

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting Held
January 8, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: O.

128. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

129. Communication from Mr. Barry Stuart regarding post-war planning.

Referred to the Manager.

130. Communication from Wayne County Cities Committee regarding State Proposal #4 on the November, 1944 ballot.

Received and filed.

131. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time warrant on the 1944 County & School tax roll to February 10, 1945.

Bidwell-Hibbard. Request granted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

132. City Manager read monthly reports of Police Chief, Fire Marshal, Health Officer and Assessor.

Received and filed.

133. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$12,616.16 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

134.
BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-DEANE:

WHEREAS, Evan Sayers, an employee of the City of East Grand Rapids since March, 1927 to January 6, 1945, in the capacity of city inspector and later as a fireman, passed from this life on the 6th day of January, 1945; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Commission to express its regret and sorrow to his family on account of this immeasurable loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of this Commission extend to the family their deepest sympathy and condolence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the City Commission meeting held on this 8th day of January, 1945.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

135. Bidwell-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

Louis J. Pattis
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
January 22, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: Com. Searl - 1.

136. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

137. City Manager submitted operating statement for the eight months' period ended December 31, 1944.

138. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$112,082.54 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

139. Deane-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis F. Baltzer
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
February 5, 1945

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: Com. Searl - 1.

140. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

141. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time warrant on the 1944 County & School Tax Roll to March 10, 1945.

Weigle-Finch. Request Granted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

142. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of registration notices are on file in his office.

143. City Manager read monthly reports of Police Chief, Fire Marshal, Health Officer and Assessor.

Received and filed.

144. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

145. City Manager read a recommendation of the Planning Commission that the City obtain title to the following described property: "That part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Southerly of channel connecting Fisk and Reeds Lake and Easterly of Lakeside Drive, except commencing at a point on the East line of Lakeside Drive 416.9 ft. North of the South Line of Sec. 28, thence North $19^{\circ} 42'$ West 186 ft. to the South bank of said channel, thence South $76^{\circ} 06'$ East along said South bank 157.54 ft., thence South $65^{\circ} 16'$ East along said bank 168 ft., thence South $26^{\circ} 24'$ West 97.81 ft., thence North 84° West 200 ft. to place of beginning, Sec. 28, T7N, R11W, and the East 6 rods of Lot 30 and all of Lot 31 except commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 31, thence Westerly on South line 100 ft., thence North 200 ft., thence East to East line, thence Southwesterly to beginning, except 66 ft. Boulevard, Boynton & Judd's Addition."

Weigle-Bidwell. That a request by made of the State Land Board for title.

Yeas: Hibbard, Weigle, Bidwell - 3
Nays: Deane, Finch, Collins - 3

146. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$5,368.18 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

147. Mayor Collins recommended that Richard W. Bryant be appointed Justice of the Peace until the next election.

Bidwell-Finch. That this appointment be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

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BY COMMISSIONERS DEANE-HIBBARD:

WHEREAS, Herman P. Hugenholtz, who formerly served as Village Clerk of East Grand Rapids from March 9, 1914 to March 15, 1926, and as Justice of the Peace of Grand Rapids Township and later of the City of East Grand Rapids from April 2, 1923 until January 26, 1945, passed from this life on the 26th day of January, 1945; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Commission to express its regret and sorrow to his family on account of this immeasurable loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of this Commission extend to the family their deepest sympathy and condolence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the City Commission meeting held on this 5th day of February, 1945.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

149. Weigle-Bidwell. That the resignation of Fred N. Searl as a City Commissioner be accepted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

150. Deane-Finch. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.


CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
February 19, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 4
Absent: Com. Hibbard - 1.

151. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

152. Communication from Mr. S. George Graves, commending the City for snowplowing the sidewalks.

Received and filed.

153. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of election notice on file in his office.

154. City Manager submitted operating statement for nine months' period ended January 31, 1945.

155.
BY COMMISSIONERS BIDWELL-DEANE:

WHEREAS, the following described lands:

"Township 7 North, Range 11 West,
That part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Southerly of Channel connecting Fisk and Reeds Lake and Easterly of Lakeside Dr., except commencing at a point on the East line of Lakeside Dr. 416.9 ft. N. of the S. line of Section 28, thence N. $19^{\circ} 42'$ W. 186 ft. to the S. bank of said Channel, thence S. $76^{\circ} 06'$ E. along said S. bank 157.54 ft., thence S. $65^{\circ} 16'$ E. along said S. bank 168 ft., thence S. $26^{\circ} 24'$ W. 97.81 ft., thence N. 84° W. 200 ft. to the place of beginning, Sec. 28"

Also

"Boynton & Judd's Lake Add. to the City of East Grand Rapids, The E. 6 rods of Lot 30 and all of Lot 31 except commencing at SE corner, thence Westerly on S. line 100 ft., thence N. 200 ft., thence E. to E. line, thence Southwesterly to beginning, and except Boulevard, Boynton & Judd's Lake Add."

were offered at the auction of tax-reverted lands in Kent County starting February 13, 1945, and no bids were received thereon, and

WHEREAS, the above described lands are situate within the boundaries of the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the above described lands are needed for use for drainage purposes, as city storage yard for material, and for a city wildlife park by the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the said City of East Grand Rapids agrees that the above described lands will be used for the above mentioned public purpose only and further affirms that said lands will not be offered for resale if the request hereinafter made is granted,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that application be and is hereby made to the State Land Office Board for the conveyance of the above described lands to the City of East Grand Rapids under provisions of Sec. 8, Act 155, P.A. of 1937, as amended.

Yeas: Deane, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 5
Nays: 0.

156. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$5,826.67 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 5
Nays: 0.

157. Deane-Weigle. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 5
Nays: 0.

Louis F. Baltjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
March 5, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: 0.

158. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

159. Communication from the Liquor Control Commission.

160. ~~Hibbard-Deane~~: That the following report of the Board of Canvassers be received and made a part of the minutes of this meeting:

"BOARD OF CANVASSERS' STATEMENT
OF VOTES CAST AT THE NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY
ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF EAST GRAND
RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, ON MONDAY, THE NINE-
TEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1945.

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The following is a true statement of the whole number of votes given and cast at the Non-Partisan Primary Election for the purpose of electing candidates for City Offices held in the City of East Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, and in the several wards of said City, on Monday, the nineteenth day of February, A.D. 1945:

OFFICE OF MAYOR
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Mayor was fifty-three (53); and they were given for the following persons, viz: John A. Collins, fifty-two (52); Jerry Ford, one (1).

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER
FIRST WARD
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Commissioner to the First Ward was ten (10); and they were given for the following person, viz: Seth R. Bidwell, ten (10).

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER
SECOND WARD
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Commissioner to the Second Ward was twenty-six (26), and they were given for the following person, viz: Lee W. Finch, twenty-six (26).

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER
(THIRD WARD
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Commissioner to the Third Ward was seventeen (17), and they were given for the following person, viz: John D. Hibbard, seventeen (17).

OFFICE OF TREASURER
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Treasurer was fifty-three (53), and they were given for the following person, viz: Charles P. Kelm, fifty-three (53).

OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
 (To fill unexpired term of Herman P.
 Hugenholtz, deceased)
 (One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Justice of the Peace was fifty-two (52), and they were given for the following person; Richard W. Bryant, fifty-two (52).

OFFICE OF CONSTABLE
 (One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Constable was fifty-three (53), and they were given for the following person, viz: John Van Elst, fifty-three (53).

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
 COUNTY OF KENT) ss.
 CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS)

We, the undersigned Board of Canvassers of the City of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the whole number of votes given for each of the several candidates for election to the several city offices voted upon at the non-partisan primary election held in the City of East Grand Rapids in said County, and in the several wards thereof, on Monday, the nineteenth day of February, A.D. 1945.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter of said City, adopted June 19th, 1927, and the laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that John A. Collins received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Mayor, and we do hereby determine and declare that the said John A. Collins is elected to the office of Mayor of said City for the term ending May 1, 1947.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that Seth R. Bidwell received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Commissioner to the First Ward, and we do hereby determine that the said Seth R. Bidwell is elected to the office of Commissioner to the First Ward for the term ending May 1, 1947.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that Lee W. Finch received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Commissioner to the Second Ward, and we do hereby determine that the said Lee W. Finch is elected to the office of Commissioner to the Second Ward for the term ending May 1, 1947.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that John D. Hibbard received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Commissioner to the Third Ward, and we do hereby determine that the said John D. Hibbard is elected to the office of Commissioner to the First Ward for the term ending May 1, 1947.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that Charles P. Kelm received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Treasurer, and we do hereby determine and declare that the said Charles P. Kelm is elected to the office of Treasurer for said City for the term ending May 1, 1946.

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We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that Richard W. Bryant received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of Herman P. Hugenholtz, deceased, and we do hereby determine and declare that the said Richard W. Bryant is elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for said unexpired term ending May 1, 1947.

We do hereby further certify, in pursuance of the provisions of the Charter and said laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, that John Van Elst received a majority of all the votes cast at said primary election for candidates for the office of Constable, and we do hereby determine and declare that the said John Van Elst is elected to the office of Constable for said City for the term ending May 1, 1947.

Clifford T. Nelson

Lewis V. Chamberlin

Henry Petter

BOARD OF CANVASSERS FOR THE CITY OF EAST
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

On this 23rd day of February, A.D. 1945, personally appeared before me, City Clerk of the City of East Grand Rapids, the above named Lewis V. Chamberlin, Clifford T. Nelson and Henry Petter, who constitute the Board of Canvassers for the City of East Grand Rapids in said County, and made oath that the foregoing statement of votes cast at the primary election held in said City on Monday, the nineteenth day of February, 1945, by them subscribed, and together with the foregoing certificates of said Board, is a true and correct statement of the votes cast at said Primary Election and of their certificate therein, and I herewith attest the same as being such true and correct statement.

