

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016
6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 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; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. City Treasurer, Lisa Allred was absent.

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

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order as a follow up to the April 19, 2016, Public Hearing regarding a dilapidated structure located at 416 S. Spring Street. No property owner was present. Bottoroff reported that she had received an email from the family saying that they will be closing on the property on August 18, 2016, and that they will forward all information of the new owners to the City of Grove at that time. Bottoroff respectfully requested that the Council table this item for their September 6th regular scheduled meeting. No action was taken.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the Grand Lake Association to waive the low point beer restriction under Section 12 of the Wolf Creek Park facilities policies and procedures and allow for the sale and consumption of high point beer for an Oktoberfest Event during their Pelican Festival on October 5-8, 2016 at Wolf Creek Park. Doug Drown – representative of the Grand Lake Association (GLA) addressed the Council to report that this year GLA is combining the Pelican Festival and the OktoberFest into one event scheduled for October 7-8, 2016 at Wolf Creek Park. Drown reported that this event will potentially include a Craft Beer Garden, and is likely that German beers will be incorporated consisting of approximately 6-10 different breweries coming in, which would offer to the public various types of beer that would exceed the 3.2 limitations. Drown noted that the “Beer Tent” would be isolated and secured in accordance to the Wolf Creek Park policies and procedures. Drown mentioned that he has visited with Police Chief, Mark Morris to schedule the required police security. Drown entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and Mr. Bill Miller. Devitt made the motion to allow the permit application to waive the low point beer restrictions as discussed to include the access of high point beer sales and consumption. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried. Keefer respectfully requested to Drown that GLA prepare and present that application to the City in time to be processed for the September 6th City Council meeting for possible consideration.

Follis then opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution amending Section 2-7, Worker’s Compensation and Section 4-8, Conflict of Interest/Outside Employment of the City of Grove’s Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Bottoroff reported that with the recent approval of the Fraternal Order of Police contract, Staff would propose amending sections of the City of Grove Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to mirror language added to the FOP contract regarding limited and restricted duty so that it applies to all City / GMSA employees. Trumbull made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to authorizing the City to move forward with the engineering design for the 2016-2017 Street Repair Program. Keefer reported that the 2015-2016 Street Repair construction is winding down, it is time to begin moving forward with the 2016-2017 program, and that the first step would be to authorize the design and the preparation of the plan and specs for the next set of projects as identified in year two of the plan. Keefer added that by starting the engineering this fall, the City will be able to put the projects out to bid in late winter and start construction in the spring. The goal would be to complete the projects within the same budget year in which they are funded. Keefer entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council. Keefer respectfully requested that the Council review the two year plan as previously presented for any proposed changes.

Trumbull made the motion to approve Change Order # 4 for the Dock Improvement Project at Wolf Creek Park. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an Agreement with Independent School District # 2 for our School Resource Officers for the 2016-2017 School Year. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to State Question 779 to be on the General Election ballot in November as it pertains to a 1 % statewide sales tax for education. Keefer reported that SQ 779 is the proposition to increase the state sales tax by 1% with the proceeds to be used for K-12 public education as well as higher education. Keefer noted that a full 1% sales tax has the potential over time to negatively impact the primary source of funding for Oklahoma cities. In Grove, this includes the funding for the general operations of the city such as police, fire and buildings and grounds as well as the purchase of capital equipment and projects for those departments. In addition, it would probably eliminate sales tax as a future option for funding special projects for such things as street repairs, a community center, and police/fire station to name a few. Keefer reported that if approved, the new 1% sales tax would increase the city tax rate up to 10.3% which would put Grove at a significant disadvantage since we live so close to Joplin, Missouri and Rogers / Bentonville, Arkansas. Trumbull reported that upon visiting with some of the teachers it is consensus that they are all in favor of a raise, however they agree that it is the State Legislative(s) duties to budget this project from a another revenue source of funding. Keefer entertained questions and concerns from the Council and Mr. Bill Miller. Devitt made the motion to authorize the Staff to prepare a Resolution opposing SQ 779 for City Council consideration at their September 6th meeting. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the following bids for joint projects with GMSA related to water and gas lines relocation and replacement along North Cherokee Street:

- Low Bid from Cherokee Pride Construction for Project # 1 in the amount of \$133,333 – Keefer reported that GMSA previously awarded this bid, and now needs the City to approve. Nielsen made the motion to approve the low bid from Cherokee Pride Construction. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Low Bid from Cole Excavating for Project # 2 in the amount of \$583,625 - Keefer reported that GMSA previously awarded this bid, and now needs the City to approve. Nielsen made the motion to approve the low bid from Cherokee Pride Construction. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

WARD REPORTS:

Nielsen expressed thanks to Police Chief, Mark Morris for the quick response in getting the shattered glass cleared off of Rockwood. Morris noted that he contacted the Fire Department crew, and that they were quick to respond.

Devitt reported that Fire Chief, Mike Reed recently spoke before the Senior Citizen group, and that his speech was well received.

Devitt reported that the mulch out at the Rotary Park is in need of replacement. Devitt questioned who is responsible for that project the City or the Rotary Club? Keefer reported that he would check with Building and Grounds Supervisor, Craig Criger.

Devitt mentioned that the canopy at the Senior Citizen facility is in need of repair / replacement. Keefer noted that Criger is working on that project already.

At 7:05 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.