

Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session December 20, 2011

At 5:30 PM, Council members and city employees, former city officials, friends and family gathered for an Anniversary Celebration for various employee mile stones. Shawn Peirano, Janet Young, Brad Clark, Scott McKeen each received a 5 year appreciation certificate. Greg Quidachay received a certificate and a \$50 Check for his 10 years of service; Shirley Bowers received a plaque, certificate and a \$150 check celebrating her 15th year anniversary; Jerome Thomas was honored for his 25 years of service with a certificate, plaque and a \$700 check. Punch and Cake was served afterward.

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Hall. Present was Council members Grant, Rider, Edison, Sacher and Rodney. Also present was Shirley Bowers, Jerome Thomas, Roger Unruh, Chief Clark, Tim and Michelle Schmidt, Patti Jo Whitten, Jerry and Joyce Bielefeld, Rev Hagemeister, Allen Rothlisburg and Dan Seamons.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was let by Ms. Grant.

Rider moved to approve the November 15 and December 13 minutes as written and without public reading. Motion seconded by Edison. Unanimous.

Allen Rothlisburg reported on the Economic Development Commission. He felt like Grandview Plaza should try to get a voting position on the board, to better serve this community. The council asked him to find out how that could be done, and report back to the council in January.

Jerome Thomas reported that there was a sewer backup at 101 Flint last week, and the insurance company had contacted Ms Bowers to let her know that they would cover the cost of the cleanup, repairs, and material loss. The skid loader heater has been installed. Jerome requested permission to install the snow plow on the skid loader at a cost of \$1800, but the bill would not be paid until January of 2012. Rider moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. Two new school zone signs had been installed. Thomas requested the hiring of Tim Schmidt on January 1, 2012 full time at \$12.00 an hour plus medical and dental benefits. Edison moved to approve the request, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. A new office was built in the city shop for Jerome, costing approximately \$600; He requested the approval to purchase a secure Lock up tool box made by Mac Tools for \$1500. Grant approved the purchase; seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. A bid from Konza for the resurfacing of the parking lot had been received in the amount of \$13,927. He was waiting on a bid from Schilling Construction. He plans on the project starting in the spring. Clarification on the amount to be paid to volunteer fire fighters for "Special Meetings" was discussed. Since the policy to pay them \$10 for each special meeting was made by motion of the council in 2009, the council did not want to change it now. Jerome also announced that he had received \$300 from the Eagles, and \$300 from the Eagles Auxiliary for the donation fund.

At 7:00 PM, Grant moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Edison. Unanimous. Regular session was resumed at 7:15 PM.

Edison moved to approve the November Expenditures, seconded by Edison. Unanimous. Grant moved to approve the November Financial Statement, seconded by Rodney. Unanimous Edison moved to make the old city building offices permanently part of the police and fire department to be used for training exercises. Motion seconded by Grant. Unanimous.

Edison moved to make the Community Center the permanent City Hall/Court Room; and the basement would still serve at the storm shelter. Motion seconded by Sacher. Rider, Rodney voted yes, Grant voted no. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Edison moved to approve a 2.5% cost of living wage increase for all employees effective January 1, 2012, seconded by Sacher. Unanimous. Edison also moved to approve a merit increase of \$.50 cents for Patti Jo Whitten and Greg Quidachay effective January 1, 2012. Motion seconded by Grant. Rodney, Sacher voted yes, Rider voted no. Motion carried 4 to 1.

Edison moved to approve all Occupation Tax, CMB Licenses and Games licenses for 2012, Seconded by Gary. Unanimous.

Edison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, Seconded by Rodney. Unanimous. Shirley Bowers, City Clerk