

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES**

September 15, 2008

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Ms. 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:

Larry Corbin Maria Klemack-McGraw Mike Uhrin Greg Grinch

1. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for nominations for a Temporary Chair.

Mr. Grinch moved to appoint Ms. Klemack-McGraw as Temporary Chair; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

Ms. Kelly turned the meeting over to Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

2. Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

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

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

4. Ms. Klemack-McGraw recognized the Mayor who read a Joint Proclamation commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Little Theater Off Broadway. It will be presented to them later this week.

5. Ms. Klemack-McGraw read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-86-08 (Appropriate \$13,930.00 from the Community Development Fund for the Current Expense of Community Events through the end of 2008) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that this is donation money for the Balloons Off Broadway event that needs appropriated so bills can be paid.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-87-08 (Appropriate \$37,795.00 from the General Fund & Reappropriate \$45,000.00 for Various Legal Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that \$37,795.00 is for legal services that now need paid in December rather than January, due to a change in service. The \$45,000.00 is only a shift of existing monies to another account for accounting purposes.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-88-08 (Appropriate \$6,991.00 from the Community Development Fund for the Current Expense of a Grant for the Grove City High School Band) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage explained that around 1988 the City passed a law to add a tax to transient guests. This tax is to promote the community and is not part of the Income Tax. Some of the events funded by this tax are the Fireworks and Balloons Off Broadway. He explained that it has been customary to provide grants to some and the GCHS Band has been a recipient. He said a portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax goes to the Visitor's & Convention Bureau to promote the community also. He said he feels it is appropriate to use this money for this purpose. That is not to say another band can't ask also. He said Mr. Corbin has asked for criteria (a system) to be set up for future requests and he said they will take care of putting that together.

Mr. George Edge, Band Director, expressed his gratefulness for the City's support of the Band. He said they have been seen by 1.5 million people at just the parade. Then there is the television audience. He said he believes the Band promotes the City well.

Mr. Uhrin explained that he has been working with the Band Boosters to buy jackets that will have the City's logo embroidered on the sleeve and is a promotion for the City.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

4. Ordinance C-89-08 (Approve a Then & Now Certificate for the payment of \$8,815.00 for the DARE Golf Outing) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
5. Ordinance C-90-08 (Appropriate \$1,622.00 from the Recreation Development Fund for the Current Expense of Play Equipment at Windsor Park) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
6. Ordinance C-91-08 (Appropriate \$30,000.00 from the Water Fund for General Engineering of the Brookpark Circle Water Line Improvement Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
7. Ordinance C-92-08 (Appropriate \$15,500.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of General Engineering for Site Grading Plan Revisions) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
8. Ordinance C-93-08 (Appropriate \$32,750.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Engineering Costs for the Grove City Road Reconstruction Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
9. Ordinance C-94-08 (Appropriate \$275,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Relocated Haughn Road Improvements Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
10. Ordinance C-95-08 (Appropriate \$182,000.00 from the Water Fund for the Current Expense of Engineering the Fryer Park/SWACO Water Storage Tank & Water Main Extension) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.
11. Resolution CR-51-08 (Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage stated that this must be done every year. The city has some flexibility in the millage rate and is requesting it remain the same as last year.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

12. Resolution CR-52-08 (Appoint Ben Brace to the Audit Committee) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Corbin, Temporary Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

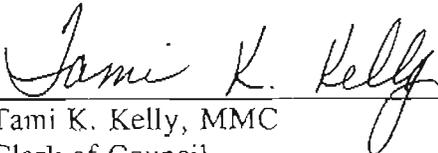
1. Ordinance C-96-08 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with EMH&T for Consulting Engineering Services) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 6, 2008.

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

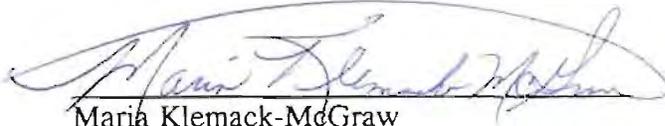
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. The Mayor commented that Hurricane "Ike" came through and blasted the city with a wind storm. He said the Police, Fire, Service & Building Departments were admirable. He commented that the Dispatchers were amazing. He announced that the State of the City address is being postponed until March or April. The purpose was to unveil the downtown Lumberyard project and the consultants are still developing ideas. He said the Governor just signed a law on prevailing wage that may now affect public/private projects and that now has to be considered.
2. Mr. Hughes, Dir. of Service, said crews have been out since Sunday night. He said any tree limbs can be placed at the curb and the city will be around to get them chipped. He then commented on the shortage of road salt and the difficulty in receiving bids. He said prices are coming in at triple the price. The latest bid is \$148/ton, compared to last year's \$43/ton. He said the city just topped off their salt sheds, so if there is a mild winter, we would be in good shape. However, he believes it will be necessary to commit to some of the salt at this new bid price.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Maria Klemack-McGraw
Temporary Chair