

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016  
6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2016 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; Attorney, Darren Cook; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

Follis presented a Certificate of Appreciation and plaque to Employee of the Quarter, Jerry Bohannan.

Follis opened the floor for presentation from Dr. Jeffrey Hale, President of Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College in regards to update on financial challenges and issues for higher education. Dr. Hale addressed the Council to report on the financial status of the college. Hale highlighted on the following topics:

- State Aid for NEO (last eight years) 2008-09 thru 2015-16 FY
- State Aid for NEO 20 years ago
- Budget Reductions
- 2015-2016 Budget Challenges (state cuts)
- 2015-2016 Budget Response
- Projected Problems – Shortfall for 2016-2017 FY
- 2016-2017 FY Considerations (benefits, facility closures, & early retirement buyouts)
- Reserve Funding
- 2015-2016 FY Base Adjustment

Hale entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and participating audience. Hale then introduced NEO A&M College – Grove Site Director, Josh McElhaney who addressed the Council to further discuss the amenities that the Grove site offers to the surrounding area:

- Classes Offered
- Campus Enrollment
- Services Offered,
- Community Involvement

Dr. Hale and Site Director, McElhaney fielded questions, comments and concerns from the following individuals:

- Andy Stewart
- Sheila Stogsdill

No action was taken from the Council.

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

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

Nielsen made the motion to approve the agreement with the Grand Lake Family YMCA to use the municipal pool to conduct swimming lessons and water aerobics for the 2016 swim season. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the Grand Lake Family YMCA for the City of Grove to provide in-kind services to assist with a project that will address neighborhood drainage issues. Keefer reported that when that whenever there is a heavy rain the YMCA property becomes overwhelmed with drainage from storm water runoff from the west along 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposal would be to construct a drainage pond behind the YMCA and a ditch line along the west side of their property to channel this drainage around their facility. The pond would also serve as a means to slow down drainage as it moves to the north through the Little Gate subdivision. Keefer added that this project would benefit the city-at-large as it provides a solution to address an ongoing drainage issue in that neighborhood and therefore support the City's participation in this project. The Council and Staff entertained questions from Ms. Judith Read. Devitt made the motion to approve the request from the Grand Lake Family YMCA pertaining to in-kind services from the City of Grove to the proposed drainage issues. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending Part 9, Chapter 6 of the City of Grove's Code of Ordinances pertaining to peddlers, solicitors, and outdoor sellers. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to bids to handle transportation and disposal of household hazardous waste materials as part of the Annual Spring Clean-Up Week. Bottoroff reported that there are two contractors located in the northeast Oklahoma area have the qualifications to transport and dispose of hazardous household waste. The proposals were received from both of the contractors:

- Stericycle Environmental Solutions, Inc. – Tulsa, OK, and
- Rinco Environmental Services – Benton, AR.

Bottoroff suggested that the bid proposal agreement be approved contingent upon the following addendum:

Paragraph 3 – Funding:

...the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality; if funding is not available, the event will not be held and the agreement shall be null and void.

Bottoroff indicated that it is Staff recommendation to approve the proposal submitted by Rineco Environmental Services, LLC and approve the Agreement between the City of Grove and Rineco regarding a one day hazardous household waste collection event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> as amended. The Council and Staff entertained questions from Mr. Richard Allen. Trumbull made the motion to approve the bid proposal to Rineco Environmental Services, LLC and the agreement as presented and amended. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nielsen made the motion to approve a Resolution supporting Fair and Affordable Housing for the City of Grove. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution scheduling Public Hearings for 6 P.M. on April 19, 2016 to take input to determine whether the following described properties located within the City of Grove should be designated as dilapidated structures:

1668 U.S. Highway 59S	10618 U.S. Highway 59S
2020 S. Main Street	1532 Keller Road
2150 U.S Highway 59N	8009 Jackson Lane
1227 Red Bud Drive	608 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street
1105 Hazel Street	726 S. Cherokee Street
416 S. Spring Street	1654 Charles Street
1508 80 <sup>th</sup> Street NW (owner has agreed to demolish structure)	

Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2015-2016 Convention and Tourism Bureau Budget. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nielsen made the motion to approve the request from the City Treasurer to increase the Automated Clearing House (ACH) dollar limit for our direct deposit file from \$85,000 to \$110,000. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of the construction of an Open Air Pavilion at the Wolf Creek Park and authorize Staff to take bids for materials. Keefer reported that the City looked into constructing a permanent open air pavilion in the vicinity of the fish weigh in station on the ramp that would accommodate the uses and replace the need for a tent. Keefer added that to cover the costs for the building materials the City has received two (2) \$10,000 donations from the following entities, which would be recognized with signage on the building for their donations:

1. OTAA/Nichols Marine, and
2. Bank of Grove

In addition GRDA has agreed to donate in-kind service to erect the building. Trumbull made the motion to accept the two (2) \$10,000 each donations from OTAA/Nichols Marine, and Bank of Grove, and to further authorize the Staff to advertise for bids for the building materials. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nielsen made the motion to approve a Management Agreement with DOC Services, Inc. for General Management Services for the H.K. Logue/Grove Senior Center. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an agreement with the Southern Drag Boat Association, Inc. for a drag boat race to be held at Wolf Creek Park. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:40 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.