

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

Regular Meeting Held  
January 3, 1944

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

Received and filed.

127. Commissioner Deane arrived at this time.

128. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$1,539.19 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.

129.  
BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-SEARL:

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 1944-45 is hereby fixed and determined at the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,850.00).

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 21st, 1944, and for the reason that the same provides for the operation of the departments of the City government.

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

130. Weigle-Hibbard. That the City Attorney draw up suitable resolution regarding the death of Howard H. Fitzgerald.

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

131. Bidwell-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  
January 17, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

132. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

133. Request of City Treasurer for 30 days' extension of time on the 1943 County & School Tax roll.

Bidwell-Weigle. Request of City Treasurer granted.

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

134.

BY COMMISSIONERS HIBBARD-DEANE:

WHEREAS, the following described lands:

Ottawa Hills No. 2, Village of East Grand Rapids, Michigan, Lots 524, 525, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542 and 543,

were deeded to the State of Michigan on the 4th day of May, 1943, through provisions of a Circuit Court decree which ordered said lands sold for taxes of 1939 at the office of the Kent County Treasurer May 5th, 1942;

WHEREAS, said lands are now under the jurisdiction of the State Land Office Board and are included in a list of lands which said Board has scheduled to be offered at public auction, at the office of the Kent County Treasurer, February 8, 1944;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids that application be and is hereby made to the said State Land Office Board to withhold said lands from said auction sale for a period of one year following the date title reverted to the State of Michigan as provided for in Section 5 of Act 155, Public Acts of 1937, as amended, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids does hereby authorize the County Treasurer of Kent County to collect all delinquent taxes on said lands if application is made by the owner thereof during the period for which said lands are withheld from sale by application.

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

135. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of ordinance fixing treasurer's salary.

136. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies and operating statement for eight months' period ended December 31, 1943.

137. Rev. Knol appeared before the Commission regarding establishment of a children's home at 2565 Frederick Drive, the Maurice Belleclaire residence.

Referred to City Attorney for report.

138. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$112,649.58 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.

139.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

WHEREAS, Howard H. Fitzgerald, a former member of the Citizens' Water Committee of the City of East Grand Rapids for the period from the 8th day of June, 1931, to January 1st, 1944, passed from this life on the 1st day of January, 1944; 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 17th day of January, 1944.

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

140. Hibbard-Finch. 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  
February 7, 1944.

The Commission was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

141. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

142. Communication from Mrs. Lucile Brown and family.

Received and filed.

143. Communication from the Missionary Committee of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches regarding purchasing of property to be used as a home and playground for missionaries' children.

Referred to City Attorney.

144. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time on the 1943 County and School tax roll to March 10, 1944.

Weigle-Bidwell. Request granted.

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

145. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of registration notice on file in his office.

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

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

Received and filed.

147. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

148. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$10,837.23 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.

149. Searl-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  
February 21, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

150. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

151. Communication from Mr. A.G. Carter, commenting on the annual report to the citizens.

Received and filed.

152. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of registration and election notices are on file in his office.

153. City Manager submitted supplemental report covering scavenger sales.

154. City Manager submitted operating statement for nine months' period ended January 31, 1944.

155. City Attorney submitted written opinion regarding application of the Missionary Society of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists for home for missionaries' children.

156. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$4,100.13 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.

157. Deane-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.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
March 6, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

153. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

159. Communication from the Liquor Control Commission.

Received and filed.

160. The following report of the Board of Canvassers 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 TWENTY-FIRST DAY  
OF FEBRUARY, 1944.

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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 twenty-first day of February, A.D. 1944:

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 sixteen (16); and they were given for the following person, viz: J. Brayton Deane, sixteen (16).

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 thirty-three (33); and they were given for the following person, viz: Fred N. Searl, thirty-three (33).

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 twenty-two (22); and they were given for the following person, viz: Russell J. Weigle, twenty-two (22).