Louis F. Battjes, City Clerk."

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

161. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of election notice on file in his office.

162. City Manager read monthly reports of the Police Chief, Fire Marshal, Health Officer and Assessor.

Received and filed.

163. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

164. Request of the Board of Assessors for an extension of time on the 1945 City Tax Roll.

Weigle-Bidwell. Request Granted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

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165. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$5,721.40 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

166. Finch-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
March 19, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: O.

167. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

168. Request of the City Assessor that the 1945 City Tax Roll be turned over to the Board of Review.

Weigle-Bidwell. Request of the Assessor concurred in and said tax roll be turned over to the Board of Review.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

169. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of registration notices are on file in his office.

170. City Manager read report of the Citizens' Water Committee.

Hibbard-Bidwell. That this report be circulated to the residents of the City.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

171. Communication from the Michigan Municipal League.

Received and filed.

172. City Manager requested that he be authorized to purchase a new Chlorinator for the City Water Works.

Weigle-Bidwell. That the City Manager be authorized to make this purchase.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

173. Finch-Weigle. That the City Manager be authorized to transfer \$660.00 from the Contingent Fund to the appropriation accounts listed as follows:

Administrative Fund:		
	Election Expense	\$ 360.00
Police Fund:		
	Auto Maintenance	<u>300.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 660.00</u>

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

174. Finch-Hibbard. That the proposed 1945-46 Budget be turned over to the Budget Commission.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

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175. City Manager reported receipt of check in amount of \$4,750.00 from the sale of the Ravenswood Golf Course property, which constitutes the net amount with commission deducted.

176. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$19,255.74 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

177. Bidwell-Weigle. That the Commission adjourn until April 9th, 1945.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis F. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
April 9, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: O.

178. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

179. Communication from Fred L. Hansen regarding purchase of Lots 638, 660 and 661, Paris Park #3.

Referred to City Manager.

180. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of election notice and notice to taxpayers on file in his office.

181. Hibbard-Bidwell. That the application of J.H. Kruizenga for renewal of tavern license at Lakeside Gardens be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

182. Hibbard-Bidwell. That the application of Wilder Hillard for renewal of tavern license at Ramona Cafe be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

183. City Manager read monthly reports of Police Chief, Fire Marshal, Health Officer and Assessor.

Received and filed.

184. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

185. City Manager read communication from Mr. Hollis Baker regarding entrance pillars and piers on Woodcliff Drive.

Hibbard-Deane. That the City Manager be authorized to communicate consent.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

186. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$26,938.64 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

187. Finch-Deane. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
April 30, 1945

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, - 5
Absent: O.

188. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

189. Weigle-Finch. That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids on city printing, garbage collection, gasoline and bank depository for the coming year, bids to be presented at the meeting to be held May 21, 1945.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

190. Finch-Weigle. That Messrs. Ernst and Ernst be authorized to proceed with the audit of the City's books and records for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1945, at a price of \$600.00.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

191. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$12,319.76 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

192. Finch-Deane. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: O.

Louis F. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Special Meeting Held
April 30, 1945.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins for the purpose of considering the Budget for the year 1945-46.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell -5
Absent: 0.

193. Communication from the Budget Commission relative to the 1945-46 Budget.

Finch-Weigle. That the 1945-46 Budget as recommended by the Budget Commission be referred and recommended to the incoming Commission for their consideration.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

194. Bidwell-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Weigle, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
May 7, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: 0.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

2. City Clerk reported that the Board of Review had met and completed its work on the city assessment roll in accordance with the provisions of the law, and that the completion of said roll had been certified to by the Chairman of the Board of Review and the City Clerk; and that the Board of Review submits herewith a brief report for the purpose of filing:

The new valuations were fixed as follows: Real Estate, \$12,044,300.00; Personal, \$327,900.00; Total, \$12,372,200.00.

Hibbard-Bidwell. That the report of the Board of Review be accepted and the same be received and filed.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

3. City Manager read monthly and annual reports of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Health Officer and Assessor.

Finch-Weigle. That these reports be received and filed, and the City Manager be instructed to write letters of commendation to the Department heads.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

4. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

5. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$19,425.03 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amount.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

6. Finch-Weigle: That the City Manager's salary appropriation in the proposed 1945-46 Budget be changed to \$6,000.00, revenue estimate be changed to \$6,500.00 and the Contingent Fund be changed to \$1,200.00.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

7.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

RESOLVED, that the following budget be adopted as the annual budget of the City of East Grand Rapids for the year 1945-46:

Administrative Fund	\$ 26,965.00
General Fund	22,902.00
Contingent Fund	1,200.00
Engineering Fund	3,272.00
Police Fund	16,463.00
Fire Fund	14,512.00
Street Fund	25,735.00
Sewer Fund	3,720.00
Land Contracts and Notes	-0-
Serial Bond & Interest Requirement	35,163.75
Special Assessment Bond & Interest Requirement	35,844.64
	<u>185,777.39</u>
Anticipated Revenues	<u>6,500.00</u>
Amount to be raised by taxation	<u>\$ 179,277.39</u>

That there be levied a tax upon all property subject to taxation by the municipal government of the City of East Grand Rapids, sufficient with other resources to pay the estimated expense of the City government for the ensuing fiscal year, the maintenance of all sinking funds, and interest on all municipal debts, the total of which said amounts and the amounts estimated to be necessary for such purposes is hereby declared to be the sum of \$179,277.39 and the tax rate per \$1,000.00 valuation is hereby determined to be \$14.50.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

8. Commissioner Weigle, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, recommended the adoption of the following license fees:

Airplane Swings	\$ 10.00
Ball-throwing, Milk Bottle Game	10.00
Batter-up Ball Throwing Games	10.00
Blanket Stand	50.00
Boat Livery, per boat	.50
Candy Stand	50.00
China Stand	50.00
Cigar and Candy Counter	10.00
Cigarette Stand	50.00
Cigarette and Novelty Stand	50.00
Carmel Corn Stand	10.00
Corn Game	50.00
Devil's Bowling Alley (Mdse)	15.00
Ferris Wheel	50.00
Fish Pond	15.00
Fruit Stand	50.00
Fun House	25.00
Grocery Stand	50.00
High Striker	10.00
Loop-A-Plane	25.00
Miniature Railway	15.00
Novelty Concession	15.00
Novelty Stand	50.00
Octopus	50.00
Peco Corn Concession	10.00
Penny-Pitch Stand	50.00
Popcorn and Candy	10.00
Roller Rink	50.00
Roll-A-Plane	50.00
Scooter	25.00
Shooting Gallery	15.00
Skie Ball Game	10.00

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Soda Fountain	\$ 5.00
Soft Drink Counter, each	5.00
Soft Drink & Soda Fountain combined	9.00
Silver Streak	50.00
Tilt-A-Whirl	50.00
The Whip	50.00

Weigle-Deane. That the foregoing license schedule be adopted as recommended.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

9. Finch-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis H. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
May 21, 1945

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: 0.

10. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

11. Communication from Mr. W.B. Pardoe regarding report of the Citizens' Water Committee.

Referred to the Mayor.

12. Communication from the Peoples National Bank of Grand Rapids.

13.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

WHEREAS, there may now be in and may hereafter from time to time come into the hands of Charles P. Kelm, Treasurer of the City of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, certain public moneys belonging to or held for the State, County, other political units of the State, or otherwise held according to law, and,

WHEREAS, under the laws of Michigan, this Board is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public moneys, including tax moneys coming into the hands of said Treasurer, in one or more banks, hereinafter called bank (s), to be designated in such resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that said Treasurer, Charles P. Kelm, is hereby directed to deposit all public moneys, including tax moneys now in or coming into his hands as treasurer in his name as treasurer, in the following bank:

Peoples National Bank of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Yeas: Deane, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

14. Bid of Harold Fitzsimmons for garbage collection was read.

Weigle-Bidwell. That this bid be accepted and contract awarded according to the terms submitted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

15. Bid of Fred J. Powers for the furnishing of gasoline was read.

Weigle-Deane. That this bid be accepted and contract awarded according to the terms submitted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

16. Bid of the Grand Rapids Legal News on city printing was read.

Weigle-Hibbard. That this bid be accepted and contract awarded according to the terms submitted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

17. Finch-Weigle. That the Comptroller and Treasurer be authorized to invest \$68,000 belonging to the various city funds which will not be needed for several months, in U.S. Certificates of Indebtedness maturing June 1, 1946, and that payment of accrued interest to June 18th be also authorized, inasmuch as these bonds cannot be purchased by municipalities prior to that date.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

18. City Clerk reported that affidavit of publication of notice for bids was on file in his office.

19. Finch-Weigle. That bills in amount of \$4,082.05 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

20. Mayor Collins recommended the appointment of Fred N. Searl as Commissioner to the Second Ward for the unexpired term.

Hibbard-Bidwell. That this appointment be concurred in, and Fred N. Searl be appointed to fill said vacancy.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

21. Mayor Collins recommended the following appointments:

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION - Seth R. Bidwell

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Lee W. Finch, Chairman
Fred N. Searl
Russell J. Weigle

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Russell J. Weigle, Chairman
John D. Hibbard
Seth R. Bidwell

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE

John D. Hibbard, Chairman
J. Brayton Deane
Fred N. Searl

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Fred N. Searl, Chairman
J. Brayton Deane
Russell J. Weigle

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PARKS
AND TREES COMMITTEE

Seth R. Bidwell, Chairman
J. Brayton Deane
Russell J. Weigle

BOARD OF REVIEW

Lewis M. Lockley
H. G. Daverman
J. Harper Moore
John D. Hibbard
Seth R. Bidwell

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Gerald R. Ford, Chairman
R. B. White
John A. Collins
S. George Graves
Lewis M. Lockley
Robert Ames
Robert V. V. Rice
Edward H. Brink

ELECTION COMMISSION

Lewis V. Chamberlin
Henry J. Petter
Dr. Clifford T. Nelson

BUDGET COMMISSION

H. W. Tinkler, Chairman
Louis R. Weil
George H. Waring
Dr. J. C. Mauris
George V. Brandt
Howard B. Tuthill
David A. Forbes

SUPERVISORS

John A. Collins
J. Brayton Deane
Fred N. Searl
Lewis M. Lockley

CITIZENS' WATER COMMITTEE

Lawrence F. Calahan, Chairman
Melville R. Bissell, Jr.
George H. Waring
Joseph H. Martin
Herbert C. Remien

ELECTION INSPECTORSFIRST WARD

James Rose
Herman Martini
Clara Gygas
Bess Vandersluis

SECOND WARD

Harry Way
H. R. Bradfield
Bessie Young
Jacob H. Kruizenga

THIRD WARD

Charles S. Nicholson
Albert R. Kermode
Bernice Cheney
Louise Burnham

CITY MANAGER	- L. Henry Gork	FIRE MARSHAL	- Earl F. Donahue
CLERK-COMPTROLLER	- Louis F. Battjes	HARBOR MASTER	- Charles B. Poisson
ATTORNEY	- Harold W. Bryant	ASS'T. HARBOR MASTER	- Howard Baxter
HEALTH OFFICER	- Dr. A. J. Baker	FORESTER	- Henry Koopman
CHIEF OF POLICE	- Don Williams	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	- Carl J. Vander Schoor
ASSESSOR	- Lewis M. Lockley		
ASS'T. ASSESSORS	- H. G. Daverman J. Harper Moore		

Re-appointment of L. Henry Gork as City Manager to take effect June 1, 1945.

Finch-Hibbard. That the appointments as recommended by the Mayor be concurred in.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

22. Weigle-Bidwell. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis F. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
June 4, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

23. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

24. City Manager read monthly reports of the Police Chief,
Fire Chief, Health Officer and Assessor.

Received and filed.

25. City Manager read a special report of the Health Officer
regarding Feldpausch's Lakeside Food Market at 2128 Wealthy St.

Referred to the City Manager and Health Officer with power to
act.

26. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

27. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$8,425.13
approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller
be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective
amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

28. Deane-Bidwell. That the Commission adjourn, subject to
the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting, Held
June 18, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

29. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

30. Communication from Grand Rapids Motor Coach Co. regarding inspections of rides in Ramona Park.

Received and filed.

31. Request of the City Clerk that the Treasurer be authorized to pay \$11.50 to the County Treasurer covering 1944 city tax on the South Half of Lots 237-238, Ravenswood Plat, which tax was returned in error to the County Treasurer.

Finch-Weigle. That this payment be authorized as requested.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

32. Finch-Weigle. That bills in amount of \$34,600.³⁰~~00~~ approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Searl, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

33. Commissioner Searl, chairman of the Ordinance Committee, recommended the following license fees:

Flying Scooter	\$50.00
Kiddie Octopus Ride	10.00
Kiddie Ferris Wheel	10.00
Kiddie Whip	10.00
Kiddie Gasoline Autos	10.00

Searl-Finch. That these license fees be adopted as recommended.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

34. Deane-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis F. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
July 2, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

35. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

36. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of Water Works statement on file in his office.

37. City Clerk reported executed contracts for city printing, garbage collection and furnishing of gasoline are on file in his office.

38. City Manager presented easement for storm sewer from William Melin and wife.

That this easement be recorded at the Register of Deeds' office and filed.

39. City Manager read monthly reports of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assessor and Health Officer.

Received and filed.

40. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

41. Finch-Weigle. That the City Commission adjourn and reconvene as a Board of Appeals.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

42. Communication from S. M. Cassidy, together with waivers, requesting permit to build terrace on the southeast corner of his dwelling at 1300 Alexander Rd., which terrace would violate side yard regulations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Weigle-Finch. That this permit be granted upon filing and recording of proper waivers.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

43. Hibbard-Searl. That the Board of Appeals adjourn and reconvene as City Commission.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

44. Commissioner Searl, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, made verbal report regarding ordinance to set up Planning Commission.

45. Searl-Weigle. That the proposed ordinance, entitled as follows, be placed on first reading: "An Ordinance to provide for city planning, the creation, organization, powers and duties of a planning Commission, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this ordinance."

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
July 16, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: O.

48. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

49. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of notice to taxpayers on file in his office.

