

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 17, 2015

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director Mushong; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Recording Secretary Taylor

2015-83. Peter Ross Dickow, 2536 Indian Trail, announced he recently joined the office of U. S. Senator, Gary Peters, as his West Michigan Director. He said he will be interacting with governments, businesses and groups across 14 Michigan counties. He thanked the City Commission and City Staff for the work they have done to make East Grand Rapids a great place to live.

2015-84. Commissioner Dills said it was nice to see the all road work being done and thanked the tax payers for the millage dollars to be able to get it done.

Commissioner Miller thanked Public Safety, Parks and Recreation and the business district for the Criterium Bike Race that was held on Sunday. He said it was a fantastic spectator sport going right through Gaslight Village and that it was exciting and fun.

Commissioner Skaags and Commissioner Graham echoed Commissioner Dills' comments on the road work being done and also thanked tax payers. He thanked Assistant City Manager LaFave, his Public Works team for living up to the goals that had been set.

Mayor Seibold reported she had received a complaint from one resident about the City having signs made that say "Project made possible by 2015 EGR Street Millage". She also said many people have thanked her for putting up the signs and that it was nice to be reminded that the taxes being paid are going for something so substantial. She expressed the City's gratitude for the millage passing and said it was very exciting to see the roadwork being done.

City Manager Donovan mentioned that a report on the roads and water main issues would be added to the meeting agenda.

2015-85. Kent District Library Director Lance Werner, KDL Board Member Craig Wilson and EGR Branch Manager Dawn Lewis were present to give an update on KDL operations and statistics for 2014. In addition to the reports, Ms. Lewis thanked Parks and Recreation Director Bunn and his staff for their help with program rooms and last minute changes. She also thanked Assistant City Manager LaFave and City Services Coordinator Mike Ferris and his staff for working hard to keep the library looking good. Ms. Lewis thanked Mayor Seibold for her participation in the recent pet show.

Mayor Seibold thanked KDL for the work they do, specifically the East Grand Rapids branch. She stated it was a huge resource used by so many of the citizens.

2015-86. Assistant City Manager LaFave gave an overview of the street projects stating that they are all progressing well and ahead of schedule. Weather permitting, the fifteen street projects are anticipated to be finished by the end of the week. All of the grind and resurface projects, as well as the cape seal on Maplewood, should be completed by August 28.

City Manager Donovan reported that there are three water main problems that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Mr. LaFave explained that there is slow water leak on Cascade Road coming from the City's distribution system. It involves two old valves that were encased in cement in manholes. This repair will be done by City crews beginning on August 18, 2015.

The water main on San Jose between Lake Drive and San Lu Rae has had eight documented breaks, four of which occurred in the last month and a half. This main was installed in 1928 and there is concern for the service to residents and for the safety of City employees with winter coming. Mr. Donovan added that an outside company will replace this main.

Mr. LaFave reported that there have been a few leaks recently in the water main on Audobon. There are at least twenty sleeves on the main, so this main will also be replaced.

Mr. Donovan said the goal is to have a proposal for these repairs prepared for the Commissioners' review at the September 8 meeting.

2015-87. Miller-Graham. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 2015- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 2015.
- 2015- -B. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$219,378.52; county and school disbursements of \$8,511,175.14, and total remaining disbursements of \$661,254.00.
- 2015- -C. The quarterly financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2015.
- 2015- -D. The appointment of Michelle Grinnell of 946 Ogden Avenue to the Traffic Commission for a term ending June 30, 2016.
- 2015- -E. The purchase of seven self-contained breathing apparatus and 14 face pieces for the Public Safety Department from West Shore Fire, Inc. of Allendale in the amount of \$37,491.00 and a related budget amendment of \$1,091 from the general fund ending balance.
- 2015- -F. The purchase of a new packer truck cab and chassis from Tri-County International Trucks of Dearborn through the State of Michigan contract in the amount of \$88,000.
- 2015- -G. The purchase of a concrete saw for the Public Works Department from Hammersmith in the amount of \$6,510.00.
- 2015- -H. The minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held June 8, 2015.
- 2015- -I. The minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held July 13, 2015.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until September 8, 2015.

Lynda S. Taylor, Recording Secretary