**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Mr. Joe Nowlin addressed the Council to suggest that once each of the different organization address the Council this evening for budget funding that they share their thoughts as to why they feel their funding is vital to the City of Grove, and why the City Council should grant them their funding request.

Mr. Steve Nutter addressed the City Council to report that he has heard numerous rumors that the City upcoming budget is going to be cut substantially and he respectfully asked that the Council and Staff strongly consider the eliminating &/or possible layoff of City employees. Follis assured Nutter that he has discussed the proposed budget with the Staff and that he has not heard mention of possible employee(s) layoff.

Mayor Follis read in its entirety a Proclamation proclaiming the Week of May 17-24, 2014 as ‘National Safe Boating Week’.

Mayor Follis presented a Scholarship Certificate in the amount of $1,000 to the following recipients of the Gary Dunham Memorial Scholarship:

* Erin Buzzard
* Laramie Gault
* Tyler Graham
* Tiera Henry
* Shelby Morris
* McKayla Rutherford, and
* Sarah Tanner

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

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

At 6:19 PM Dyer made the motion to open a Public Hearing to receive comments to determine if the property located at 2124 Highway 59 North is dilapidated and is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and the community. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried. Bottoroff reported that on March 24, 2014 a Notice of Violation was mailed to the property owner advising failure to comply would result in a Public Hearing being held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 before the City Council. The property owner did not comply with the Notice of Violation; therefore a Public Hearing was scheduled for this date. The structure is in a non-repairable condition; creating a detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Property Owner, R. J. Medlin addressed the Council to say that it is his intentions to demolish the structures on the property except for the 30’ x 30’ structure he would like to repair up to codes. Staff recommendations was for the Council to issue an Administrative Order requiring Medlin to obtain a demolition permit within thirty (30) days and remove the dilapidated structure and debris created from the demolition within sixty (60) days of the date of order. At 6:22 PM Dyer made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to authorize the property owners thirty (30) days of the Administrative Order to obtain a demolition permit, and remove the dilapidated structure and debris created from the demolition within sixty (60) days of the date of order for the property located at 2124 Highway 59 North. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to consideration and approval of a bid award for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services including the Annual Spring Clean Up and an Optional Recycling program. Bottoroff reported that the City of Grove advertised and accepted bids for Solid Waste Collection / Disposal to include the annual Spring Clean-Up with an option to bids a recycling service, and the following bid was received:

Bernice Sanitation, LLC $11.00/unit w/o recycling services

$12.00/unit with recycling services

$17,000 Spring Clean-up

Bernice Sanitation LLC current rate is:

$11.60/unit w/o recycling services

$17,500 – 2014 Spring Clean-Up

Currently customers are charged an Administrative Fee of $0.75/unit – GMSA – for billing

Staff is proposing an additional $0.25/unit for City of Grove

Customer’s current rate is: $12.35/unit w/o recycling service

Proposed total charges to customers:

$12.00/unit w/o recycling service (-.35)

$13.00/unit w/recycling service (+.65)

Bottoroff reported that it is Staff recommendation to award the bid to Bernice Sanitation, LLC for solid waste collection / disposal (with or without the recycling service), and spring clean-up. Award of bid shall be contingent upon Staff creating a contract for approval at a later date. If the recycling service is included in the award, Staff will work with Bernice Sanitation to implement a Recycling Service for residents of Grove. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the following individuals:

* Judith Read
* Hoyt Bacon
* Andy Stewart, and
* Bill Miller

Trumbull made the motion to accept the bid from Bernice Sanitation, LLC with the recycling service option. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the following Civic Organizations for funding assistance in the 2014-2015 budget. Keefer reported that the Council has been supplied with documentation from each of the following organizations supporting each of their funding requests:

A. Community Crisis Center – Representative Susan Turrel was present – funding request $9,000

B. DOC Services, Inc. - Representative B.J. Moody was present – funding request $7,000

C. Grand Lake Association - Representative Tad Jones was present – funding request $18,000

D. Grove Area Chamber of Commerce - Representative Lisa Friden was present – funding request $23,100 also present was Hoyt Bacon and Andy Stewart to express their support for the funding.

E. Grove Area Merchants Association - Representative Sherri Lybarger was present – funding request $12,000

F. Humane Society of Grove and Grand Lake - Representative Laura Roberts was present – funding request $15,000

Keefer mentioned that Larry Stout submitted his request in the amount of $15,000 for the Downtown Façade Program via e-mail to him earlier this morning. Devitt made the motion to approve acknowledgment of receipt from each of the above-mentioned organizations for their funding request. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve an Agreement with the Grove Adult Softball Association for use of the City of Grove's Sports and Recreation Complex for their softball leagues. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve an Agreement with Grand Lake Soccer for use of the City of Grove's Sports and Recreation Complex for their youth soccer programs. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of Trustee to the Grove Municipal Airport Managing Authority. Follis announced that the Staff advertised for letters of applications from anyone interested in serving on the Board, and the following three applications were received:

1. Richard South
2. Dave Claggett
3. Rick Kley, Jr.

Follis appointed Dave Claggett as Trustee to the Grove Municipal Airport Managing Authority. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Trumbull asked for clarification on the ‘Life Jacket Loaner’ stand at Wolf Creek Park. Keefer reported that the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron came to the City seeking permission to place that stand out at Wolf Creek Park. They are in receipt of a grant from the Sea Tow Foundation for the purchase of life jackets and the stand. The Power Squadron will be responsible for the maintenance and the stand. Peggy Miller addressed the Council to say that the stand is on the honor system that once an individual uses a life jacket they are expected to return it to the stand in the same condition as it was received for other to use. Keefer added that the organization is researching options to construct the 0stand using different materials and cementing the base in the ground.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull indicated that he had gone on-line to watch the segment of Grove & Grand Lake as produced by the Rogers State University channel, and that it was very good.

Trumbull apologized for his absence from the last meeting.

Trumbull asked about the procedure on changing the name on the airport documentation from ‘Municipal’ to a Regional Airport. Watkins indicated that it would incur the changing on the Trust Indenture.

Trumbull noted that upon review of the statistics report from the Grove Police Department pertaining to the ‘Traffic Activity’ on the number of tickets and the percentage of citations vs. warnings issued, and the number of stops has increased. Trumbull questioned the reasoning the increase? Police Chief, Mark Morris responded by saying that is mostly due to the ‘Highway Safety’ grant which mandates our Officers to make three (three) contacts per hour. The Officers has been monitoring certain streets/road areas of complaints.

Devitt expressed his thanks to Jack Bower and Staff for the condition of Harbor Road.

At 7:24 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.