

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

October 16, 2023

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Mark Sigrist Ted Berry Randy Holt Christine Houk

1. Mr. Berry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

2. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Schottke, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-41-23 (Accept the Plat of Courtyards at Mulberry Run, Section 1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on Nov. 06, 2023.
2. Resolution CR-40-23 (Approve the Development Plan for Balanced Family Academy, Phase II, located west of Hoover and south of Birch Bark Trail) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Carter Bean, architect for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. He accepted the stipulations set by Planning Commission.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

3. Resolution CR-41-23 (Set Forth, as required by Section 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Municipal Services that can be furnished to a 59.743-acre parcel located South of Thrailkill Road, upon its annexation to the City of Grove City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Craig Moncrief, attorney for petitioner, explained that this application has three (3) existing residential homes and one (1) industrial business. He said there are no immediate plans to do anything with this acreage, as surrounding properties are already in the City. He said they just want to annex and receive the zoning classifications that are most comparable to the existing zoning in the Township. *Mr. Schottke* shared that the property would need to come into compliance with City standards upon annexation. Mr. Moncrief said he is aware and already explained that to the property owner.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Holt, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-42-23 (Appropriate \$25,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on Nov. 06, 2023.
2. Ordinance C-43-23 (Amend Section 161.10 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employee Status, Number of Employees per Department, Pay Grades) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on Nov. 06, 2023.

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

1. Mr. Joseph Woodrum, American Legion, shared that the Legion will be 100 years old next month and has been helping the veterans and citizens of Grove City for that long. He said the Post is in need of maintenance and a computer system. He said the roof and grease trap repairs were unexpected and they took a big hit during/since COVID. He asked Council and the Mayor for some help with their Post.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Woodrum to put together a list of their requests and work with Mr. Holt, Chair of Finance, to see what could be done.

Mr. Schottke asked if any of our grant programs could be used to assist the Post. Mr. Boso, City Admin., stated that there are no programs to accommodate this request as a grant.

2. Ms. Carrie Burson, LifeCare Alliance, shared information about their partnership with the City. She said they have work to help keep seniors in their homes. The two biggest programs in Grove City are meals-on-wheels and dining at the Senior Center. She said they are up 83% since 2019 and since COVID, the need has not gone down. She also noted that Grove City is the second largest community that they serve.

Mr. Holt commented that food stability is a major factor in keeping elderly people in their home and out of systems that put a further burden on insurance and medical costs. He said this is a proactive activity and offers lots of community benefit. Ms. Burson said by delivering the meals, a person also gets a daily check to make sure everything is o.k. by their personnel.

Mr. Berry asked how many meals are delivered and the cost each day. Ms. Burson said they deliver 8,000 meals per day and the total cost per meal is \$3.53. Mr. Berry asked if they have paid servers or volunteers. Ms. Burson said they have both.

Mayor Stage noted that Grove City serves a much broader audience that included Jackson Township and part of Pleasant Township.

3. Ms. Janice Biggs, Cottages at Pinnacle, stated that the cellular coverage in Grove City is at a critical state. She said her area has bad service and she has dropped calls all the time. Since this is her only phone, she has no other way to call if there is an emergency. She asked what the process to insure there is adequate coverage, since we are putting up new units everywhere.

Mayor Stage stated that the telecommunications companies are behind in installing technology. He said the City has engaged a firm to assist in finding locations for cell towers and contacting the telecom companies to assist with this issue.

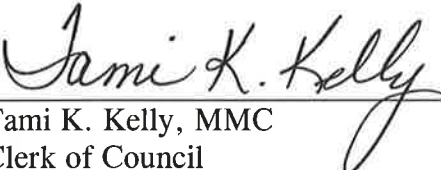
4. Ms. Katie Stuckey, Cherry Tree Ct., spoke about the programs and space for Parks and Recreation. She said programing has shrunk; the loss of the Barn has impacted Rec-school; and there is simply not enough space to offer adequate areas for programs. She expressed great appreciation for P&R staff and the instructors. She said they deserve all the support we can give them and believes the City needs to reinvest in Parks & Recreation with proper space and equipment.

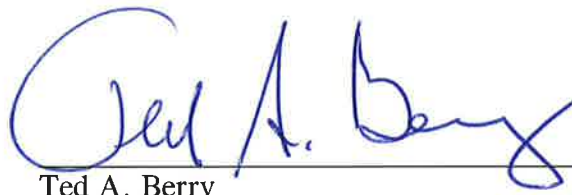
Mr. Schottke said the City is working on a community center and said they are in the process of putting out a statistically accurate survey to the residents and a way to share what each person would like to have.

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

1. Mayor Stage commented that COVID knocked the shoes out of our Parks & Rec. programming, but they are coming back; the Gantz Barn is being redesigned and will be constructed; the Ohio Municipal League starts on Wednesday, which the city is a member of and one of the associations used as our lobbyist and to keep up on State issues – such as the Police Pension Fund bill to increase the funding. He announced that this is Mental Health Awareness Month and National School Bus Safety week. He also shared that streetlights are being installed along Haughn Road and Southwest Blvd. Finally, he expressed condolences to Dir. of Parks & Rec. Kim Conrad, who just lost her mother.
2. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


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President

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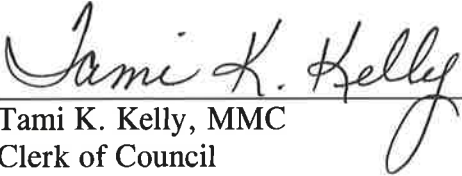
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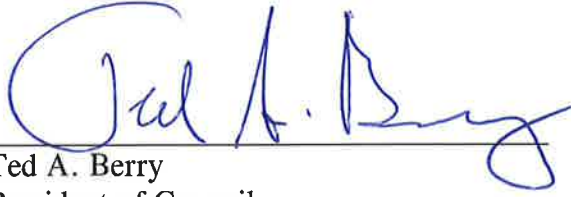
Council met at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, presented a Liquor Permit for Marathon Gas Station and stated that the Safety Division has no objection. Council Members had no objection and it will be marked as not requesting a hearing.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


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