

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 1994

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Cheryl Grossman 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:

Mike Milovich *Todd Hurley* *Cheryl Grossman* *John Schreck* *John Martin*

1. President Grossman recognized Mayor Stage for a presentation.

Mayor Stage swore in the following members to said committee:

Ms. Sandy Haitley	Planning Commission
Mr. Walter Bently	Civil Service Commission
Mr. Harold "Butch" Little	Board of Zoning Appeals
Mr. Craig Fulks	Board of Zoning Appeals

2. President Grossman recognized Ms. Barbara Kane from Ameritech for a presentation.

Ms. Kane spoke about the new "Advantage Ohio" program that Ameritech is trying to implement. She explained the proposed rate structure and the benefits of this infrastructure. This new system will provide two-way, interactive, fiberoptic cable to all accredited High Schools, Colleges and Universities, Libraries, Hospitals, County Courthouses and Jails. Their intent is to eventually branch off into homes and provide two-way interactive video for them and small businesses. Once installed, schools would be able to provide advance placement and other courses to students in different areas and only use one teacher; rural hospitals would get the benefit of sending information to specialists and consulting with city hospitals. "Advantage Ohio" is committed to putting this in place and wants to make sure that local residents don't pay for this infrastructure. Ms. Kane asked for Council's support in the form of a resolution.

President Grossman commented that Governor Voinovich spoke to this in his "State Address". She asked how other communities have regarded this plan? Ms. Kane stated that Governor Voinovich's plan to provide technology inside the schools matches up very well with what they want to do and with the distance learning. She feels that this has prompted others to step up and write letters of support.

Mayor Stage asked if ISDN was doing some of this as well? Ms. Kane said yes. ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) is another technology, however, it does not have the television resolution. In addition, Ameritech is teaming up with other providers to provide this technology.

Mr. Behlen asked if it was correct to say that Ameritech would provide the linkage and then a fee structure would be in place? Ms. Kane said yes. Ameritech would pay for the link to the network up to the school or hospital, and then that facility would pay a fee for using the service. To date, the fees have not been set, but, they hope to have a tariff for schools/hospitals and another for businesses. Mr. Behlen stated that she stated County offices, but, made no mention of local "City" governments. Ms. Kane stated that their goal, at this point, is the original list and then go from there.

Mr. Mountain stated that the new talk is of an "Information Highway" and wanted to know how this compares. Ms. Kane said that "Advantage Ohio" is the "Information Highway" and other companies would also be building a system, for example Warner Cable and MCI.

Mr. Schreck asked how long it would be before we would see this in individual homes? Ms. Kane stated that she thought it would come relatively fast, perhaps within five years. Mr. Schreck asked if they were starting a test market in the northwest quadrant? Ms. Kane said yes, as well as other areas such as Cleveland, Chicago, New York and Illinois. There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Kane thanked Council for their time and indicated that she would leave information with Clerk Kelly for interested parties.

3. President Grossman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schreck.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C--9-94 (Approve Plat for Hoover Crossing, Section 5) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 22, 1994.
2. Ordinance C-10-94 (Rezone 1.653 acres located at 3775 Jackson Pike from Rural to PUD-C) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 7, 1994.

Mr. David Distlehorst, owner, was present and explained that he wishes to build a structure behind the existing house for commercial use. He offered to answer any questions.

3. Resolution CR-7-94 (Approve Sign in the Historical Preservation Area for Air Systems, 3721 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley commented that the height and square footage of this sign did not conform to code. There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

Mr. Hurley	No
Ms. Grossman	No
Mr. Schreck	No
Mr. Mountain	No
Mr. Milovich	No

4. Mr. Hurley moved to amend the agenda and add Resolution CR-9-94; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

5. Resolution CR-9-94 (Oppose House Bill 30 concerning the annexation of property) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Shannon Hamons, Director of Development, commented that it was the Administration's opinion that this Bill would take away basic rights of a property owner and that a simple majority should rule. There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Mountain, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting of the legislative items under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-8-94 (Approve the City of Grove City proposing to Cooperate with Director of Transportation) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, Administrative Assistant, explained that this was a cooperative agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to plant approximately 200 trees on Broadway from Rose Avenue to the Interstate. The total cost is \$44,000.00 and the City will pay half of that.

Mr. Bob Lathrop, Chairman of the Tree Commission, commented that the species of trees was in question, however, ODOT will handle the whole thing. There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Mountain moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Milovich, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting of the legislative items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-5-94 (Amend Section 161.10 titled Compensation Plan; Employees & Officers) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

2. Ordinance C-11-94 (Appropriate outstanding fund balances and certain project funds for current expenses) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Behlen, Director of Finance, explained that when projects are incomplete and monies are left from the previous year, they must be reappropriated to use in the new year and complete the project. Mr. Milovich stated that Mr. Behlen had sent him a letter of explanation on this ordinance and he wished to make that part of the Minutes.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

3. Ordinance C-12-94 (Appropriate \$22,000 from State Highway Fund for Road Salt) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by President Grossman.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

4. Ordinance C-13-94 (Appropriate \$2,136.50 from General Fund for Insurance Claim) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes

President Grossman asked that any New Business to be brought before Council, be done so at this time.

