**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Don Nielsen and Ivan Devitt. Member Marty Dyer was absent. Also present was City Manager, Bill Keefer; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. Attorney, Brandon Watkins was absent.

Follis opened the floor for presentation by the Mayor and City Council of a Proclamation proclaiming March 21, 2014 as ‘Arbor Day'. Follis read the Proclamation in its entirety proclaiming March 21st as Arbor Day and urged all citizens to participate in the planting of trees. Troy Helms addressed the Council to respectfully request that the Council approve the Proclamation as presented, and that he will be working in conjunction with the local Veterans in the planting of trees in and around the Veterans Cemeteries.

Follis opened the floor for discussion from Tad Jones with the Grand Lake Association for presentation to provide an update to the Council on their recent projects and events. Jones addressed the Council to report that the Grand Lake Association has several events that they sponsor with the main event being the Annual Pelican Festival. This year the Pelican Festival will be expanding tribute to Wolf Creek Park by hosting the “Big Bass Extravaganza” scheduled for September 27 & 28, 2014. Jones mentioned other future events scheduled for Wolf Creek Park throughout the year are:

* FLW – Ever State Series: April 3-5, 2014
* TBF Federation National Championship: April 11-13, 2014
* NBAA National Championship: April 23-26, 2014, and
* Big Bass Bash: July 19-20, 2014

Jones mentioned that accommodations are tight during the fishing tournaments. Jones reported that the Boat Show is another sponsored event and it was recently held last weekend but due to the increment weather on Sunday that event will be extended this Friday & Saturday. Jones added that the Grand lake Visitor Guide is a project that is disbursed through GLA and that approximately 100,000 is sent out yearly. Jones expressed thanks to the City of Grove for their continual funding support with Grand Lake Association.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the costs and expenses related to the demolition of 210 W. 5th Street and authorize the City to submit a bill to property owner and file a lien for collection of the same with Delaware County. Bottoroff reported that on February 18-21, 2014 the City crews removed the dilapidated structure and debris, hauled in dirt and leveled the property. Bottoroff noted that total cost of this project is $3,461.53 which includes:

* solid waste fee
* fill dirt
* employees
* equipment, and
* administrative cost

Bottoroff added that a statement will be sent to the property owner advising them that a lien will be filed on the property as allowed by the states statues. Devitt made the motion to approve the cost and expenses related to the demolition of the structure located at 210 W 5th Street and to authorize the City to submit a bill as such to the property owner and file a lien for collection of the same with Delaware County. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to an agreement with Grove Sports Inc. (GSI) to oversee the City of Grove's Softball and Baseball Fields. Keefer reported that Grove Sports Inc. has agreed to oversee the use of the ball fields this spring and summer at the City’s Sports Complex. The agreement will be a first step in providing a level of oversight as well as some accountability on whom and how the fields are being used. Under the provisions of the agreement, GSI will be responsible for scheduling the use of the ball fields and administering the City’s rules and regulations. In turn, GSI would pay the City $200 for unlimited use of the fields during the term of this agreement and provided proof of insurance that names the City of Grove as an additional insured. Trumbull made the motion to approve the agreement between the City of Grove and Grove Sports Inc. pertaining to the ball fields located at the Sport Complex. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Keefer reported that the Staff recently met with the Blue Energy to review the status of the CNG Fueling State. As the Council is aware, the base work for the concrete apron has been started and is awaiting the plumber and electrician to complete their work running conduit and piping from the various locations around where the pumps will be located, etc. All of this will have to be complete prior to the contractor installing the concrete apron. Blue Energy believes that the station should be up and running by the end of the summer. Follis strongly suggested that this subject matter be placed on the City web-site for public awareness.

Keefer updated the Council on the 911 Wireless Agreement that has been approved and executed by all parties. The 911 Coordinator has contacted each of the cell tower owners to begin the process to transition the towers to our PSAP. That process will take several weeks at best and will be dependent upon the timeframe that the County’s 911 Trust Authority takes to sign the documents authorizing the redirection of the towers to Grove.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull, Follis, Nielsen and Devitt all expressed thanks to the City crews for the great job in clearing the streets with the recent ice/snow conditions. Devitt added that he heard nothing but compliments on the City crews.

Follis asked for an update on the beaver situation out at the Industrial Park as previously reported by property owner, Gary Bates. Bowers reported that he is following up on that project.

Follis strongly emphasize that the City continue with the cleaning of Wolf Creek Park for upcoming tournaments and visitors.

At 6:39 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.