OFFICE OF TREASURER  
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Treasurer was sixty-seven (67); and they were given for the following person, viz: Charles P. Kelm, sixty-seven (67).

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OFFICE OF CONSTABLE  
(One to be elected)

The whole number of votes given for the said office of Constable was eleven (11); and they were given for the following persons, viz: John Van Elst, eight (8); Robert H. Bennett, one (1); Wilder Hillard, one (1); Howard B. Tuthill, one (1).

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 twenty-first day of February, A.D. 1944.

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 J. Brayton Deane 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 and declare that the said J. Brayton Deane is elected to the office of Commissioner to the First Ward of said City for the term ending May 1, 1946.

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 Fred N. Searl 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 Fred N. Searl is elected to the office of Commissioner to the Second Ward for the term ending May 1, 1946.

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 Russell J. Weigle 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 and declare that the said Russell J. Weigle is elected to the office of Commissioner to the Third Ward of said City for the term ending May 1, 1946.

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, 1945.

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 the office of Constable, but inasmuch as John Van Elst, already holds the office of constable and therefore is not eligible for election at this time, and whereas no one else received a majority of votes cast, consequently no one is elected to the office of Constable at this time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of East Grand Rapids at said City of East Grand Rapids this 24th day of February, A.D. 1944.

(SIGNED)

Clifford T. Nelson  
Henry Petter  
Lewis V. Chamberlin

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF KENT )ss.

On this 24th day of February, A.D. 1944, 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 twenty-first day of February, 1944, 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.

Finch-Bidwell. That the foregoing Board of Canvassers' report be received and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

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

160. City Clerk submitted report on the Ravenswood Golf Course property.

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. Hibbard-Bidwell. That the Comptroller and Treasurer be authorized to purchase for cancellation from the Lyman W. Welch estate, \$2,000.00 City of East Grand Rapids 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Special Assessment Refunding Bonds dated January 1, 1937 and due May 1, 1944, at par and accrued interest of \$17.50.

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

165. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$12,848.60 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.

166. Hibbard-Finch. 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  
March 20, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

167. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

168. Request of the City Assessors that the 1944 City Tax Roll be turned over to the Board of Review.

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

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

169. City Manager submitted operating statement for ten months' period ended February 29, 1944, and also statement of tax delinquencies showing results of scavenger sales.

170. Finch-Weigle. That the City Manager be authorized to transfer \$1500.00 from the Contingent Fund to the various appropriation accounts listed as follows:

General Fund:		
Garbage Collection		\$ 950.00
Police Fund:		
Auto Maintenance	\$ 100.00	
Supplies	25.00	125.00
Sewer Fund:		
Salaries	\$ 350.00	
Auto Maintenance	25.00	
Repairs to Equipment	50.00	425.00
		<u>Total \$1,500.00</u>

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

171. Bidwell-Searl. That the proposed 1944-45 Budget be turned over to the Budget Commission.

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

172. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$9,151.50 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.

173. Weigle-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  
April 3, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Cons. Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell - 6

Absent: O.

174. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

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

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

Nays: O.

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

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

Nays: O.

177. Communication from the State Department of Health regarding conference at Jackson, Mich.

Received and filed.

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

Received and filed.

179. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

180. Weigle-Bidwell. That the Comptroller and Treasurer be authorized to purchase for cancellation from the Lyman W. Welsh Estate, \$2,000.00 City of East Grand Rapids 2% Special Assessment Refunding Bonds maturing May 1, 1944, dated January 1, 1937, at par and accrued interest of \$21.25.

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

Nays: O.

181. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$44,433.44 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.

182. Deane-Bidwell. That the City Commission meet April 24, 1944 for the purpose of considering the 1944-45 Budget.

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

Nays: O.

183. Searl-Weigle. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

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

Nays: O.

*Louis J. Battjes*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
April 24, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

184. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

185. Communication from H. A. LaPan regarding dogs.

Referred to City Manager.

186. Recommendation of the Sinking Fund Commission that the City purchase \$15,000.00 U.S. Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness.

Finch-Weigle. Recommendation of the Sinking Fund Commission concurred in.

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

187. Bidwell-Hibbard. 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 15, 1944.

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

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

189.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-SEARL:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Act #60 of the Public Acts of 1941, the City Clerk be instructed to publish notice in the Grand Rapids Herald, that the City of East Grand Rapids will issue \$46,000.00 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds dated October 1, 1944, maturing \$23,000.00 October 1st of each year, 1952 and 1953, for the purpose of refunding the following described bonds:

\$5,000.00	Special Assessment Refunding Bonds maturing	October 1, 1944
5,000.00	" " " " "	November 1, 1944
5,000.00	" " " " "	October 1, 1944
5,000.00	" " " " "	October 1, 1944
5,000.00	" " " " "	November 1, 1944
4,000.00	" " " " "	November 1, 1944
4,000.00	" " " " "	October 1, 1944
13,000.00	" " " " "	October 1, 1944

46,000.00

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

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190. Finch-Weigle. That Messrs. Ernst & Ernst be authorized to proceed with the audit of the City's books and records for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1944, at a price of \$550.00

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

191. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$5,572.70 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: Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6  
Nays: 0.

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

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

*Louis J. Battjes*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Special Meeting Held  
April 24, 1944

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins for the purpose of considering the Budget for the year 1944-45.

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

193. Communication from the Budget Commission relative to the 1944-45 Budget.

Finch-Weigle. That the 1944-45 Budget as recommended by the Budget Commission be referred and recommended to the incoming Commission for their consideration.

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

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

Yeas: Hibbard, Searl, 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  
May 1, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

1. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.
2. Communication from Saginaw County.

Received and filed.

3. 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, \$11,972,850.00; Personal, \$363,500.00; Total, \$12,336,350.00.

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

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

4. City Clerk reported that affidavit of publication of notice of intent to sell bonds is on file in his office.

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

Received and filed.

6. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

7. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$689.53 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.

8.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-SEARL:

RESOLVED, that the following budget be adopted as the annual budget of the City of East Grand Rapids for the year 1944-45:

Administrative Fund	26,705.00
General Fund	22,890.00
Contingent Fund	23,674.31
Engineering Fund	3,272.00
Police Fund	15,576.00
Fire Fund	13,989.00
Street Fund	25,435.00
Sewer Fund	3,195.00
Land Contracts and Notes	108.69
General Sinking Fund Requirements	-0-
Serial Bond and Interest Requirements	43,505.00
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Anticipated Revenues	5,000.00
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Amount to be raised by taxation \$ 178,350.00

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 \$178,350.00 and the tax rate per \$1,000.00 valuation is hereby determined to be \$14.50.

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

9. Mayor Collins recommended the following appointments:

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION - John Davis Hibbard

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

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Bidwell-Searl. That the appointments as recommended by the Mayor be approved and confirmed.

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

Hibbard-Bidwell:

10. That the salaries of the Assessor and Assistant Assessors for 1944-45 be established at the following rates: Assessor, \$924.00; Assistant Assessor Daverman, \$399.00; Assistant Assessor Moore, \$174.00.

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

11. Weigle-Finch. 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  
May 15, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

12. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

13. Communication from Wilder Hillard regarding Class C Liquor license.

Laid on the table until next meeting.

14.

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.

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

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

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

16. No bids <sup>on city printing</sup> having been received, this matter was referred to the Finance Committee for further action.

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

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

Yeas: Deane, Searl, 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 the bills in amount of \$21,131.30, plus Voucher #8739 in amount of \$5.55, making a total of \$21,136.85, 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, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6  
Nays: 0.

20. Commissioner Finch read a communication from the East Grand Rapids Schools regarding the leasing of the Ramona Ball Park property for playground purposes and requesting that the City exempt this property from taxes during the term of the lease.

Weigle-Bidwell. That this matter be referred to the City Attorney and Commissioner Finch to negotiate an agreement with the School Board regarding Ramona Ball Park and the Ravenswood Golf Course properties.

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

21. Searl-Weigle. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

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

  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
June 5, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

22. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

23. Communication from the Grand Rapids Legal News, submitting bid on city printing.

Deane-Weigle. That this bid be accepted, and contract awarded the Grand Rapids Legal News according to the terms submitted.

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

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

Received and filed.

25. The matter of setting rates on new rides in Ramona Park referred to the Ordinance Committee.

26. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$10,236.98 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.

27.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-SEARL:

WHEREAS, there are outstanding special assessment refunding bonds of the City of East Grand Rapids falling due in amounts and on dates as follows:

Special Assessment Refunding Bonds	3%	October 1, 1944	\$5,000.00
" " "	3	November 1, 1944	5,000.00
" " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	October 1, 1944	5,000.00
" " "	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	October 1, 1944	5,000.00
" " "	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	November 1, 1944	5,000.00
" " "	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	November 1, 1944	4,000.00
" " "	1-3/4	October 1, 1944	4,000.00
" " "	1-3/4	October 1, 1944	13,000.00
TOTAL			<u>\$46,000.00</u>

AND WHEREAS, by reason of the delinquency in payment of special assessments in the several districts, there is not sufficient money in the several special assessment funds to pay said bonds as they fall due, or in the general funds of the City to advance the necessary amounts for such payment;

AND WHEREAS, on April 26, 1944, in accordance with Act #60 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1941, the City Commission of the City of East Grand Rapids adopted a resolution instructing the City Clerk to publish notice in the Grand Rapids Herald that the City of East Grand Rapids will issue \$46,000.00 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds dated October 1, 1944;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be authorized to make application to the Municipal Finance Commission for permission to refund certain special assessment refunding bonds maturing October 1 and November 1, 1944, as outlined below-

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that refunding bonds of the City be issued as follows:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REFUNDING BONDS: \$46,000.00; being forty-six bonds of \$1,000.00 each, numbered 1 to 46 inclusive, dated October 1, 1944 and payable \$23,000.00 October 1st each year, 1952 and 1953; said bonds to bear interest not to exceed 4% per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year. These bonds are to be sold and the proceeds from such sale placed in a special sinking fund to be used solely for the purpose of retiring the special assessment refunding bonds against which said refunding bonds have been expressly issued.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the principal and interest on all of said bonds be payable at the City Treasurer's office;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk sign and execute said bonds on behalf of the City and cause the corporate seal of the City to be affixed thereto, and that interest coupons be annexed to said bonds, bearing the fac-simile signature of the Mayor and City Clerk; that said bonds when executed be delivered to the City Treasurer, who is to deliver said bonds on receipt of the purchase price therefor, after public sale thereof, pursuant to the order of the City Commission.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Special Assessment Refunding Bonds and coupons be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF KENT

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REFUNDING BOND NO. \_\_\_\_\_

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, acknowledges itself to owe, and for value received, hereby promises to pay to the bearer the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, with interest thereon from the date hereof until paid at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, on presentation and surrender of the annexed interest coupons as they severally become due. Both principal and interest of this bond are hereby made payable at the City Treasurer's office, and for the prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the City of East Grand Rapids are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is one of a series of \_\_\_\_\_ bonds of even date and like tenor except as to date of maturity, aggregating the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ issued for the purpose of refunding outstanding special assessment refunding bonds of the City, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 202, Public Acts of Michigan, 1943.

This bond is payable out of the several special assessment funds, or, in case of the insufficiency of those funds, out of the general funds of said City of East Grand Rapids, and it is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond exist and have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of said City, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, by its City Commission has caused this bond to be signed by its Mayor and countersigned by its Clerk, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_.

CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Countersigned:

By \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk.

(FORM OF COUPON)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The City of East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, will pay to the bearer hereof the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, at the City Treasurer's office, being the semi-annual interest due that day on its Special Assessment Refunding Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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

28.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-SEARL:

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids on \$48,000.00 Special Assessment Refunding Bond Issue dated October 1, 1944, in the Michigan Investor and the Grand Rapids Herald, pending approval of the Municipal Finance Commission.

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

29. Commissioner Finch reported regarding discussion with the East Grand Rapids School Board concerning the sale of the Ravenswood Golf Course property, and also the matter of leasing Ramona Ball Park property.

30.

BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-HIBBARD:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of School District #3 has informed the City Commission of the terms of a proposed lease between the owners of the Ramona Ball Park property and the Board of Education for full and complete use of the said Ball Park property by the Board of Education for school purposes;

AND WHEREAS, no other use will be made of said property except for school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the event such lease is entered into between the parties named, the said property will not be subject to taxation during the term of the lease; and on satisfactory evidence of the execution of such lease, the assessing officers of the City of East Grand Rapids will be directed to remove said property from the tax rolls for the next ensuing year.

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

31. The City Commission discussed the question of placing the Ravenswood Golf Course property on the market for sale, and on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

FINCH-HIBBARD: That the necessary contact be made with the Grand Rapids Real Estate Boards, giving such real estate boards full details as to the City's desire to accept bids for the property and to have such information circulated among their members - this to be done only upon receipt of proper authorization from the Board of Education of School District #3.

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

32. Application of Ramona Cafe for a Class C liquor license.

Bidwell-Hibbard. That this application be approved.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6  
Nays: 0 (Com. Searl not voting).

33. Finch-Deane. 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  
June 19, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

Absent: 0.

34. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

35. Communication from the Budget Committee.

Received and filed.

36. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

37. Finch-Weigle. That the Comptroller and Treasurer invest \$55,000.00 belonging to various City funds but which will not be needed for several months in United States Certificates of Indebtedness maturing June 1, 1945.

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

Nays: 0.

37. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$4,017.44 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.

38. Searl-Weigle. That license fees on the following rides and concessions be and the same are hereby set as follows: The Whip, \$22.50; Kiddie Auto Ride, \$10.00; Kiddie Airplane Ride, \$10.00; Bombing Game, \$25.00.

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

Nays: 0.

39. Weigle-Deane. That the Commission adjourn until July 5th.

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  
July 5, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

40. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

41. Communication from School District #3 regarding equalizing assessments in their School District.

Received and filed.

42. Communication from the International Association of Chiefs of Police regarding conference in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14 to 16th, inclusive.

Received and filed.

43. City Clerk reported affidavits of publication of registration notice, notice to taxpayers and water works statement are on file in his office.

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

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

Received and filed.

46. City Manager submitted report and recommendation regarding new power contract with the Consumers Power Co. for water pumping.

Referred to the Utilities Committee and City Attorney.

47. Commissioner Finch reported regarding request of the School Board of District #3 that the City refund 1944 city taxes to the Grand Rapids Motor Coach Co. and that the Ramona Ball Park property be removed from the tax roll in 1945 if this property is still being used by the School Board for the purposes of the lease heretofore entered into with the said Motor Coach Co.

Finch-Weigle. That the request of the School Board of District #3 be concurred in, and that the 1944 City tax be so refunded, and the Board of Assessors instructed to leave the Ramona Ball Park property off the 1945 tax roll if this property is still used for the purposes set forth in said lease.

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

48. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$62,249.17 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.

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49. Mayor Collins recommended that the following be appointed as the Citizens' Water Committee: Lawrence F. Calahan, Chairman, Melville R. Bissell, Jr., George H. Waring, Joseph H. Martin and Herbert C. Remien.

Hibbard-Finch. That these appointments be confirmed.

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

50. Bidwell-Searl. That the Commission adjourn, subject to to the call of the Mayor.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 7  
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  
July 17, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

51. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

52. City Clerk reported that affidavits of publication of registration and election notices are on file in his office.

53. City Clerk submitted statement of tax delinquencies.  
Finch-Weigle.

54./ That the bills in amount of \$7,881.80 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.

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

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

*Louis J. Batjes*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
August 7, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

Absent: Com. Searl - 1.

56. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

57. Communication from Earl W. Dunn regarding purchase of Lots 211, 212 and 216, Paris Park No. 1.

Referred to City Manager.

58. Communication from the Burlison Hospital regarding sign between sidewalk and curb.

Referred to City Manager and Police Chief with power to act.

59. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies. The Manager also reported that he had received communication from the Grand Rapids Motor Coach Co. stating that said Motor Coach Co. requires all rides and amusement devices in Ramona Park to carry public liability insurance.

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

Received and filed.

61. Finch-Deane. That the City Assessors make a detailed monthly report of work done by them on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6

Nays: 0.

62.

BY COMMISSIONERS WEIGLE-FINCH:

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to enter into contract with the Consumers Power Co. of Jackson, Michigan, for furnishing pumping 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 authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6

Nays: 0.

63. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$7,735.02 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.

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

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6

Nays: 0.

*Louis J. Pattis*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
August 21, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Cons. 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 1944 City tax roll to September 1, 1944.

Weigle-Finch. Request granted.

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

67. City Manager submitted operating statement for three months period ended July 31, 1944.

68. Weigle-Finch. That the bills in amount of \$4,654.19 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, Weigle, Finch, Bidwell, Collins - 6  
Nays: 0.

69. Hibbard-Bidwell. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor, until September 11, 1944.

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

*Louis G. Battjes*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
September 11, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

70. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

71. This being the time and place set for opening bids on the \$46,000.00 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, eight bids were received, opened and tabulated.

Finch-Weigle. That the bid of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. be accepted as submitted.

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

72.  
BY COMMISSIONERS FINCH-WEIGLE:

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted June 5, 1944, it was determined, subject to the approval of the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission, to issue refunding bonds as follows:

\$46,000.00 Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, dated October 1, 1944

AND WHEREAS, by order dated June 28, 1944, the Municipal Finance Commission approved the issue of said bonds;

AND WHEREAS, on September 11, 1944, said bonds were sold at public sale to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, for \$46,467.00 and accrued interest;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk execute said bonds on behalf of the City, in the form specified by said resolution of June 5, 1944, and deliver them, when executed, to the City Treasurer, and that the City Treasurer deliver said bonds to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. on payment of the purchase price, as aforesaid.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the City Treasurer deposit the proceeds of said sale in the Peoples National Bank of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a special trust account to be used for the payment of the bonds refunded thereby, and for no other purpose.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that in each year while any of such bonds shall be outstanding, a tax shall be levied sufficient to pay all interest on said refunding bonds, and any installment of principal falling due before the following tax collection, provided that such levies may be reduced by the amount of cash on hand from other sources applicable to the payment of said bonds.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all collections of taxes heretofore levied for the payment of the bonds refunded shall be set aside for the payment of the refunding bonds;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that all collections of special assessments of the several districts shall be set aside for the payment of the corresponding issues of refunding bonds.

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

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73. City Clerk reported that affidavits of publication of notice of bond sale are on file in his office.

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

75. Request of City Treasurer for extension of time warrant on the 1944 City Tax Roll to October 20, 1944.

Weigle-Bidwell. Request granted.

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

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

Received and filed.

77. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

78. Finch-Searl. That the audit of municipal records as prepared by Messrs. Ernst & Ernst for the year ended April 30, 1944, be approved and accepted.

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

79. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$7,869.60 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.

80. Deane-Weigle. 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  
September 25, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

Present: Coms. Deane, Hibbard, Weigle, Finch - 4  
Absent: Coms. Searl, Bidwell - 2.

81. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

82. Communication from Earl W. Dunn regarding purchase of Lots 211, 212 and 216, Paris Park #1.

Referred to City Manager.

83. Communication from the City Clerk of Dearborn, together with resolution adopted by the Dearborn City Council regarding Home Rule Amendment to be voted on November 7, 1944.

Received and filed.

84. City Manager submitted operating statement for four months' period ended August 31, 1944.

85. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$7,737.73 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, Collins - 5  
Nays: 0.

86. Finch-Weigle. That the Comptroller and Treasurer be authorized to invest \$25,000.00 of Water Works funds which will not be needed for several months in 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % United States Treasury Notes maturing March 15, 1947, and \$30,000.00 of other City funds in 7/8% United States Certificates of Indebtedness maturing June 1, 1945.

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

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

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

*Louis J. Batjes*  
CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
October 9, 1944.

The Commission was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

88. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

89. Communication from the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding hearings on rates of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Consumers Power Co. and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.

Received and filed.

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

Received and filed.

91. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

92. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$63,273.69 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.

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

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

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CITY CLERK

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

Regular Meeting Held  
October 23, 1944.

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 Wayne County Cities Committee regarding Proposal #4 on the November ballot.

Received and filed.

96. City Clerk reported affidavit of publication of registration notice on file in his office.

97. City Manager submitted operating statement for five months period ended September 30, 1944.

98. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$5,440.19 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: 0.

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

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

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CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
November 6, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

100. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

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

Received and filed.

102. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

103. City Manager reported regarding offer received from  
Decker & Jean on behalf of J.C. Miller, for the Ravenswood Golf Course  
property, and recommended that the offer be rejected; City Manager  
also read letter from Mr. Potter of Decker & Jean.

Referred to the City Manager.

104. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$17,091.52  
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.

105. Hibbard-Deane. 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  
November 20, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

Absent: 0.

106. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

107. Decker & Jean submitted offer on behalf of J.C. Miller for the Ravenswood Golf Course property.

Finch-Weigle. That this offer be rejected.

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

Nays: 0.

108. City Clerk reported that affidavits of publication of election notice are on file in his office.

109. City Manager submitted operating statement for six months period ended October 31, 1944.

110. Deane-Bidwell. That the City Commission adjourn and reconvene as a Board of Appeals.

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

Nays: 0.

111. City Manager presented request for building permit on Lot 7 and part of Lot 6, Paulo Addition, owned by Richard Willey, for construction of a garage, there being a violation of front yard requirement - City Manager recommending that permit be granted.

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

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

Nays: 0.

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

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

Nays: 0.

113. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$6,584.07 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.

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

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

Nays: 0.

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CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
December 4, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

115. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

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

Received and filed.

117. City Manager submitted statement of tax delinquencies.

118. Recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding deed from Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Welsh.

Finch-Weigle. That this property be accepted and a letter of thanks be sent.

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

119. Finch-Weigle. That the bills in amount of \$6,607.56 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.

120. Weigle-Searl. That the Commission adjourn, subject to the call of the Mayor.

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

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CITY CLERK.

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

Regular Meeting Held  
December 18, 1944

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Collins.

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

121. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

122. City Clerk reported that affidavit of publication of notice to taxpayers was on file in his office.

123. Decker & Jean submitted offer of \$5,000.00 cash on behalf of Mr. J.C. Miller for the Ravenswood Golf Course property.

Finch-Searl. That this offer be accepted, subject to restrictions to be included in sales agreement, restrictions to be in line with those in Ravenswood Plat.

Yeas: Deane, Hibbard, Searl, Finch, Collins - 5  
Nays: 0.

124. City Manager submitted operating statement for seven months' period ended November 30, 1944.

125. Finch-Searl. That the bills in amount of \$51,883.40 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, Searl, Finch, Collins - 5  
Nays: 0.

126. Commissioner Bidwell arrived at this time.

127. Deane-Finch. That the Commission adjourn to January 8, 1945, subject to the call of the Mayor.

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

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CITY CLERK.