

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Josh McElhaney, 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.

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

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register to include the addition as presented by Allred. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Ordinance Amending Part 4, Section 4-103.C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grove, Oklahoma as it pertains to animal regulations. Bottoroff reported that since the release of the agenda, it was brought to the Staff's attention that the Grove High School – FFA program houses agriculture animals out at their facility located along Ford Road. Bottoroff respectfully requested that the City Council table this item in order to allow the Staff to revisit the Ordinance for possible wording revision. Mr. Joe Nowlin addressed the Council to respectfully request that they consider allowing for chickens for egg production with a number restriction, and to strike items B,C&D of Section 4-103.C.2. Trumbull reported that he had researched the studies on the control of goats inside the city limits and reported his finding. Trumbull noted that he found no study on the keeping of sheep. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Staff and participating audience. Keefer reported that the Staff would revise the Ordinance for Council consideration at a later date. No action was taken.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the application and execution of miscellaneous documents for the reimbursement through the Oklahoma Quality Incentive Act for the 2018 Big Bass Bash to be held on Grand Lake and at Wolf Creek Park on June 9-10, 2018. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the extension of the 0.4 % dedicated sales tax that expires on June 30, 2021. Keefer reported that as per Ordinance #474, the 4/10 of 1% sales tax is dedicated for the use and benefit of the City of Grove and any public trust having the City as beneficiary thereof and / or for the payment of debt service in connection with obligations issued to finance said capital expenditures, and that the average revenue over the past three fiscal years generated by the 0.4% sales tax was approximately \$752,000. Keefer noted that though the expiration of this sales tax is still 3 ½ years away, there has been some brief discussion on the need to hold a special election sooner than later to extend the 4/10 to ensure that there is ample time to consider maintaining this important source of revenue. Keefer mentioned that the use of the funds identified and limited to capital projects and debt service for the City as well as the Trust Authorities. Keefer added that the Staff is looking for some direction on if the Council is interested in moving forward with addressing the extension of this sales tax beyond its current expiration date, and if so, then Council will need to address the language of the "Proposition" as well. Keefer then entertained

questions, comments and concerns from the Council and participating audience. Devitt made the motion to authorize the Staff to move forward with preparing of the documents, identifying the schedule for special election to bring back to the Council for consideration. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Part 1, Section 1-108 and Part 6, Sections 6-134 and 6-136 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grove, Oklahoma pertaining to Municipal court costs and fees. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to consideration of applications(s) received for appointment of a Trustee to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Trumbull reported that the Staff advertised for letters of application and that only one application was received from Art Kopp. Trumbull made the motion to appoint Kopp to the Board. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull then reported that the Staff advertised for letters of applications for appointment of a Trustee to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, and that no applications were received. No action was taken.

McElhaney made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Zena Fire Rural Fire Districts for 911 Dispatching Services. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Bottoroff reported that the Staff put together a listing proposals for the purchase of the Civic Center per the direction of the Council. The listing is on the website and a partial listing is located on the Costar/Loopnet website which is a popular website for the sale of commercial property.

Devitt questioned the condition of the bucket truck. Bower reported that the transmission went out on it and that sent it back to the vendor for full responsibility of repair.

WARD REPORTS:

Trumbull expressed thanks to McElhaney for the use of his computer.

McElhaney reported that he has been receiving calls from residents complaining about their trash pick-up service. McElhaney added that he called Bernice Sanitation and that they indicated that they were a man short which caused the delay in service.

McElhaney then reported that "Santa Clause" is coming to town this Saturday, December 9th in conjunction with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce event on the front lawn of the Grove Community Center. McElhaney encouraged all to get out and attend this event and to enjoy the Christmas parade that evening.

Devitt expressed thanks to Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Director – Donnie Crain for this work operating the Chamber of Commerce, and for sharing the scheduled events with the City Council.

At 6:52 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: McElhaney, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.