

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2007**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 PM EDT. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Bob Grim, Debbie Lindley and Kaye Moriarty.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Pete Carroll to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 19, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning: Kaye Moriarty reported that the new Master Plan Ordinance is still awaiting approval from the state. There is no need to work on the Village Master Plan until the ordinance is approved.

Parks & Beaches: Pete Carroll told the council that Bob Dabbs will be working with Sue Hartigan regarding ideas for a donation for the park from proceeds of a Grand Beach Cookbook that Hartigan has been working on.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim had nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

Pro-Shop & Golf Course: Pete Carroll suggested to the council that the tree that was damaged on #7 during a recent storm be removed and replaced. He said if the tree falls down on it's own it will damage two spruce trees located near it. Carroll told the council that Nick Sinnott of ServiScape has found a 20' Lincoln Elm to replace the damaged tree. Carroll would like to dedicate the new tree to the late Tom Kilroe and stated that if a plaque is placed at the tree, the plaque will be paid for from private donations.

Carroll also told the council that he has recently found out that the trees on the golf course were planted years ago and are nearing the end of their lifetime. He would like to start setting money aside each year for future tree replacement.

Nick Sinnott of ServiScape told the council that the winterization of the irrigation system will be completed during the first week of November. He told the council that the fairway mower has broken down due to an engine problem. The mower was purchased in 2000 for approximately \$36,000 and a new engine will cost approximately \$3,000 with a rebuilt engine costing \$1,500-\$2,000. Pete Carroll will communicate with Sinnott regarding the repair of the mower.

Superintendent: In addition to his written report, Bob Dabbs told the council that he has begun flushing hydrants and will finish by Friday.

Police Chief: Nothing to report.

Building Inspector: Inspector Bill Owens told the council that he had received a letter from a resident on Greenwood who was complaining about the condition of the neighbor's property. Owens visited the property and did not see anything to warrant a complaint. He said he noticed some things stacked neatly on the property. He spoke with the son of the homeowner and was told that they intend to construct a shed to house these things.

Chief Schroeder told the council that he also visited the property and agreed with Owens.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve the bills as presented with written additions. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Under old business Bob Grim told the council that at the last meeting there was a discussion concerning a drainage problem on Lake View Avenue. Since the last meeting, he and Bob Dabbs had revisited the area and have decided to replace the old drywell with a 600 gallon drywell, rather than add an additional drywell to the area because of the slope and elevations. The drywell will be located at the lowest point so that all of the water will run to it. The Village will take care of the patching after the drywell is installed.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve an expenditure of up to \$4,000 to hire Howard Excavating to install a 600 gallon drywell in the street. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Carol Green, who is the property owner most affected by the drainage problem was in the audience and asked the council to consider replacing the drywell with an 800 gallon drywell. Kaye Moriarty asked Mrs. Green if she would be willing to pay for the difference between the 600 gallon and 800 gallon drywell, and she said she would be willing to pay depending on the cost.

Council President, Jim Bracewell read a Notice of Intent Resolution that was prepared by the Village Bonding Attorney Don Keim. The resolution is a notice of intent to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for a water project to replace all remaining 4" pipe in the Village in order to give better water pressure to residents of the Village who are on the 4" line and also to allow for better fire protection.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote:

Pete Carroll	Aye
Debbie Lindley	Aye
Jim Bracewell	Aye
Bob Grim	Aye
Kaye Moriarty	Aye

Present at the meeting in addition to the council were Clerk Mary Robertson, Superintendent Bob Dabbs, Police Chief Dan Schroeder, Building Inspector Bill Owens, Dave Krough, John Boden Jr. and Carol Green.

Village Clerk, Mary Robertson explained the agenda item of water rates and water project review to the council. The financial advisor hired by the Village for the water project suggested to the clerk that if the Village needs additional funding to cover costs of the project for items that the DEQ will not fund in the bond issue, the Village should consider paying for the additional costs out of the current cash on hand. He told the clerk that the Village could spend approximately \$100,000 - \$150,000 of the current unrestricted funds of \$311,000 on hand in the water fund. Robertson also mentioned the possibility of a water rate increase in the future to help cover expenses of the water project.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve a cost, not to exceed \$4,000 to alleviate the water problem near the Village gas pumps. The council directed the Village Clerk to look at the budget and find the funds necessary to cover the expense. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Kaye Moriarty to approve the employee pay raises as submitted. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve the budget amendments for 06/07 for the general fund, water fund, local street fund and golf fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Kaye Moriarty to transfer funds from the general fund to the capital projects fund for fiscal year 06/07 as budgeted. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve a hall rental request for Debbie Lindley on October 20, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell told the council that the November and December council meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month due to the holidays. The meetings will be held on November 14th and December 12th.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer