

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL

SPECIAL Meeting #2

COLUMBUS BLANK BOOK CO., COL., O.

Form No. 1097

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February 15

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- 1 The Council of the City of Grove City, Franklin County, Ohio met in special session the fifteenth day of February, 1971, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building, 42 E. Park Street, Grove City, Ohio with the following members present:
- Eileine Simmons
John Hooper
Orville Harkless
Charles Ogg
Curtis Hamilton
- 2 Mr. Ogg moves the reading of the journal be dispensed; seconded by Mr. Hooper.
- Mr. Hooper Yes
Mr. Harkless Yes
Mr. Ogg Yes
Mr. Hamilton Yes
Mrs. Simmons Yes
- 3 President Harkless announced Ordinance C-7-71 (An ordinance to levy an income tax of 1%) was on the agenda and that discussion from the floor was welcome.
- 4 President Harkless read a statement from himself to the people of Grove City. (See attached).
- 5 Citizens present who spoke to Council: Don Cotner, Jack Keller, Jack Hunt, Bob Hartman, Russell Darnell, James Dooley, Jr., Richard Stage, John Gavlin, Jack Carlisle, Jim Tengler, Al Shultz, James McDonald, and Mickey Laughlin.
- 6 Council adjourned to committees.
- 7 Council reconvened; was called to order by President Harkless.
- 8 Ordinance C-6-71 (To purchase certain real estate) was given its second reading and public hearing was held.
- 9 Mr. Hamilton Moves Ordinance C-6-71 be approved; seconded by Mr. Ogg.
- Mr. Harkless Yes
Mr. Ogg Yes
Mr. Hamilton Yes
Mrs. Simmons Yes
Mr. Hooper Yes
- 10 Ordinance C-7-71 (To levy an income tax of 1%) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 1, 1971.
- 11 Paul White announced that Vern Jenkins was back on the job after a month of illness.
- 12 Mayor Haughn commended the street department for a fine job of snow removal and also the King Trucking Company for staying on the job in spite of the snow and zero weather.
- 13 President Harkless thanked everyone at the council meeting for their comments and declared that "Grove City is finally on the move".
- 14 Mr. Ogg moves that council adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hooper.
- Mr. Ogg Yes
Mr. Hamilton Yes
Mrs. Simmons Yes

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#14 continued:

Mr. Hooper Yes
Mr. Harkless Yes

15 Council adjourned.

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STATEMENT TO CITIZENS AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 1971 MEETING
REGARDING THE NEED OF A 1% CITY INCOME TAX

NEED:

1. To Balance the budget first and foremost.
2. To provide for law and order, by not only maintaining present level of service, but by expanding the police department. I am sure that each and every person in this city is aware that we are faced with a growing problem in our young people in the areas of drugs and delinquency in all forms.

To combat this, we must broaden our efforts by not only hiring more patrolmen for our streets, but by having trained officers go into our schools and community clubs to educate not only the youth but the parents and leaders as well.

3. The proposal before us this evening is in no way a panacea for the problems confronting this city. It will take a concerted effort by not only the elected and appointed officials but by the entire citizenry as well, if we are going to be able to cope with the problems of the future.
4. Among the projects that are already underway or proposed are:
 - a. Republican Run Outfall Sewer Project.
This must be accomplished because the State Board of Health has given us notice to improve the percentage of purity of the effluent being discharged by our present disposal plant. Then, we must either build a new plant or connect with the southerly treatment plant of Columbus.
 - b. Southwest Blvd. extension to Demorest Road.
This project will also furnish water and sewerage to the vacant and used land in this area and will open up many areas for development.
 - c. Widen and improve Stringtown Road and also extend Columbus Street to the East.
 - d. A comprehensive street renewal program for all of Grove City.
5. The foregoing planned and proposed projects are mentioned as a means of emphasizing the fact that we are now operating this city with a deficit budget. All cities in this area have a much larger tax base with which to operate. We who have been selected to serve you, can only work with the tools we have at hand. It is imperative that we have a sufficient amount of revenue with which to conduct the city's business. The residents of this city require as a minimum the necessary services to provide the safety and well being that a centralized community can provide.

To provide these necessary services, we on council--and I am not of a necessity speaking for the other members of this body--have deliberated for many hours and have had many discussions. From these conversations have come to the conclusion that the fairest and most equitable way of providing these vital services is by means of an Income Tax.

At this time, I could cite many facts and figures proving this need. I could also cite many projects that I sincerely believe are most vital to the future growth of this town.

Such as Park Expansion -- we need a park system for all residents of this city, not one devoted almost exclusively to baseball.

Such as a New & Modern Communication System in the Police Department.

Such as planning for, and expansion of, services for this city in order to attract industry to Grove City.

One great obstacle we are now trying to overcome is the archaic thinking that Grove City is still a village of about 2,000 people. I want to speak for myself and say to those people that this city will grow in spite of us.

In closing, I want to say that I am sure that all of us up here would like to be all things to all people, but such is not the case.

Thank you,

Orville E. Harkless, President of Council