

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 20, 2004

Regular Meeting

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

*Rich Lester    Bob Hatley    Bill Saxton    Maria Klemack    Vaughn Radi*

1. Mr. Lester moved to dispense with the reading of the 12/6 & 12/13 meeting minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. The Chair recognized Mayor Grossman who recognized Ms. Brenda Hritz, Chair of the Holiday Home Tour, who presented a check for \$1,925.00 to the Southwest Ministerial Association for the Emergency Fund and Food Pantry. Pastor Steve Moran was present to accept this donation and expressed his appreciation, especially during this time of the year. She then recognized Mr. Tim Schaffner of the Building Division who was named Building Official of the Year by COCOA. Mr. Schaffner also recently passed his test to become a Certified Building Inspector. Finally, Mayor Grossman administered the Oaths of Office to Diana Forester, Patty Holt and Bill Meyers to the Keep Grove City Beautiful Commission; Mr. Tony Brackman to the BZA; and Mr. Larry Corbin for Planning Commission.

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

**The Chair recognized Mr. Hatley, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said Committee.**

1. Ordinance C-108-04 (Appropriate \$24,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Big Splash operations) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by President Saxton.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

2. Ordinance C-109-04 (Appropriate \$24,000.00 from the Big Splash Fund for the Current Expense of pool operations) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

3. Ordinance C-110-04 (Appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

4. Ordinance C-111-04 (Appropriate \$1,521.69 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

5. Ordinance C-112-04 (Appropriate \$7,144.86 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Vehicle Repair) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Lester.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

6. Ordinance C-114-04 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the Twelve Months ending December 31, 2005) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hatley thanked the Dept. Heads, Administration and Bob Behlen, Dir. of Finance, for all the work that went into the Budget. He said when you have all your facts and figures together it makes it a lot easier to go through. He said, unlike many municipalities that have had to reduce their budget, we haven't had to do that. Council spent a number of hours going through this, line by line. He feels Council's role is to ask questions and look at the budget as if each resident was looking at it and wanting to know how we are spending the money and why it is being spent that

way. Although there may be some disagreements on some items, there was a good explanation from the Administration on each item questioned. He believes we should proceed with caution. The approach taken was that the money is here and if all projections are correct, then the money would be spent in the manner shown, rather than cut items – as long as it could be justified in some manner. There are always surprises, so if things go south in some part of the economy, just because it is in the Budget doesn't mean we have to spend it. So, the Administration has assured Council that they will be good stewards of the assets we have and if things aren't quite as projected, we will pull our horns in. He said he is happy with how the budget has come about and hopefully all our forecasting will be right on track and there will be no surprises.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Hatley moved it be approved; seconded by President Saxton.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-113-04 (Amend Section 1136.09(b)4 titled Street Tree Requirements) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dan Snyder, Urban Forester, explained that the reason for this amendment is due to the new handicap ramps. As they looked at the distances from those and light poles, as the tree matures, it was determined that the trees could be spaced a little better and a little more adequately to take care of those needs.

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

Mr. Saxton	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

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

**There being no new business, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Grossman reported on a meeting she attended at MORPC with regard to getting improvements made to S.R. 665 and the I-71 ramp there. She recognized the Chief of Police & his department on getting re-accredited through CALEA. This must be done every three years and requires 446 standards to be met. She expressed condolences to the family of Opal Thomas on her passing. She welcomed Jim Hale as the new Executive Director of the GCCVB. She thanked Council for the approval of the budget; and thanked the new volunteers.

The Mayor and Council recognized Mr. Jim Blackburn, Dir. of Service, during his last Council Meeting before his retirement at the end of the year. They expressed their best wishes on his upcoming retirement and their thanks for all he has done. The City is grateful. The members of Council presented Jim with a gift as a token of their appreciation. Staff members also expressed their appreciation and congratulations to Jim.

2. Council congratulated Tim Schaffner and the volunteers. They wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.
3. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

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William E. Saxton  
President