

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 1996

Regular Meeting

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

*Todd Hurley*

*Steve Bennett*

*Mike Milovich*

*Bruce Faris*

1. President Milovich and the members of Council recognized Mr. Jeff Warner for his tenure as Council Member for Ward 2. They presented him with a world clock, inscribed with his name, ward, date of service, and warm wishes. All council members thank him and expressed much happiness in the future. Mr. Warner expressed appreciation and joy in working with Council, Ms. Kelly and Administration. He said we have an exceptional group of leaders and offered his assistance to the new council member and council.
2. President Milovich recognized Mrs. Jeannette Meyers, Arts-in-the-Alley Parade Committee Chairman, for a presentation. Mrs. Meyers recognized the following as 1996 parade winners:

Peoples Choice:	Zacharies
Mayor's Choice:	OSU Internal Medicine
Chamber Award:	Big Bear
Best Use of Music:	Track Town Shirts & Skirts
Town Center Award:	The Buckeye Ranch
Grand Marshall Award:	Girl Scouts

In addition, the Jackson Township Fire Department was recognized as the Grand Marshals for this years parade. Mrs. Meyers stated that this is usually an individual, but, the committee felt it should go to this group, this year. All 20 firefighters that were part of the Ferrell Gas Fire were in attendance and a plaque was presented for each fire station to Asst. Chief Peitsmeyer and a representative from Stations 201, 202 & 203. Also, a special counter cross-stitch plaque was presented by Mrs. Hipple, who made this special gift, listing all the mens names. Asst. Chief Peitsmeyer graciously accepted this on behalf of all the firefighters and said they would hang it in the fire house. Mayor Grossman thanked Mrs. Meyers, her committee and Mr. Jim Hale for their efforts with the parade. She said they have created wonderful memories for the community.

3. President Milovich recognized Mr. Barry Babbert, Director of Parks & Recreation, for a presentation. Mr. Babbert's Department is the spotlight for this council meeting and he explained that the department was established in 1973. He began in 1988 and established a Mission Statement for their department, which reads: "The mission of the Grove City Parks & Recreation Department, under the Administrative direction of the City of Grove City and the advise of the Parks Advisory Board, is to offer as many and diverse programs, activities, parks and opportunities for leisure, to as many people and for as many age groups at the most economical cost possible". He said he is very proud of his staff and they strive to maintain this mission statement as they present all of their programs, each quarter, in the Brochure. They strive to provide a quality of life that is second to none and assist in many special activities (i.e. homecoming, arts-in-the-alley, summer music series).

One of the main things they are working on now is the Community Recreation Center. This process began in 1984 with a grant request submitted for a swimming pool, which was not received. Since that time, we have gone through a process which has brought us to the recent purchase of Fryer Park and the location for the Community Recreation Center. Several community meetings have been held to obtain the residents opinion and desires for the Center. The last of these meetings will be held on October 31, 1996 at City Hall. In addition, a survey has been placed in the City Scene for residents to fill out and return to them with comments and desires. He said he is looking forward to this facility and feels it is very much needed since our current facilities are being maximized and additional space is being leased for programs.

4. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written for 10/7/96 & 10/14/96; seconded by Mr. Faris.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

**The Chair recognized Mr. Hurley, Chairman of the Lands & Zoning Committee for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.**

1. Ordinance C-85-96 (Accept the Plat of Concord Lakes, Section 2, located south of Big Run Road and south of Holt Road) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

2. Resolution CR-63-96 (Approve the Final Development Plan for the Shell Station located at 1881 Stringtown Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Craig Smith, representing Shell, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Hurley reviewed the stipulations set forth by Planning Commission with special concern over the first one, regarding the time for removal of the trailer. Mr. Smith stated that their plan is to remove it within two or three years, but, it could stretch to five in a worse case scenario. All other stipulations were agreeable. Mr. Bennett asked if there were any diagrams of an existing trailer. Mr. Smith provided a picture and explained that it is a typical, white, two-axle trailer, 18' long and 6' wide.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Resolution CR-64-96 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with 7 Star Entertainment, Inc. regarding Tax Abatement) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Clark explained that State law changed in 1994 on Tax Abatements and part of the law requires entering into an agreement with the property owners. The agreement covers things like economic benefit to the city and the main reason is to protect the school districts. There are actually two agreements attached to this Resolution; one is to witness the agreement between the school district and the property owner, and the second is the agreement between the City and the property owner. Mr. Warner stated that the school district appreciates the efforts the Administration put in to find a way to bring wealth into the City and still keep the district whole, in terms of finances.

