

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

March 02, 2009

Regular Meeting

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

Larry Corbin Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Mike Uhrin Greg Grinch

1. Mr. Corbin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

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| Mr. Corbin | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack-McGraw | Yes |
| Mr. Berry | Yes |
| Mr. Uhrin | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch | Yes |

2. President Berry recognized Mayor Stage who presented a Joint Resolution to Sharon Reichard, recognizing her service to the city in her position as City Administrator. He then recognized John and Nora Matera with a Joint Proclamation to Nora's Café for their business in the Town Center and the many contributions the Matera's made to downtown. After eight years, the Coffee shop is closing.
3. President Berry recognized the Visitor's & Convention Bureau for their Annual Report. Mr. Jim Hale, Director and Mr. Budd Eversman, President, reviewed the Annual Report with Council. Mr. Eversman said revenues were up overall from 2007 by 4.9%. He explained the promotional efforts anticipated for 2009. They will also revive a Grant Program for those who bring guests to the City. Their long-term goal is to make Grove City the most recognizable Community for business and family.

President Berry thanked them and noted that a copy of their written report is on file with the Clerk.

4. The Chair read the agenda items and all items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-08-09 (Authorizing the Issuance of not to exceed \$9,530,240 of General Obligation – Limited Tax Bonds for the Purpose of Widening, Reconstructing, and Improving State Route 665 Between North Meadows Drive and Hoover Road, including the intersections therewith, with related Signage and Striping, Leisure Path, Drainage, Utility Relocation, and Site Improvements, Paying Engineering, Design and Legal Expenses Related Thereto, and Retiring Notes Previously Issued for such purpose; Authorizing a Bond Purchase Agreement appropriate for the sale of the Bonds; Authorizing the use and delivery of an Official Statement relating to the Bonds; Authorizing the Purchase of a Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, if desired, in connection therewith; and declaring an emergency) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Megan Browning, George K. Baum Co., reported that the City's bond rating of AA2 was affirmed for this year again. She said this Rating really helps in the current, tough, economic market. They have been pre-bidding the bonds and there is good interest on the street for these Bonds.

Mr. Uhrin asked how many other communities have this rating. Ms. Browning said very few.

Mayor Stage asked if she could speculate on the interest. Ms. Browning said below 5%. Mayor Stage asked if we need to purchase insurance. Ms. Browning said no.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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| Ms. Klemack-McGraw | Yes |
| Mr. Berry | Yes |
| Mr. Uhrin | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin | Yes |

Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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| Mr. Berry | Yes |
| Mr. Uhrin | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack-McGraw | Yes |

2. Ordinance C-13-09 (Appropriate \$70,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Moving a Donated Building to Century Village) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Steve Jackson, SW Historical Society, provided a brief background on the existing buildings at Century Village. He said this legislation will allow for a new building to be added and enhance the educational programs that they conduct at the Village. President Berry said he has been asked why Grove City is not in their name. Mr. Jackson said, while he wasn't around when the Society was named, they do serve and have members from four (4) different Townships.

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

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| Mr. Uhrin | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack-McGraw | Yes |
| Mr. Berry | Yes |

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

1. Ordinance C-14-09 (Approve a Special Use permit for Drive Thru Facilities for Citizens Bank of Ashville located at 2250 Stringtown Rd.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 16, 2009.

2. Ordinance C-15-09 (Accept the Annexation of 5.191 acres located at 5000 Haughn Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 16, 2009.
3. Ordinance C-16-09 (Vacate a portion of a 13' easement located on Carnoustie Circle and being Lot 105 of Pinnacle Club Section 1, Phase 2) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 20, 2009.

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

1. Mr. Steve Armstrong voiced concerns over traffic light problems in the City. He said he has spoken to the Administration and feels its time to get into the 21st Century and get our lights on a system that is coordinated. He questions whether certain lights are even needed now and suggested an overall review. He said when people are caused to stop on arterial roads, it causes many problems. President Berry asked if he could put together a list and get it to the Administration. Mr. Armstrong agreed to do so.
2. Ms. Mary Shaw expressed her concern over all the newspapers being thrown in the neighborhoods. She quoted Littering Sections of the Code. She believes these papers are litter and not everyone picks them up. She asked that Section 521.08 be enforced and the delivery people charged.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that there is Case Law in Franklin County that states these newspapers don't meet the definition of litter. While we could change the definition in our Code, he doesn't believe it will hold up or fix the problem. He said there may be other areas to review.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and President Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

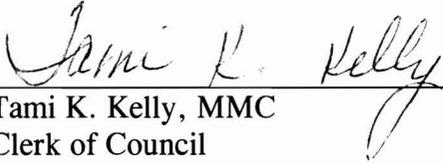
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| Mr. Grinch | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack-McGraw | Yes |
| Mr. Berry | Yes |
| Mr. Uhrin | Yes |

Mayor Stage showed some information on the Stimulus Package that he received at his Country-wide Planning Committee conference in Washington last week. He said the Governor has 30 days to do something with this. There are very short timelines that must be met. He said there is a lot of publicity on this, but the reality is, it's not that simple to obtain these funds. He said after 3 days in Washington, they found everyone has the same problem. He said they have 10 projects identified and requested, but he wants the public to understand that this is a difficult process with very short timeframes.

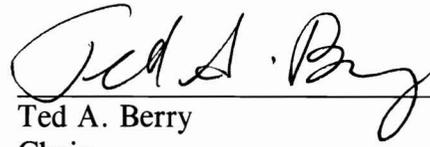
2. Chief Wise shared that crime is up somewhat, so far this year. It seems to be linked to heroine users, but they are doing some thing internally to address this. He also asked that residents call with any suspicious activity they see. He would rather get a call and find out it is nothing than to not get a call and miss a crime.
3. President Berry announced a Special meeting of Council on Monday, March 9 @ 5:30 p.m. to review the Lumberyard.

4. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair