

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES**

August 18, 2008

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Larry Corbin Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Mike Uhrin Greg Grinch

1. Mr. Grinch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

2. President Berry and Mayor Stage recognized Mr. Jim Lester and presented him with a Resolution in remembrance of his brother, Dick, who worked for the City and gave of his time and talents to the Baseball programs in the community. Jim thanked the City on behalf of the family.
3. President Berry read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair took the place of Mr. Uhrin, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-73-08 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement to Purchase a Fee Simple Interest in 1.9987+ acres located at 4649 Haughn Road for the Improvement and Extension of the Park located at Hoover Park and Appropriate \$180,000.00 from the General Fund for said Purchase) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. Of Law, stated that he had a conversation with the family's Attorney and was told that there is no consensus among the heirs to reduce the sale price from \$180,000.00.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	No
Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Uhrin	No
Mr. Grinch	No
Mr. Corbin	No

2. Ordinance C-80-08 (Appropriate \$60,857.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Voeller & Arbutus Avenues Storm Sewer Improvements) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Ordinance C-81-08 (Appropriate \$107,648.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Charles Drive Street Lighting Project) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Ordinance C-82-08 (Appropriate \$24,500.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Traffic Signal Design at the Buckeye Parkway/Holton Road Intersection) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

5. Ordinance C-83-08 (Appropriate \$80,000.00 from Various Debt Service Funds for Posting Collection Costs) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir, of Finance, explained that these are fees that the County takes before sending the monies collected to the City. This is for bookkeeping purposes.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

6. Ordinance C-84-08 (Appropriate \$163,727.42 from the Sewer Fund for the Current Expense of the S.R. 665 Sanitary Sewer Extension Project) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-45-08 (Authorize the Chief of Police and Mayor to apply for Funding from the D.A.R.E. Grants Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Paula Brooks, Fr. Co. Commissioner, voiced support for this application and expressed appreciation to the Police Division who were present at a Press Conference today showing off their Drunk Driving Simulator. She said there is going to be a big push over the holiday to get drunk drivers off the road.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Grinch, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-85-08 (Approve a Special Use Permit for China Bell/Hole in One Lounge located at 1947 Stringtown for Outdoor Seating) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Grinch moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Ms. Elizabeth Branson, voiced her appreciation to the City for using "Christmas" in the SOURCE instead of "Holiday". She thanked the Mayor, Maria Klemack-McGraw and other Council Members, Karen Faye & Kim Conrad.
2. Mr. Dave Bright, explained that he is in charge of getting endorsements for the SWCS Levy and passed out an informational flyer to everyone. He then introduced Bill Wise, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Wise explained that the District has the opportunity to capture almost \$206,000,000.00, through the Ohio Tobacco Securitization dollars. This money would allow them to bring all school facilities up to 2008 State Standards. This would improve the safety, security and technology in the District and could eliminate the trailer classrooms. He said there is also operating money in the levy that would eliminate further cuts in staffing.

Mayor Stage complimented the District in getting out in front on this issue. He asked how far along they are in getting a financial impact informational sheet together. Mr. Wise said they are having a meeting Friday with the Ohio School Facilities Commission. He explained that there is Segmentation available now that was not available before. He said they hope to have something later

next week. Mr. Grinch asked why there would be so many new buildings rather than renovating them. Mr. Wise said the OSFC evaluates the cost of building new vs. renovations and whichever is more cost effective is what must be done. Mr. Berry asked if this is the only chance in getting the State money. Mr. Wise said there is a one year opportunity to match the dollars. After that you are taken off and put on a waiting list. You can still try, but you are off the list for one full cycle. With inflation, the longer it takes the more the community would end up paying. Mr. Berry commented that not only is this for the education for our children, he believes that a big impact that this levy will have is on the economic development of our community in the future. High paying jobs come to communities that have good schools. Additional supportive comments were made.

3. Mr. Andy Furr, voiced concern about the "White Dots" springing up in neighborhoods. He said he feels the cart was put before the horse. He said people are wondering if all these dots are going to get fixed. He said he was told the home owners were going to have to pay for their sidewalks. In these economic times, it is difficult for many to come up with additional dollars to pay for this. He said it is hard enough to sell a house and a 10 year assessment would make that worse. He feels the people should have had notice about what was going to happen before the dots started showing up and causing a wide-spread panic.

Mayor Stage said he is the one who said we have a sidewalk problem. The only way to fix them is to find out how bad they are and evaluate the sidewalks.

Mr. Hughes, Dir. of Service, explained that they are currently evaluating one area of the City. They are using a Standard that has held up in court and used State wide. He explained that once this area has been reviewed and the white dots are evaluated, they will decide what sidewalks need immediate attention. He said there is a procedure in the Ohio Revised Code that will need to be followed for an assessment. The first item in the process is to have a Resolution approved by Council to declare the necessity. Council may choose to do something else. He said there are options within the Assessment process for property owners to evaluate. He reiterated that they will start with the worst sidewalks and have broken the city into 10 areas. This is a long process and a press release will be going out soon.

Mr. Berry noted, and the Mayor agreed, that this is to invest in our older sections of the city and give some attention to them.

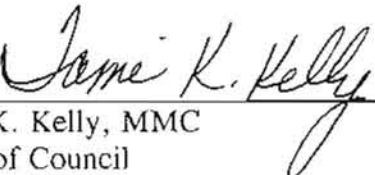
4. Ms. Barbara Armentrout, voiced discontent for the slow attention that her neighbor has received in getting the weeds in her right-of-way removed. She said her neighbor called the Service Dept. the first of August and they are still there. Mayor Stage said he noticed that too and said those are the City's weeds. They will be taken care of. Mr. Hughes noted that when the curb and gutter were replaced, the area was filled with topsoil. That is where the weeds came from and he will get it taken care of.

The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

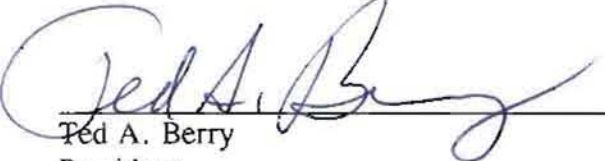
1. The Mayor complimented the Church of the Nazarene for giving back to the community and cleaning up a neighboring house.
2. Mr. Grinch asked Mr. Smith to check into any relief that can be given to residents to correct a housing problem on Dennis Lane.
3. Council expressed condolences to the Ford family on the loss of Don Ford.

4. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President