There being no new business, President Grossman recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

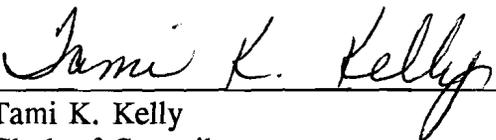
1. Mayor Stage submitted his monthly report and requested it be approved. President Grossman moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes

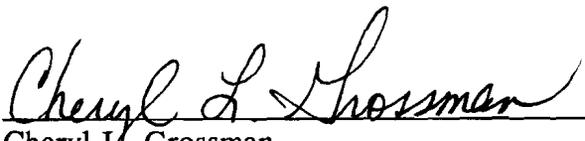
In closing, Mayor Stage read a letter he received from C.B. Commercial Real Estate Group commending Mr. Shannon Hamons. The letter stated that Shannon had been very helpful and expressed thanks to Shannon, the City and the Video, which they felt was an excellent tool.

2. Chris Fulton, Director of Safety, commented on a very positive meeting the Safety Department had with South Western City Schools and County Sheriff regarding a traffic light on Hoover Road at Gershwin. He stated that this intersection is already dangerous and will only become more so with the additional traffic Hoover Road will get with the additional development. Not only did they discuss the traffic light, but, ingress & egress - the possibilities of rerouting traffic at the High School. Mr. Fulton said he felt that the light should be in place by School Year '94. Also, the police department is taking applications for police officer. The process will be a little different this time - the Top 100 will move on to interviews. Mr. Schreck asked how many would be hired? Mr. Fulton indicated that two (2) would be hired.
3. Mr. Bob Lathrop, Tree Commission Chairman, commented that the Commission recently went to a Conference put on by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Arbor Day this year will take on a "Week Long Celebration" with contests for school children K - 5; planting of trees in Meadow Grove Park; and a tree give-away at City Hall. He also stated that Grove City had received word that they will be chosen as a "Tree City USA".
4. Mr. Barry Babbert, Parks & Recreation Director, indicated that the Annual Report for the department is out and presented to Council. He said he has extra copies in his office available for any interested parties.
5. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council



Cheryl L. Grossman
President of Council



The City of Grove City, Ohio

ROBERT E. BEHLEN III, *Finance Director*

February 7, 1994

Michael Milovich, Chairman,
Finance Committee
Grove City Council

Re: Ordinance C-11-94

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your call requesting more information on the above referenced ordinance which is on the agenda for this evening's agenda for current expenses.

As stated in the preamble of the ordinance, the seven funds from which we are requesting appropriation are related to specific projects and specific revenue sources.

In the case of Franklin Street the source of money came from a Community Block Grant or in the case of the Senior Center Fund a private donation to be used for a specific purpose. The monies in each of the other funds was received from bond or debt proceeds and can be used for the specific purpose for which it was borrowed or be returned to the Bond Retirement Fund.

The City Code requires that appropriation authority lapses at year end unless it is encumbered. Project money maybe scheduled for ultimate use at a future time that may or may not be in the current year thus requiring reappropriation.

The balance in the Construction Fund was interest earnings on note proceeds for Columbus Street, Haughn-Richard Avenue which will be spent on the close of the project in 1994.

The balance of the Senior Bond Fund are the bond proceeds borrowed for the construction and furnishing of the Senior Center addition which have not been encumbered for the project. All construction contracts have been encumbered and carried forward leaving construction contingencies and furnishings to be purchased.

The balance of the North Broadway Fund are the bond proceeds from the 1988 Broadway widening project. The City paid ODOT an estimated project deposit and is still awaiting the final accounting from ODOT on project cost. We may owe them or they may owe us! Any money that is not used for this purpose will be returned to the Bond Retirement Fund.

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The balance of the Hoover Rd Fund is money that was for project contingencies on the project which now is being used to fund the engineering of the phase from Sonora to GCHS.

The balance of Franklin Street Fund is money that is from the Community Block grant and is needed to complete the project. There will be another appropriation later in the year when we receive the final payment from MORPC.

The balance of the '93 Street Bond Fund are the bond proceeds from the 1993 \$2,300,000 issue that was programmed to fund the City's portion of this year's Columbus Street projects, Hoover Road-665 and or Kingston Avenue.

The balance of the Senior Center Fund is money we have received to match the City's contribution towards the new senior van that is scheduled for purchase in 1994.

This gives you some insight on the issues but likely not all the answers to your questions. I look forward to answering these questions for you this evening.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Behlen