50. City Manager read communication from the Consumers Power Co. regarding new street lighting contract.

51. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$8,799.19 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

52.

BY COMMISSIONERS HIBBARD-FINCH:

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of the resolution adopted by the City Commission at its meeting held February 4, 1929, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. The City Planning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, six (6) of whom shall be representatives insofar as possible of different professions or occupations, and shall be appointed by the Mayor, and three (3) of whom shall be ex-officio members, namely: the Mayor, one of the administrative officials of the City selected by the Mayor, and one member of the City Commission, to be selected by it. The appointments by the Mayor shall always be subject to the approval of a majority vote of the City Commission. All members of the City Planning Commission shall serve as such without compensation and the appointed members other than ex-officio members shall hold no other municipal office except that one of such members may be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The terms of ex-officio members shall correspond to their respective official tenures, except that the term of the administrative officials selected by the Mayor shall terminate with the term of the Mayor selecting him, or with the term of his administrative office, whichever terminates first. The term of each appointed member shall be three (3) years, or until his successor takes office, except that the respective terms of two (2) of the members first appointed shall be for one (1) year, and two (2) for two (2) years. Honorary members of the City Planning Commission, who shall have no voting power, may be named by the Mayor and with the approval of a majority of the City Commission."

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

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53. Mayor Collins recommended the appointment of the following to compose the City Planning Commission:

M.R. Bissell, Chairman	Glenworth Young
Dr. H.J. Vandenberg	John Apsey
Noyes L. Avery (Honorary)	John A. Collins
Mrs. Howard Sluyter	John D. Hibbard
Horace Barton	L. Henry Gork

Finch-Searl. That these appointments be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

54. Finch-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
August 6, 1945

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell - 5
Absent: Com. Finch - 1.

55. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

56. Copy of communication from the State Tax Commission to Mr. Charles E. Rose regarding soldiers' and sailors' real estate exemptions.

Laid on the table until the first meeting in September.

57. Petition signed by Orville Bulman and twelve others, objecting to new concession in Ramona Park.

Bidwell-Hibbard. Referred to the Ordinance Committee for report.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

58. City Manager read reports of Fire Chief, Health Officer.

Received and filed.

59. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

✕ 60.
BY COMMISSIONERS WEIGLE-BIDWELL:

WHEREAS, the following described lands:

Lots 37, 39, 40, 42, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, Robinson Road Plat, City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof,

were offered at the auction of tax-reverted lands in Kent County starting February 13, 1940, and no bids were received thereon, and

WHEREAS, the above described lands are situate within the boundaries of the City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the above described lands are needed for use as a place for disposal of excess soil and filling by the City of East Grand Rapids, and

WHEREAS, the said City of East Grand Rapids agrees that the above described lands will be used for the above mentioned public purpose only, and further affirms that said lands will not be offered for resale if the request hereinafter made is granted,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that application be and is hereby made to the State Land Office Board for the conveyance of the above described lands to the City of East Grand Rapids under provisions of Section 8, Act 155, P.A. of 1937, as amended.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

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61.

BY COMMISSIONERS WEIGLE-BIDWELL:

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids held on September 7, 1943, resolution was adopted by the City Commission recommending to the State Land Office Board that certain lots owned in the following plats be withheld from public sale until adequate building restrictions be placed on them, viz:

Hampshire Park	Paris Park #3
Paris Park	Paris Road Uplands
Paris Park #1	Albert & Rapaport Sub.
Paris Park #2	Robinson Road Plat

and

WHEREAS, as a result of said recommendations approximately 500 lots in these plats have been withheld from sale, and

WHEREAS, there are no plat restrictions on the lots in Hampshire Park Addition and the Albert & Rapaport Subdivision Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Road Plat restrictions are in the amount of \$2,500.00, which the City Commission considers entirely inadequate considering the surrounding residential properties, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to release these lots for sale provided the same are re-appraised and adequate building restrictions be placed on the lots mentioned,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids recommends to the State Land Office Board that the aforesaid 500 lots owned by the State and located in the above described plats be appraised, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that building restrictions be placed on lots in Hampshire Park and Albert & Rapaport Subdivision, and on the Robinson Road Plat which are mutually agreeable to the State Land Office Board and the City Commission, and that all of said lots after such re-appraisal and working out of adequate building restrictions, be offered for public sale.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

62. Weigle-Bidwell. That the City Manager be authorized to confer with the State Land Office Board in accordance with the above recommendations.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

63. Weigle-Searl. That the bills in amount of \$14,139.22 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

64. Bidwell-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
August 20, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, 5.
Absent: Com. Searl - 1.

65. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

66. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time warrant on
the 1945 City Tax Roll to September 1, 1945.

Weigle-Bidwell. Request granted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

67. City Manager made verbal report regarding conference with
the State Land Office Board.

68. City Manager submitted operating statement for three months'
period ended July 31, 1945.

69. City Manager read resignation of Police Chief Don Williams
effective September 1, 1945.

Hibbard-Deane. That this resignation be accepted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

70. City Manager recommended that Howard Coleman be appointed
Chief of Police, effective September 1, 1945.

Finch-Weigle. That this recommendation be concurred in.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

71. Mr. Harry Bowles appeared before the City Commission on
behalf of the East Grand Rapids American Legion Post regarding a war
memorial.

Referred to Finance Committee and City Manager.

72. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$7,172.85
approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Comptroller
authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

73. Hibbard-Bidwell. That the Commission adjourn until
September 4, 1945, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
September 4, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, - 6
Absent: 0.

74. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

75. Communication from the Grand Rapids Motor Coach Co. regarding fireworks display on the night of September 3rd, 1945.

Received and filed.

76. Copy of communication from the State Tax Commission to Mr. Charles E. Rose regarding soldiers' and Sailors' real estate exemptions taken from the table.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

RESOLVED, that any soldier or sailor of the Federal Government in World War II, who would have been entitled to a tax exemption within the provisions of Section 3395, Compiled Laws of Michigan, 1929, as amended, for real estate taxes assessed by the City of East Grand Rapids for city purposes (which does not include school taxes), for the tax year 1944, shall be entitled, if said taxes have been paid, to a refund of the amount of such taxes, on application for such refund made to the City Treasurer, and on making and filing the evidentiary requirements specified in said Section 3395;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all moneys refunded and paid out pursuant to this resolution shall be charged to the surplus account of the City of East Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

77. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time warrant on the 1945 City Tax Roll to October 20, 1945.

Weigle-Bidwell: Request granted.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Searl, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

78. City Manager read monthly reports of Police Chief, Fire Marshal and Health Officer.

Received and filed.

79. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

80. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$7,491.25 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

81. Hibbard-Deane. That the salary of the new Police Chief be set on the basis of \$2,700.00 per year, effective as of September 1, 1945.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

82.

82.

BY COMMISSIONERS HIBBARD-DEANE:

WHEREAS, Don Williams, Chief of Police of the City of East Grand Rapids has tendered his resignation to the City Commission to take effect as of the 1st of September, 1945, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served the people of this community as Chief of Police for a period extending over the past twentyone years, having been appointed to this office in the month of May, 1924, and

WHEREAS, during this period of service Mr. Williams has faithfully performed the duties of his office and has at all times maintained the Police Department of this City with the highest degree of efficiency, and

WHEREAS it is with regret that the City Commission accepts Mr. Williams' resignation as Chief of Police,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission accepts with regret the resignation of Don Williams as Chief of Police of the City of East Grand Rapids, and extends to Mr. Williams and his family the appreciation of the City for Mr. Williams' many years of service to the City, and wishes his every success in the business life which he is now entering:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be entered in the minutes of the City Commission meeting held on the 4th day of September, 1945, and that a copy signed by the individual members of the Commission be hended to Mr. Williams.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

83. Bidwell-Finch. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.


CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
September 17, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 5
Absent: Com. Deane - 1.

84. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

85. Communication from the Woodcliff Park Improvement Association regarding transfer of Outlot C to Grand Rapids Township.

Referred to City Manager.

86. Communication from the City of Hamtramck regarding establishment of resorts for returning servicemen.

Received and filed.

87. City Manager presented new street lighting contract submitted by the Consumers Power Co. and recommended its adoption, subject to approval of the City Attorney.

88.
BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to enter into a contract with the Consumers Power Company of Jackson, Michigan, for furnishing street lighting service within the City of East Grand Rapids for a period of one year and thereafter from year to year, in accordance with the terms of the contract heretofore submitted to and considered by this Commission, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City.

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

89. City Manager requested authority to purchase a new truck motor at an approximate cost of \$1,444.70.

Finch-Searl. That the City Manager be authorized to purchase truck motor.

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

90. City Manager submitted operating statement for four months' period ended August 31, 1945.

91. Finch-Weigle. That the audit of municipal records as prepared by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst for the year ended April 30, 1945, be approved and accepted.

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

92. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$1,077.47 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

93. Hibbard-Searl. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battie
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
October 1, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

94. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

95. Communication from the Michigan Municipal League regarding conference to be held at Traverse City, Oct. 17 to 19 inclusive.

Received and filed.

96. City Clerk reported receipt of deed from the State Land Office Board to properties requested in resolution of August 6, 1945.

97. City Manager read monthly reports of the Police Chief, Fire Marshal and Health Officer.

Received and filed.

98. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$8,847.12 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

99. Mayor Collins recommended the appointment of Frederick J. Vogt as chairman of the Planning Commission in place of M.R. Bissell, who declined.

Hibbard-Finch. Recommendation of the Mayor approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

100. Finch-Bidwell. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Baffes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
October 15, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

101. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

102. Communications from School Districts #3 and #11 regarding tax rate.

103. City Manager read recommendations of the Traffic Commission regarding parking on both sides of Rosewood Ave. and Gladstone Ave. and replacement of certain traffic signs.

