

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 1999

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council, 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:

Vaughn Radi Steve Bennett Budd Eversman Chris Fulton

1. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for nominations for Temporary Chairman.

Mr. Eversman nominated Mr. Bennett.

There being no further nominations the floor was closed.

Mr. Fulton moved to appoint Mr. Bennett to Temporary Chairman; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

2. Mr. Eversman moved to excuse President Milovich; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Mr. Radi moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

4. Mr. Bennett read the agenda items and were approved by unanimous consent.

5. Mr. Bennett recognized Mr. Bob Lathrop, Urban Forester, for a presentation.

Mr. Lathrop reported on the Tree Commission, which was formed in 1993. He recognized its members, noting that he and Mr. Esposito are original members. He reported that a Street Tree Inventory has been completed for the City. This is the basis for what to do with street trees. The inventory reflects that Bradford Pear trees are planted the most. Over the last six years, they have planted 3,440 street trees. There are approximately 500 plantings per year and pruning is on the

rise. Last year, our Tree Commission started a Conference for the Central Ohio area for Urban Forester's and Tree Commission members. Also, a Comprehensive Policy Manual has been put together, which he distributed to Council. There are goals listed in this manual that will promote diversity in the types of street trees planted in the future. This will prevent the loss of a large portion of street trees, due to disease, at the same time. Additionally, the Landscape Code was revised to require Developers to make a deposit for street trees, to the City, and plantings are taken care of by the City. Finally, Mike Esposito, Chairman of the Tree Commission, thanked Council and the Tree Commission Members. He commented that this Commission has put the City in the forefront of the Urban Forestry program. The City has been a Tree City USA for the past five years and received the Growth Award for the past two years. They look forward to this year. He invited them all to a Tree Commission meeting, at any time.

The Temporary Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman the Lands Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-92-98 (Approve an R-1 and R-2 Zoning Classification for a 143 acre parcel, located on the northeast corner of State Route 104 and State Route 665, upon its Annexation to the City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett announced that a letter from the petitioner's attorney was received requesting that this ordinance be postponed, and Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed until February 16, 1999; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

2. Ordinance C-2-99 (Repeal and Replace Chapter 903 of the Codified Ordinances titled Parks) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 01, 1999.

The Temporary Chair recognized Mr. Eversman, Chairman the Finance Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-1-99 (Establish the Admission Fees for the Big Splash at Evans Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman moved that Exhibit "A" be removed and replaced with Exhibit "A1"; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

Mr. Eversman stated that the prices being established were researched by the Administration and the City's Consultant by surveying area pools in the County to establish rates that were reasonable. Also, Mr. Behlen, Director of Finance, has put together a proforma, which establishes a self-supporting operation, so that the user fees will pay for the ongoing operation of the pool. He also stated that at the end of the first season, there will be a meeting between Council Members, the City Administration and the Jackson Township Trustees to review the operation of the season, evaluate the operation, fee structure and fiscal position of the facility.

Mr. Fulton asked how residents will be informed of the rates. Ms. Nancy Schlagheck, Public Information Coordinator, explained that a Press Release will be handed out tonight and sent tomorrow to the newspapers. In addition, rates will be placed in the next Community Guide, which will be mailed to every household in March.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Ordinance C-3-99 (Appropriate \$267,130.00 from the Big Splash Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 01, 1999.

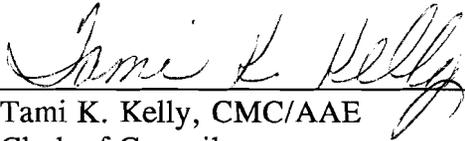
The Temporary Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Mr. Steve Doersam, 790 S.R. 665, stated that his property is on the north side of S.R. 665 and is surrounded by the parcel seeking zoning and annexation. He wanted to know what the Borrer Corporation is going to do. Mr. Boso and Council explained that there are preliminary plans available for review. Ms. Kelly stated that a copy is on file in her office and Mr. Doersam is welcome to come in a review the plan.
2. Mr. Don Chaffin, Scioto Meadows resident, stated that it is very interesting to hear that additional homes may be built in the area. He stated that there is a very severe odor/air pollution problem that they feel restricts the use of their property. Mr. Eversman asked if Mr. Chaffin had any idea where the source is. Mr. Chaffin stated that he believes that the source is Comtil. He has spoken with the Asst. Administrator of the place and they know they have a problem. He said technology is available to correct the problem, but, Comtil's solution is five (5) years away. He feels that they are not controlling the effluent and is polluting the air. Mr. Blackburn, Director of Service, commented that he received a call informing him that the EPA has been notified. Council suggested that Mr. Chaffin contact Mr. Blackburn to be kept abreast of the EPA review.

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

1. Chairman Bennett announced that the February 15, 1999 meeting of Council will be held on February 16, 1999 at 8:00 p.m., due to the observance of Presidents Day on the 15th.
2. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AE
Clerk of Council



Steven M. Bennett
Temporary Chairman