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Nays: -0-

- 2012-49. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of James Goebel and Linda Martin of 2330 Hall to allow the installation of a 6' privacy fence 1.0' from the north property line instead of the 20.0' required.

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained an older fence would be replaced with a new fence in essentially the same location. City Manger Donovan stated that sight distance from adjoining driveways was not a concern due to the location of the fence.

James Goebel, 2330 Hall, was present to answer questions.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- John & Janyce Huff, 2310 Anderson No objection.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

- A. Goebel-Johnson. That the request of James Goebel and Linda Martin of 2330 Hall to allow the installation of a 6' privacy fence 1.0' from the south property line instead of the 20.0' required be approved.

Commissioner Miller felt the new fence would look much better than the existing fence. Commissioner Goebel and Mayor Seibold spoke in favor of the request as it would not impede sight distance along the sidewalk.

Commissioner Johnson questioned whether the new fence would affect drainage toward the sidewalk. Mr. Feldt did not feel a fence would not significantly affect drainage.

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- 2012-50. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to amend Section 7.50 of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to requirements for Tavern licenses.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. The following people were present to express their opinions:

- Chad Zagel, GVBA President Supported the changes as a way to create a solid environment for businesses.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

- A. Miller-Skaggs. That an ordinance amendment to amend Section 7.50 of Chapter 74 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to requirements for Tavern licenses be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Miller supported the progressive approach with the safeguards built in.

Mayor Seibold spoke in support of changing the ordinance while keeping the same atmosphere that currently exists in Gaslight Village.

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- 2012-51. Consider request to adopt a resolution approving a Tavern License for the Brush! Studio to be located 2213 Wealthy.

City Manager Donovan explained the application process. He noted the East Grand Rapids School District had been notified about the application and had no objection to the issuance of this license.

Lisa Jabara and Heather Callahan, owners of Brush! Studio, were present to answer questions.

Commissioner Skaggs questioned whether the outdoor service permit would be used in Gaslight Village. The owners explained they were planning on placing a few tables and chairs in a 5'x24' area in front of the store for those waiting for their classes to begin and that while they would allow customers to take their drinks outside if they wish, they would not regularly offer beverage service outside. City Manager Donovan noted that because this sidewalk area was privately owned, the owners would have to comply with State liquor regulations, but would not need separate approval from the city.

Commissioner Skaggs asked what measures would be taken to ensure alcohol is not served to minors. Ms. Callahan stated that all employees would be required to attend the Liquor Control Commission's training classes. Ms. Callahan also noted that the license they have purchased has a "take-out" permit and an entertainment permit attached to it, but that they do not intend to use either of those at this time.

- A. Dills-Miller. That a resolution approving the transfer of ownership of an escrowed 2011 Class C Licensed Businesses with Dance-Entertainment permit, located at 396 Pettis in Ada Township to Brush! GR LLC as a Tavern License for a new businesses located at 2213 Wealthy, Suite 110 be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioners Goebel and Skaggs spoke in favor of the exciting new business coming to Gaslight Village.

Commissioner Johnson stated her questions had been answered satisfactorily and she felt it was a good fit for Gaslight Village.

Mayor Seibold was concerned about the possibility of serving alcohol outside without sufficient staff or ability to monitor it. She also questioned how the City would be able to enforce the revenue requirement. City Attorney Huff noted the ordinance allowed the City to require financial receipts from the business to prove the revenues from alcohol sales. Mayor Seibold supported the business concept, but reiterated that her support was based on the representation and requirement that art classes and art sales would constitute the majority of the revenue and that alcohol would be a complement to the business.

Commissioner Dills thanked Ms. Jabara and Ms. Callahan for their patience during this process.

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2012-52. Johnson-Graham. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 16, 2012.
- B. Payroll disbursements of \$398,265.17; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$274,804.17.
- C. The establishment of June 4, 2012 of June 6, 2011 as the date for public hearings for the budget and delinquent account hearings, and the date for a special meeting to adopt the budget
- D. Ratification of the emergency repair expenses for the Gaslight Village snow melt system to River City Mechanical of Comstock Park in the amount of \$14,319.31, and approval of a corresponding budget amendment from the General Fund ending balance.
- E. A contract with Image Quest Screen Printing of Comstock Park in the amount of \$29,373.65 for shirts for various Parks & Recreation Department programs.
- F. The purchase of a miscellaneous receivables software program from BS&A Software in the amount of \$3,175 plus \$1,065 for training, and approval of a corresponding budget amendment from the General Fund ending balance.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until May 21, 2012.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Section 7.50 pertaining to tavern licenses.
 B – Resolution approving a tavern license for Brush! Studio.

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.