Finance Director, Jeff Green, commented that this is just rolling the note for the water system typically done in July. This year they need to be done by May.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.19-007. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

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

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

[ORD. 19-008](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 143, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO

Sponsors: Grashel

Attachments: [ORD. 19-008 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No.19-008. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp commented to those who attended the Groveport Madison Area Community Choir presentation of "That's Entertainment: The Great American Road Trip" was excellent. There was a very good turnout for the event that was held in the high school's new auditorium.

Mayor Westcamp announced that Rick Palsgrove, Editor, Southeast Messenger, will serve as Grand Marshall of the City of Groveport's 2019 4th of July Parade. Everyone knows what Rick Palsgrove does for the City of Groveport.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall remarked that the City's transportation drivers are currently titled Senior Transportation Driver because they drive for Senior Transportation. But, now that the City has another bus vehicle on the way, drivers will be driving for various City programs and events. Staff would like to change that title to Transportation Driver. Legislation is not required to change the title but Law Director, Kevin Shannon, suggested getting the change approved by Council by motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to change the City's transportation drivers, currently titled Senior Transportation Driver to Transportation Driver. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

[#040-2019](#)

Adm Report to Council - Feb. 25

Attachments: [Adm Report to Council - Feb. 25.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Chief Portier was not present. Captain Blevins had nothing to report.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Finance Director, Jeff Green, reported State Tax Credit Authority approved incentives on State tax credits for an expansion at GAP, who will be building a 440,000 sq. ft. warehouse adjacent to their current building. GAP has committed to 600 new jobs.

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Finance Report

Attachments: [Finance Report.pdf](#)

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing further to report.

F. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Chad Grashel

Council Member Ed Dildine offered to answer any questions on last month's Madison Township Fire Department report. Mr. Dildine did the shopping for the Council Members participation in the City's food pantry drive and delivered 172 (minus 1 dropped jar of grape jelly) items to the Municipal Building.

Council Member Jean Ann Hilbert commented that Saturday night's show was amazing. It was just amazing how the community came together. It showcased the new Groveport Madison High School auditorium and brought the schools and community together. The event helped human needs as well.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees

None.

IX. Other Business

a. Executive Session

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to discuss personnel related matters of a public employee, land acquisition and/or land lease, economic development and

imminent legal action. To include all Members of Council, the Mayor, himself, the Administrator and Mr. Green.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to discuss personnel related matters of a public employee, land acquisition and/or land lease, economic development and imminent legal action. To include all Members of Council, the Mayor, the Law Director, the Administrator and Mr. Green. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to come out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. with no action taken. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Hutson

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert and Lockett

X. Adjournment

Council Member Dildine made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn at 7: 52 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, CMC
Clerk of Council

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