

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held September 3, 2013**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at the Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Goebel

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Public Works Director Feldt; Finance Director Mushong; Public Safety Director Herald; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower

2013-96. No public comment was received.

2013-97. Commissioner Dills noted that schools were back in session and reminded everyone to drive carefully.

In honor of Labor Day, Commissioner Skaggs thanked all City employees for their service to the residents of East Grand Rapids. Commissioners Graham and Johnson also thanked the City employees for their work.

2013-98. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Thomas Northway and Diane St. Claire of 1923 Wealthy to allow the expansion of a nonconforming structure.

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the request to expand the non-conforming portion of the structure by adding a second story over the garage. He noted the kitchen expansion on the lower level did not require a variance.

Bill Bowie, 3611 Reeds Lake Blvd, was present to represent the owners and answer questions. He noted the owners have spoken with surrounding neighbors and gained their support for the project.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. No one was present to speak about this request. The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Steve & Nancy Steketee, 1919 Wealthy            In Favor.

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

A. Miller-Graham. That the request of Thomas Northway and Diane St. Claire of 1923 Wealthy to allow the expansion of a nonconforming structure be approved.

Commissioner Miller supported the proposal as it was set back from the front and side walls of the garage and the neighbors would not be adversely affected by this addition.

Commissioner Dills noted the roofline changed very little and would blend in very well.

Commissioner Graham felt the addition would look nice with the variety of architectural styles in the area.

Commissioner Skaggs felt the variance granted in 1987 was a very drastic deviation from the established setbacks and wondered if it was necessary to place any conditions or limit the variance to the current home or owner. City Attorney Huff stated it was not necessary because if the home was torn down and rebuilt, a new variance would be needed if setbacks were not met.

Commissioner Johnson thanked the applicants for talking with their neighbors about the addition prior to bringing the request to the commission.

Yeas: Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6  
Nays: -0-

2013-99. Johnson-Miller. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 19, 2013.
- B. Payroll disbursements of \$196,396.30; county and school disbursements of \$4,773,622.28, and total remaining disbursements of \$281,917.74.
- C. Ratification of a tree removal contract with HA Irish Tree Service of Byron Center at a cost of \$7,495.00.
- D. The purchase of a hose management system for the Public Safety Department from RollNRack LLC of Mukwonago, Wisconsin at a cost of \$8,195.00.
- E. A site plan, materials and installation of the statue of President Gerald Ford at an estimated cost of \$15,895, and a budget amendment from the General Fund Ending Balance in the same amount.

Mayor Seibold announced the costs associated with the installation of the statue would be covered by Mr. and Mrs. Allen. The City Commission thanked Mr. and Mrs. Allen for their generosity in the donation of the statue and related costs.

Yeas: Dills, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until September 16, 2013.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk