

George K. Heartwell



Now serving in his second term, Mayor George Heartwell took office on January 1, 2004. During his tenure, City government has “gone green,” implanting a variety of environmental measures including purchase of renewable resource energy, use of alternative fuels in city vehicles, continued attention to water quality in the Grand River, and widespread implementation of energy conservation measures.

In January of 2007 the United Nations recognized Grand Rapids as a “Center of Expertise” in sustainability. The Mayor has overseen a period of rapid economic development in Grand Rapids, even during an extended downturn in the Michigan economy.

Mayor Heartwell also serves as President and CEO of Pilgrim Manor Retirement Community.

He is married to Susan Heartwell, who is the Executive Director of the Student Advancement Foundation. The Heartwells have three children and six grandchildren.