

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 2, 1987

Regular Meeting

1. The Council of the City of Grove City met in regular session on February 2, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following members present:

Charles Cotton
Richard Stage
Earl Nicholson
John Mountain
Mark List

2. A crowd of approximately fifty homeowners in the Parkridge Subdivision were in the council chambers. President Nicholson announced that they would be given a chance to speak at this time so that they could leave the meeting if they desired because another public hearing was scheduled for the revitalization of the downtown district.

Although the agenda did not contain any legislation concerning the Parkridge area, John Hampson, 2277 Salem Avenue, representing the citizens of Parkridge, presented a petition containing the signatures of approximately 90% of the residents of the subdivision asking for a rezoning of a 1.05 acre parcel of land north of Parkridge Drive and adjacent to the Gantz Park from apartment residential to single family residential. Mr. Hampson stated that they were concerned about the property values, traffic that would be generated by apartments, and the fact that all the area is zoned single family and park. Mr. Hampson also asked why this parcel of land was kept mowed and maintained by the city if it were indeed private property.

The Parkridge residents were told they would be informed when any plans were to come to the Planning Commission.

3. President Nicholson introduced Maynard Dils the City's Director of Development who in turn introduced Frank Elmer from Trott & Bean architectural firm who is working on a study for the revitalization of the downtown district. This is a preliminary hearing on the study which was the first step in a three year plan. Mr. Elmer stated that in April \$100,000 will be available to the business and property owners for matching funds for the renovating and historic preservation of buildings and/or interiors. Mr. Elmer stated the many things wrong with the environment of the downtown and the condition of many of the buildings. He gave a list of the possible types of self owner businesses that a new environment could attract; he stated that dwellings that are now businesses should revert back to homes; that there should be more apartments and senior housing in the downtown district or near the district; that more parking space is needed.

Mr. Elmer stated that a theme is needed and his suggestion would be perhaps to develop the downtown as a rural town at the turn of the century; need a new identity; need a new name for the area. He again stated the types of businesses that this theme would attract.

Mr. Elmer stated that the second year of the plan starts in April when the \$100,000 will become available and in the third year the city will have another \$180,000 on a matching basis for parking lots, new street lighting, paving, walks--whatever.

Mr. Elmer turned the hearing over to the audience for questions and discussion. Speaking to the subject were Jack McClure, Marlyn England, Jim McDonald and several other unidentified business owners.

4. Council convened for the regular council meeting at 9:30 p.m.
5. Mr. Mountain moved to dispense the reading of the minutes of the last meeting; seconded by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes

6. L. J. Bennett, owner of Reserve "B" in Tanglebrook spoke to the rezoning request by Ordinance C-1-87. Mr. Bennett stated that he and the developers planned a private cemetery on this ground; that there would be seven gardens with one monument in each garden and flat bronze plaques for grave markers; there would be a circular turnaround at the south end of the property and inside the turnaround would be a circular youth garden. All would be landscaped with trees, shrubs and flowers. Mr. Bennett stated that they could have 950 grave sites to the acre and there are approximately 10 acres in the parcel of land excluding walks and roads.

Knowlton Thomas, owner of the farm south of this parcel, questioned Mr. Bennett about this being a pet cemetery. Mr. Bennett stated that there was no way this would be a pet cemetery; that he would still own the land. In answer to the Mayor's question, Mr. Bennett stated that there would be monies set aside for the perpetual care of the cemetery; that he has not been able to come up with a figure as to the cost of each grave site at this time.

In response to Mr. Mountain's question that Mr. Bennett be outvoted on making this a pet cemetery by the other two partners, Mr. Bennett said no--that he will write a deed. He stated that he had heard about the pet cemetery but it was only one person that is interested in that idea.

7. Speaking in favor of Ordinance C-3-87 (parking of heavy vehicles in residential districts) were Gary Limbach, Mike Rehmert, James McDonald and Terry Nitz. Mr. Stage stated that Steve Wilson, 3356 Highland Street, drives a large truck/trailer and asks council's consideration to disapprove this ordinance.
8. Relative to Resolution CR-4-87, Mr. List questioned the \$12,000 annual charge to Pleasant Township for dispatching services by the Grove City E-911 system. Mr. List questioned any provision for inflation factors for future years. Mr. Boso stated that this is a single year contract--for a twelve month period.
9. Charles Pappas read two statements concerning the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and presented the council with a poster with a map of the 16 states proposed for the Northwest Territory.
10. Council reconvened.

11. Ordinance No. C-1-87 (Rezone in Tanglebrook) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

12. Ordinance No. C-4-87 (Rezone Stoner Subdivision #6) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be on March 2.

13. Resolution No. CR-4-87 (Agreement with Pleasant Township) was given its reading and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

14. Ordinance No. C-3-87 (Parking of Commercial Vehicles) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. List.

Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes

15. Resolution No. CR-5-87 (Cooperative purchasing with state) was given its reading and Mr. List moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

16. Ordinance No. C-5-87 (Agreement for Broadway right of way) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. List moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes

17. Mayor Evans gave his report for the month of January and Mr. Stage moved it be accepted; seconded by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

18. During remarks by the Administration, Mr. McDonald asked Council to reconsider Ordinance No. C-3-87 to include the emergency clause so that the ordinance could go into immediate effect. Mayor Evans concurred with this.

Mr. List made the motion that council reconsider Ordinance No. C-3-87; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

Mr. List moved to amend Ordinance C-3-87 to include the emergency clause to become effective immediately; seconded by Mr. Stage.

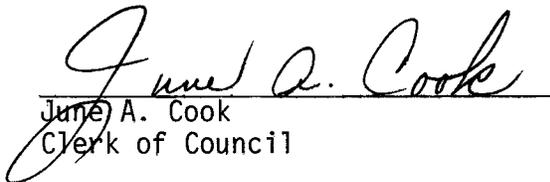
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes

Mr. List moved to approve Ordinance C-3-87 as amended and as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. List	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Nicholson	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

19. It was moved and seconded that council adjourn. Motion carried.

20. Council adjourned at 10:18 p.m.


June A. Cook
Clerk of Council


Earl R. Nicholson
President of Council