Bidwell-Weigle. Recommendation of the Traffic Commission approved, that east side parking on Rosewood Ave. and Gladstone Ave. from Robinson Rd. to Franklin St., excepting between Lake Drive and Sherman St., be abolished.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

104. City Manager submitted operating statement for five months' period ended September 30th, 1945, and statement of tax delinquencies.

105. Mr. Norman Lillie appeared before the Commission on behalf of Grace Church regarding building a church in East Grand Rapids.

Referred to Planning Commission.

106. City Commissioner Finch reported verbally with pertinent facts on the City's debt status.

107. Report and recommendation of the City Manager regarding transfer of Outlot C to Grand Rapids Township.

Hibbard-Deane. That the Manager's recommendation be concurred in.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

108. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$6,153.01 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Searl, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

109. Finch-Hibbard. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
November 5th, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6.
Absent: 0.

110. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

111. City Manager read the monthly reports of the Police Chief,
Fire Marshal and Health Officer.

Received and filed.

112. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

113. Petition of John Van Ostenbrugge and six others for street
lights at the corner of Hodenpyl Drive and Reeds Lake Boulevard and at
the corner of Rexford Drive and the Boulevard.

Referred to the City Manager.

114. Finch-Weigle. That the Comptroller and Treasurer be
authorized to invest \$60,000.00 belonging to the various City funds but
which will not be needed for several months, in U.S. Certificates of
Indebtedness maturing December 1, 1946.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

115. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$47,140.79
approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller
authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

116. Commissioner Searl recommended that the matter of assessing
the County and School Districts' taxes be checked by the City Attorney.

Referred to the City Attorney.

117. Bidwell-Deane. That the Commission adjourn, subject to
the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
November 19, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: O.

118. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

119. Communication from the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding hearing to be held November 29, 1945 regarding the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.'s schedule of rates and charges.

Received and filed.

120. Communication from the Planning Commission regarding churches locating in East Grand Rapids.

Bidwell-Finch. That the City Commission concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and Mr. Lillie be so informed.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

121. City Manager submitted operating statement for six months' period ended October 31, 1945.

122. City Manager reported regarding necessity of replacing the water tank on Mary Ave.

123. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$4,959.95 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

124. Finch-Weigle. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: O.

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CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
December 3, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6
Absent: 0.

125. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

126. Communication from the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding hearing to be held December 13, 1945 on the Consumers Power Co.'s schedule of rates and charges.

Received and filed.

127. Communication from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics regarding procedure necessary to obtain State participation with construction funds.

Received and filed.

128. Opinions of the City Attorney were read regarding County and School Districts tax levies for the current year, and also regarding re-registration of electors under P.A. 291 of Michigan, 1945.

129. City Manager read monthly reports of Police Chief, Fire Marshal and Health Officer.

Received and filed.

130. Recommendation of the East Grand Rapids Traffic Commission that parking be restricted on the east side of Rosewood Ave. between Lake Drive and Sherman St.

Hibbard-Bidwell. That this recommendation be concurred in.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

131. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

132. Petition signed by John D. Rose and four others for sewer and water system to be installed on Durant St.

Referred to City Manager for report.

133. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$56,240.63 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

134. Finch-Searl. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

Regular Meeting Held
December 17, 1945.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch - 5
Absent: Com. Bidwell - 1.

135. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

136. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of notice to taxpayers on file in his office.

137. City Manager submitted operating statement for the seven months' period ended November 30, 1945.

138.
BY COMMISSIONERS WEIGLE-HIBBARD:

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of former City Commissions to require property owners desiring any improvements such as sewers, watermains, or street improvements, to advance the total cost of such improvement before authorizing any work to be done;

AND WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Commission to continue this practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the City Commission will not authorize any work to be done in connection with any special improvement before funds have been advanced by the property owners to cover the total cost of such improvement.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

139. City Manager reported regarding cost of constructing sanitary sewer and water main in Durant St.

Finch-Searl. That this estimate be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, weigle, Finch, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

140.
BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

That the following proposed ordinance be placed on first, second and third reading and adopted by this Commission:

AN ORDINANCE
TO FIX THE SALARY OF THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF
EAST GRAND RAPIDS.

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The salary of the City Treasurer of East Grand Rapids for his services for the current year 1946-47 is hereby fixed and determined at the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

SECTION 2. A public emergency is hereby declared to exist.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, in order that the salary of the City Treasurer may be determined before the primary election which is to be held on February 18th, 1946, and for the reason that the same provides for the operation of the departments of the City government.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

141. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$2,027.14 approved by the Ways & Means Committee be allowed, and the Comptroller authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for their respective amounts.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

142. Searl-Deane. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Collins - 6
Nays: 0.

Louis J. Battjes
CITY CLERK