

# CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 2011

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 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:

*Maria Klemack-McGraw      Ted Berry      Steve Bennett      Melissa Albright*

1. Mr. Berry moved to excuse Mr. Grinch; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

2. Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. President Berry recognized Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner, who spoke on Economic Development and working together to maintain jobs and enhance the quality of life in each of our communities throughout the County. She complimented the City for the Town Center Loan Program. She said she understands that several of them are going to be speaking at the Ohio Economic Development Association meeting next week. She said she feels it is a template they should look at and emulate throughout Franklin County and other parts of the State as well. She said she plans to bring it to the County Commissioners Association's attention as well. She said it is a wonderful way to move into a public/private partnership.

4. President Berry recognized John Hensley, Sr. Vice Commander for Disabled American Veterans, who invited Council, the Mayor and everyone to their Military Appreciation Day on Nov. 14, 2011 at Golden Corral on Stringtown Road. He said Grove City has the most disabled veterans per capita in the State of Ohio. He said they would appreciate having them and meeting the veterans. He said veterans eat free with identification.

5. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

Ordinance C-51-11 (Appropriate \$150,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of constructing the Eagle Pavilion at Rotary Lake in Fryer Park and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Honsey, City Administrator, said normally they don't ask for emergencies but this is simply passing through \$100,000.00 from the Eagles and \$50,000.00 from the Rotary Club. He showed a

drawing of the Pavilion. He said after a year and a half of planning, we are finally able to get this started. He said this rounds out the rest of the money Council has already appropriated. They are aiming for a late summer opening.

Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., explained that they are in final design. She showed a floor plan for the building. It will hold about 180 people. It will have a serving area, not a full kitchen, and its own bathroom. There will also be an outdoor patio with an outdoor fireplace facing Rotary Lake. She said this appropriation will allow them to sign the contract and get the project underway.

Mr. Dave Rosa, Park Board Member and Rotarian, said this started with one Rotarian expressing ideas for the park and it has grown from benches around the lake to this. He said it is a great win for the City and the civic organizations and asked for support of the legislation.

Mr. Berry asked if it was a 3 or 4 season room. Ms Conrad said it will have heat and they are looking at adding air conditioning. She said all the windows are functional and there will be fans. Mr. Berry asked if they would bring back the estimates for the air conditioning for Council's consideration. Ms. Conrad said yes, if needed. The Mayor noted that this is will also be an added feature for the YMCA.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-52-11 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Police Dispatchers) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 07, 2011.
3. Resolution CR-40-11 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the Quandel Group to Design-Build the Eagle Pavilion at Rotary Lake in Fryer Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Admin., said there were several proposals received under the design/build program. He said Quandel brought in the best combination of price and quality. He said they worked very closely with the Director of Law to make sure the letter of the law was followed for the design/build option. He said we should end up with a quality project.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said they provided a copy of the contract for this project. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Smith to explain the Design/ Build proposal. Mr. Smith said the difference between this and a standard bid is offering a contractor the ability to design the project rather than giving them specific drawings. A standard bid was tried twice and the bids didn't come close to the engineer's estimates. With the design/build, we supplied a wish list and a budget and they came back with a design that fit within the budget. He said this is the last step in the process for Council to approve.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

4. Resolution CR-41-11 (Amend Resolution CR-54-02 to Update the Audit Committee) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Allen Houk, Audit Committee Member, explained that the Audit Committee met several times with city staff and a council member to review the duties of this committee. He said their goal was to provide a list of duties/responsibilities that a volunteer group, such as this, could actually perform. He said this recommendation is what they believe can actually be performed by this committee.

Ms. Albright asked why they are requesting the first duty to be removed. Mr. Houk explained that there was much debate about that with Mr. Turner. He said essentially, the way an auditor would approach a set of unaudited financial statements would be to look at the financial statements as prepared, as a whole, before they are given to the State Auditor to perform his audit. He said in this case, the Finance Director gives that information to the State Auditor on a piecemeal basis. So, for the Audit Committee to perform the duty in the first requirement would mean the Audit Committee would need to meet 15 to 18 times a year, every other day, which is virtually impossible for them to do.

Mr. Honsey asked if these changes live up to the spirit of the oversight intended by the original duties. Mr. Houk said he thinks it improves them because the original resolution did not require the Audit Committee to become involved in other studies performed, such as the GBQ report. He said people throw out the word audit quite a bit, but the GBQ report was not an audit. These duties allow the Audit Committee to review studies and reports, such as this, and potentially serve Council and the Administration.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

**The Chair recognized Ms. Albright, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-53-11 (Enact Section 521.110 of the Codified ordinances titled Scavenging) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 07, 2011.
2. Ordinance C-54-11 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to Issue a Permit to the Ohio Newsboys Association, Inc. per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 07, 2011.

**The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw -Chairman of Lands & Zoning, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-55-11 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Automotive Repair AA Precise Collision Repair, Inc. located at 2401 Stringtown Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 07, 2011.
2. Ordinance C-56-11 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for City Barbeque, Inc. located at 2261 Stringtown Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 07, 2011.
3. Resolution CR-42-11 (Amend Res. CR-59-08 to Revise the Development Plan for Holton Run located East of Broadway and North of Orders Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Law Dir., explained that the Developer has been trying to put in the left turn lane that is required, but it requires the coordination between the State of Ohio and several property owners. The drawings are 90% complete, but there are some drainage issues and easement that need to be acquired. Homewood has been working diligently on this. The stipulation in this Resolution will require them to re-post the money necessary to construct the turn lane, if and when the City decides it to be necessary. He said it protects the City and allows Homewood to move forward with construction more homes in the subdivision. Mr. Bennett asked if the City's exposure to this would be neutral. Mr. Smith said yes. EMH&T has prepared a cost estimate for the construction of the turn lane, as well as an estimate of the land acquisition if we had to step in and acquire property to deal with the drainage issues. He said this cost estimate will be double checked by a separate party before accepting the Bond to make sure it is accurate.

Mr. Honsey said we also don't want to do an improvement in a vacuum. It should be coordinated with the County and ODOT so that the improvements are done for the entire area and not just this small section of Homewood's. This Bond will give us the surety needed.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	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.**

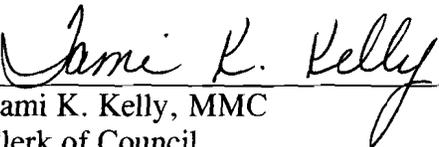
**The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. The Mayor said the Finance Director passed out monthly statistical information. He said the income tax net profit is very good. We are up about 60% over 2008. He also reminded everyone of Boo on Broadway on 10-31-11.
2. Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, said their new finance software is up and running. It actually creates the monthly report on its own rather than him compiling it in Excel. He said it is working well.
3. Mr. Smith reported that the City received an injunction against Value Inn that requires the owner to demolish the motel by May 1, 2012. If the property owner doesn't, then the City is allowed to step in and get it demolished.
4. Mr. Bennett commented that he had a call from a concerned citizen about seeing coyotes in the Indian Trails area. He asked the press to make people aware and have them call in when they are spotted so

we can take action. He also commented on a request from a resident in Briarwood Hills subdivision for a sound wall along I-71. He said the resident did speak with the State of Ohio and it may be part of a program, but asked Mr. Honsey to get with him to see if a study could be done in the area. Mr. Honsey noted that he has an upcoming meeting with ODOT and will bring it up at that time with them.

5. Council recognized Boy Scouts who were present for their Citizenship in the Community badge.
6. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Ted A. Berry  
President