

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017  
6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 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, Darren Cook; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Devitt expressed congratulations to Jim and Pauline Corbridge, who was present in the audience, on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

Follis presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Employee of the Quarter, Assistant Police Chief, Dan Hinman.

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

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Miami for a partnership to share space in the Northeast Oklahoma Travel Information Center located on I-44. Keefer reported that the City of Miami officially obtained the center located adjacent to the Will Rogers Turnpike from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority on January 28, 2017. Amanda Davis, Miami CVB Board Director, provided a presentation before the Grove Convention & Tourism Board seeking interest from the City of Grove to partnership with this center and discussed in detail the fee schedule and the returns the City of Grove should expect to receive. CTB Director, Brent Malone and CTB Chairman, Jim Corbridge was present to entertain questions, comments and concerns from the Council. Trumbull made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Miami for a partnership to share space in the Northeast Oklahoma travel Information Center located on I-44 as presented and discussed. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of an option to Purchase Real Estate agreement with Boogaloo Properties, LLC for an option to purchase 21.3 acres located along North Highway 59. Keefer reported that the purpose for this agreement is to secure a site for the proposed new civic center facility, and to provide ample time to complete the feasibility analysis and due diligence on the sale and replacement of the current civic center. Keefer added that this agreement was prepared by our City Attorney and includes the necessary legal provisions for both parties, and has been executed by a managing member of Boogaloo Properties, LLC. Devitt made the motion to approve the real estate agreement with Boogaloo Properties, LLC as presented and discussed. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2016-2017 City Capital Budget. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution designating the Downtown C-2 Zoning District as the "Grove Springs Cultural District". Keefer reported that the City of Grove has been approached by representatives of the Cultural District Task Force to designate an area of our community as a "Cultural District". This group has met several times

and is seeking this designation for the downtown area to enhance opportunities for artistic and cultural events as well as opportunities for grants and funds to support these activities. Representative(s), Steve Duff and Suzanne Boles were present to entertain questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Devitt made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented and discussed. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis announced that the Staff advertised for Letter of Application(s) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and that no applications were received. No action taken.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Dyer made the motion to approve an Agreement with the YMCA to use the Municipal Pool during the 2017 season to provide swim lessons and water aerobics classes. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **CITY MANAGERS REPORT:**

Follis reported that he noticed a commercial sign located in front of a residential home on Oak Street and questioned its legality. Bottoroff reported that the Staff is aware of that and that the property owner has been notified of its removal. Bottoroff added that the property owner was told that a sign may be placed in a window of the resident.

#### **WARD REPORTS:**

Trumbull presented a plaque to Marty Follis on behalf of the Council and Staff for his service dedication to the City of Grove of the following years:

- Ward II Councilman – 2009 to 2011
- Mayor – 2011 to current

Follis whole-heartedly expressed his sincere appreciation to the Citizens, Staff and Employees of Grove for all of their continual support they expressed to him during his tenure as Councilman, and that it has been a pleasure serving.

Nielsen, Dyer and Devitt all expressed their thanks to Follis for his years of service.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:32 PM Devitt made a motion for the Council to recess into an Executive Session pertaining to confidential communications between a public body and its Attorney Concerning a pending investigation, claim or action if the public body, with the advice of its Attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.4 (Pending Litigation) to include participation from Keefer, Bottoroff and Police Chief, Mark Morris. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:18 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis announced that in regards to the above –mentioned agenda item. No action taken.

At 7:19 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

