

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

October 06, 2008

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

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

2. President Berry and Mayor Stage recognized members of the Girls Club and Andy Furr for their coordination of the Arts-in-the-Alley Parade, along with Marilyn of the Grove City Chamber for the Chamber's efforts in putting on the weekend event.

Mayor Stage recognized the Brownfield family. He said Jim & Charlotte were members of the Lions Club for many years. With their untimely death, there were many donations and the Lion's Club has provided money for sign language signs @ Windsor Park. A dedication will be made there later.

3. President Berry recognized Ms. Reichard, City Admin., & Mike Keller, EMH&T, who provided an update on the I-71/S.R. 665 project. Ms. Reichard explained that the city had been working on this for a long time and attempting to get the funding. It is a \$40 million project and they are only \$9 million shy. She and Mike Keller showed how this project has regional ramifications. Mr. Keller explained the structural deficiencies, safety issues, and traffic issues of the bridge and roadway. He explained the bridge and corridor improvements that will address current and future needs. There are 12 different funding sources Grove City has been leveraging to get this completed. He reviewed the next steps that he and the Administration will take. Mayor Stage commented that we need a letter from ODOT that says if we build the bridge they will give us the money. He then asked for a Best Case/Worse Case scenario. Ms. Reichard said she would work on getting the letter from ODOT.
4. President Berry read the agenda items and Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved that Res. CR-54-08 be removed; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

All other items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-89-08 (Approve a Then & Now Certificate for the payment of \$8,815.00 for the DARE Golf Outing) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that this is not a new appropriation of money.

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

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

2. 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 second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

3. 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 second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

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

4. 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 second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hughes, Dir. of Service, explained that this is for the pond area off Demorest Road. There are some additional grading issues that need addressed.

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

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

5. 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 second reading and public hearing.

President Berry asked Mr. Hughes if the railroad tracks were part of this, as going over them is an experience. Mr. Hughes said no. They are keeping it separate.

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

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

6. Mr. Uhrin moved that Ordinance C-94-08 (Appropriate \$275,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Relocated Haughn Road Improvements Project) and 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) be postponed until October 20, 2008; seconded by President Berry.

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

7. Ordinance C-97-08 (Appropriate \$12,307.00 from the General Recreation Fund for the Current Expense of SWCS Custodial Fees and to Approve a Then & Now Certificate) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 20, 2008.
8. Ordinance C-98-08 (Appropriate \$177,888.00 from the Street Maintenance Fund for the Current Expense of Road Salt) was given its first reading. Second reading and public reading will be held on October 20, 2008.
9. Ordinance C-99-08 (Appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Big Splash Fund for the Current Expense of Personnel & Utility Costs) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 20, 2008.
10. Ordinance C-100-08 (Appropriate \$150,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of City Hall Renovations) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 20, 2008.

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

1. Ordinance C-101-08 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Police Dispatchers and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Wayslik, Dir. of Safety, explained that this is a renewal contract for 38 month. There is a 10% increase in salaries over the next three years. He thanked the FOP representative and Ms. Faye, Dispatcher Rep., for all their assistance in the negotiations. President Berry questioned the need for an emergency. Mr. Wayslik said he was unaware it needed to be an ordinance rather than a resolution. He said it is purely at the discretion of Council. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, commented that the reason for the emergency is to get it approved as close to the date as the contract goes into effect and keep the Finance Dept. books in line. Mr. Uhrin said he understood that there is money in the budget to take care of any increase necessary for the rest of this year. Mr. Wayslik said that was correct. Mayor Stage complimented the Dispatchers. He said to show the vote of confidence, we should proceed as an emergency ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Corbin moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

2. Ordinance C-102-08 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to Issue a Permit to the Charity Newsies per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 20, 2008.

**The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw, 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 second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Reichard, City Admin., commented that this contract takes us into a retainer based fee and there will be an engineer on-site three days per week. Overall, it will save the city \$150,000.00. She is very pleased with the new contract and it goes into effect Oct. 1.

Mayor Stage thanked everyone for putting together this contract. He noted that they entertained getting a full-time engineer, but didn't want to give up the expertise of EMH&T. The compromise is to have a representative on-site three days a week.

President Berry asked about the Conflict of Interest clause. Ms. Reichard said in order for EMH&T to do private work in Grove City, they must get the City's permission first.

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

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

- Resolution CR-53-08 (Endorse Issue 81, the SWCS District Bond & Operating Levy of 12.33 mills on Nov. 4, 2008) was given its reading and public hearing.

Dr. Wise, Superintendent of SWCS, thanked council for their support. He said the most confusing part is the 12.33 mills, because not all of that will be collected. He said for every \$100,000.00 of valuation, it will cost a homeowner \$297.00 per year. He explained the way the Auditor will determine and collect the funds. He said they feel confident they will only collect 3.69 mills on the Bond and 6 mills for operating.

President Berry commented that this is not only good for Grove City, but the schools as well. He said the City is aggressively going after new economic development, but they can't do it without good schools. It may be a tough economic time, but it is the right time to make an investment to pull out of those times. He said this is our opportunity for true economic development in the community.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw commented that the foresight of our forefathers shows the importance of education in this country. As settlements began, one square mile was required to be dedicated for educational purposes. She said in the past few decades, there is an opinion that once a persons children are out of school, they no longer need to support the schools. She said we must return to the wisdom of our founders and continue to support education.

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

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

Mayor Stage commented that there is a rippling effect of economic development and income tax we could collect. Also, Dr. Wise has agreed to work with the city, as they are looking at facilities, to see if the city could piggy back on them and expand their use or utility in the future. He said it can be a real win-win situation.

**The Chair recognized Mr. Grinch, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.**

- Ordinance C-103-08 (Amend the Zoning Text for 231.783 acres located north of S.R. 665 and west of I-71 as adopted by Ord. C-09-99) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 17, 2008.
- Ordinance C-104-08 (Amend the Zoning Text for 112.026 acres located on S.R. 665, as adopted by Ord. C-39-96) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 17, 2008.

3. Resolution CR-55-08 (Approve a Sign Request for The Blue House on Broadway located at 3800 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jason Ault, AMA Sign Co., was present to answer any questions.

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

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

4. Resolution CR-56-08 (Approve a Sign Request for The Wooden Spoon Cooking Co., located at 4086 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Stephanie Eakins, owner, wishes to replace existing Molly's Tea House sign with her new business. Mr. Berry asked what the business would entail. Ms. Eakins said she does suppers to go. They also have a gourmet shop; guest chefs to do cooking classes; kids cooking birthday parties; and cooking workshops.

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

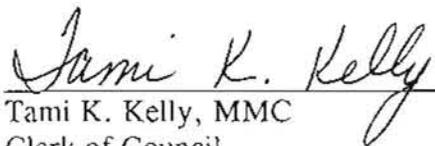
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

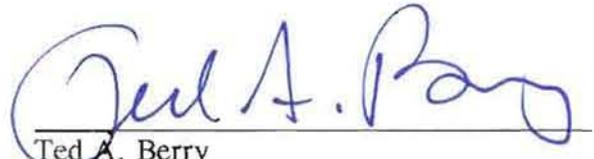
The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

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

1. The Mayor said we had an exciting weekend with Harvest Days; a Donato's ribbon cutting at their new location; and Tosoh had their 25 year reunion.
2. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

  
Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
Ted A. Berry  
Chair