

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held January 3, 2012**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at the Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None

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

2012-1. No public comment was received.

2012-2. Mayor Seibold wished everyone a Happy New Year!

2012-3. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of All In One Builders, Inc., purchaser of 2246 Estelle, to allow the construction of a detached garage with a west side garage setback of 2.0' instead of the required 3.0.'

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the owner wished to construct a detached garage 2.0' from the lot line to allow maximum room to maneuver a vehicle into the garage.

A. Johnson-Graham. That the request of All In One Builders, Inc., purchaser of 2246 Estelle, to allow the construction of a detached garage be taken from the table for consideration.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

Jeff Rettig of All In One Builders was present to explain the request and answer questions.

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

- Molly Peskin, 2243 Estelle	In Favor.
- Amy Knape, 2233 Estelle	In Favor.

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

B. Graham-Johnson. That the request of All In One Builders, Inc., purchaser of 2246 Estelle, to allow the construction of a detached garage with a west side garage setback of 2.0' instead of the required 3.0' be approved.

Commissioner Johnson agreed that backing out of this garage would be easier with a reduced setback.

Commissioner Graham spoke in favor of the request as he felt garages were very desirable to residents.

Commissioner Dills stated he had been reluctant to support the original request with a 1' setback, but could support the new 2' request.

City Manager Donovan questioned whether overhanging eaves would be a problem. Mr. Faasse stated the city ordinance allowed overhangs up to 12" without being counted as part of the structure.

Mayor Seibold thanked Mr. Rettig for increasing the setback to 2' and for his work to improve this home and the surrounding neighborhood.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

2012-4. Consider request to enter into a contract with the Kent County Drain Commission for the Silver Creek/Kreiser Pond County Drain expansion project.

Kent County Drain Commissioner Bill Byl explained the history of the Silver Creek Drain and the Kreiser Detention Pond. He stated that following a severe rain event in 2008, the Drain Commission deemed it necessary to increase the capacity of the pond by 25% to handle water from 50-year flood events. He explained the extra capacity is necessary because of additional water being directed toward the pond from stormwater projects completed by East Grand Rapids in the late 1990's. The project costs will be split between East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids according to the land area being drained. Mr. Byl answered questions from the City Commissioners regarding downstream capacity, the safety of the site when flooded, future maintenance costs and timeline for completion of the project.

City Manager Donovan noted the first of five yearly payments would be due in approximately one year, allowing the City to place the payments into the City budget.

A. Dills-Miller. That an agreement with the Kent County Drain Office to assist with funding and completion of improvement to the Kreiser Detention Basin be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

2012-5. Johnson-Graham. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2011.

B. Payroll disbursements of \$185,272.18; county and school disbursements of \$-0- and total remaining disbursements of \$160,008.28.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until January 16, 2012.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Agreement with Kent County Drain Commission for Silver Creek Drain project.

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