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

Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

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

1. Resolution CR-60-96 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Police Dispatchers) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kelly Davidson, representing the dispatchers, commented that there weren't any great changes and it has been a very positive situation so far. The only thing she is waiting on now is for the membership to vote on the agreement. Up to now, she has seen no problems and everything has been very agreeable. President Milovich thanked the City Administrator for the opportunity to review the agreement prior to voting.

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-87-96 (Appropriate \$5,170.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that the Senior Nutrition Fund was established to account for the receipt and expenditure of donations for senior nutrition programs of the City and appropriation authority is necessary to expend these monies.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

2. Ordinance C-88-96 (Appropriate \$5,159.00 from the DARE Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that the City has received \$5,159.00 from fund raisers to support the efforts of the DARE Program and it is necessary for Council to authorize the use of these monies for the City purpose stated.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Ordinance C-89-96 (Appropriate \$7,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Administrative Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

4. Ordinance C-90-96 (Levy Special Assessments for the construction of Various Sidewalks in the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Scott Golden, Brookgrove Dr., commented that he has filed a formal objection to the assessment and was here to answer any questions. He said he wasn't aware that the issue was going to be postponed and may not be able to attend the next meeting.

Mr. Bennett explained that it was intended to be handled this evening, but, the City's Consulting Engineer is reviewing some of the objections and that is the reason for the postponement.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed until 11/4/96; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes

5. Ordinance C-91-96 (Appropriate \$14,000 from the State Highway Fund for the Current Expense of Road Salt and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Behlen explained that the winter of 1996 required a greater use of road salt than was anticipated in the appropriation budget for 1996 and it is necessary to replenish the City's supply of road salt in anticipation of inclement weather in the remaining months of fiscal year 1996. Salt orders are taken in order received and if we don't get ours in immediately, we may be without salt when the time comes.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved this ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Faris.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

**President Milovich asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.**

1. Mrs. Francis Black, Dir. of Southwest Public Libraries, expressed thanks to the Administration and Council for their efforts in supporting the library levy, which is coming up this November. She explained that this will bring the library up to standards set by other community services and create a quality of life "second to none".
2. President Milovich opened the floor for nominations for appointment of a council member for the Ward 2 seat. Mr. Bennett nominated Arthur Eversman; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

There being no additional nominations, President Milovich closed the floor to nominations.

Mr. Hurley moved to appoint Mr. Eversman to the Ward 2 seat; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

President Milovich asked Mr. Eversman to come forward. He then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Eversman and welcomed him to Council. Mr. Eversman commented that he hopes that he can do as good a job as his predecessor. President Milovich then announced that beginning with the November 4, 1996 council meeting, Mr. Eversman will chair the Service Committee and Mr. Bennett will chair the Finance Committee.

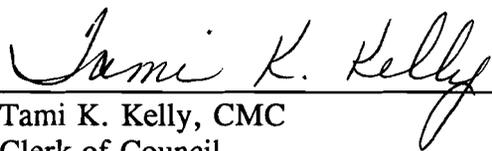
**President Milovich recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Grossman shared some statistical information, provided by Chief McKean, regarding traffic crash rates for our city. She stated that we are the fourth lowest in the County for crashes and in crashes where alcohol was involved, we are the lowest in the County. She said this speaks very well for our Police Department. She then thanked Parks & Rec. and all volunteers on the Kite Fly, as well as those who participated in Chore Day for the senior members of our community. She announced that the week of Oct. 23 - 31, is Red Ribbon Week which recognizes the need to educate

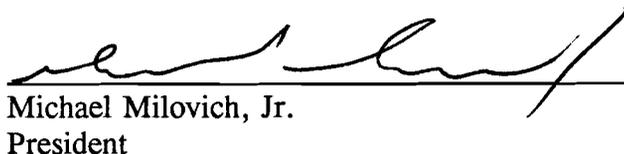
our youth on Drugs and Alcohol and the decisions the make regarding these substances. Also, on Oct. 30, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. "Boo on Broadway" will take place, and on Oct. 31 at 8:00 p.m., the last Community Recreation Center meeting will be held at City Hall.

2. Mr. Lotz, Chief Building & Zoning Official, announced that beginning Monday, his office hours will go back to 8 hour days. He said the 10 hour day was successful for the summer and may do it again.
3. All members of Council expressed appreciation to the candidates for the Ward 2 seat and welcomed Mr. Eversman. Mr. Faris explained that MORPC is putting together a Telecommunications Committee for the area and he is Grove City's representative. He will report back on these efforts.
4. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, CMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Michael Milovich, Jr.  
President