

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Josh McElhaney, Matt Henderson, 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:

Trumbull presented a Certificate of Appreciation and plaque to Steven Blood as Employee of the Quarter.

Robert Allen addressed the Council to respectfully ask about the status of the Pelivan Transit program in Grove. Allen reported that he frequently goes to the Grove Senior Center for lunch and hears a large number of people complaining about their service, and that the main complaint is that the Pelivan is arriving about 30 minutes late, and that makes them late for activities and lunch. Keefer reported that the program has been experiencing some funding issues and has delays due to dispatchers and drivers shortages. Keefer noted that he will have the Staff reach out to their main office for a better understanding of communications.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the Administrative Orders for Lots 62 and 64 located in the Ballerina Mobile Home Park. Marc Newman addressed the Council to report that he had recently purchased the property, and that it is his intentions is to transform the property into a gated high end RV park. Newman indicated that there are approximately 42 mobile home on the property, and that all of the owners have been served eviction notices informing them that they have 45 days to remove from the premises. Newman added that he has meet with the City / GMSA Staff and laid out their proposed plans for the property, and highly expressed his intent to work with the City and GMSA in its full capacity. Newman added that he has also reached out to GRDA in regards to cleaning up the shoreline. Keefer reported that Newman has made application to the City of Grove to close a certain portion of the Groveport Addition public right-of-way, and indicated that they will give the City / GMSA all necessary utility easement(s). Newman respectfully requested that the City granted him an extension of time to the first meeting of November. Bottoroff suggested that the Council consider granting him until November 19th. Dyer made the motion to grant the property owners until November 19th to have all of the trailer removed from the site, and ground work prepared for future construction. Dyer made the to extend the Administrative Order for Lots 62 and 65 in Ballerina Mobile Home Park for November 19, 2019. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the Administrative Order for 502 and 504 South Broadway (Joyce Gibson property) issued in October 2017. Keefer reported that the Staff a courtesy letters was mailed to the heirs requesting an update on the status of finishing up the project. Keefer noted that they are working diligently on their own to get this project close to finalization. Heirs, Helen Bergman and Jean Bohannon was present to report that they have been working on the site for the past few days, and that they have broken up the concrete slab in preparation for it to be removed. Bergman and Bohannon entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Dyer made the motion to extend the Administrative Order for 502 & 504 South Broadway for November 5, 2019. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of Trustees to the Grove Municipal Services Authority. Trumbull announced that the Staff advertised for letters of applications for this position and received only one letters for Ivan Devitt. Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Devitt to the GMSA Board for an additional five year term. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull then opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of Trustees to the Grove Economic Development Authority. Trumbull reported that the Staff advertised for letters of application for three terms availability, and that the Staff received four letters of application from

1. Mark Edwards
2. Ivan Devitt
3. Ron Lay
4. Mike Lewandowski

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ivan Devitt back to the Board for an additional four year term. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ron Lay back to the Board for an additional four year term. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Mike Lewandowski back to the Board for an additional four year term. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the approval of the 2019-2020 Street Repair Program and tentative projects lists for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Keefer reported that he has placed in the packet a list of proposed street repairs for the 2019/2020 street repair program, and tentative project for the following two years thereafter. Keefer added that the list is based upon the five year project list that was identified in the Pavement Management Plan and a budget of \$1 million that includes funding for both engineering services and construction. Keefer indicated that unless additional funds are identified for the annual street repair program, the list of recommended annual projects in the Pavement Management Plan will continue to fall behind and have to be pared down each year making the five year plan in actuality a 7-9 year plan. Vice-President, Jim Hemphill of Poe & Associates, Inc. addressed the Council to entertain questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Devitt made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Street Repair Program, and the tentative projects listed for the following fiscal years as presented and discussed. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Ordinance amending Part 8, Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to Trash and Weeds (Section C) and Dumpster Screening (Section D). Bottoroff announced that she had recently obtained information from Bernice Sanitation suggesting that the access gates to the dumpster enclosures be amended from the required ten feet to a minimum of twelve feet in order to allow additional room on each side of the truck for their workers to access the dumpsters in a safe manner. In addition, Bernice Sanitation advised that the size of the enclosure is determined by the side and number of dumpsters/containers located within the enclosure. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented and discussed. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

McElhaney made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to close a Bicentennial Time Capsule Certificate of Deposit in July 2020 on behalf of the Grove High School Class of 1970. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City to submit a Rural Economic Action Plan Grant Application (REAP) for a new Industrial Park sign. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the schedule of fees for the Civic Center. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Keefer reported that the City recently took bid proposals for road maintenance work at the Buzzard Cemetery, North Olympus Cemetery and the sports complex walking path as well as a sealcoat on Brady Lane (as per agreement in return for an easement for a lift station and related sewer lines). Morehead Construction was the low bidder and is scheduled to perform the work later this month.

Keefer added that the Staff reviewed the site for the relocation of the playground equipment at the sports complex, and determined that the area located to the South of the playground would be sufficient for the project. However, the drainage issues need to be addressed, ditches and culverts need to be cleaned out, and a concrete flume installed to divert the drainage.

Keefer then mentioned that in regards to the IBTS Comprehensive Plan, the Visionary Survey is online and can be accessed through the City's website. Keefer announced that the Open House Visioning Session is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Room 6 at City Hall.

Keefer reported that the representative from Francis Solar has been invited to attend the October 15th City Council meeting to discuss their proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Station. Keefer indicated that the City Attorney and Staff have been reviewing the lease agreement and it appears to be not favorable for the City of Grove at this time.

Keefer announced that he has received a report from the fishing tournament director that the new ramp has collapsed, and that the City will be investigating that matter to report back to the Council.

Keefer reported that in regards to the recent June flash flooding, FEMA has been contacted to come in and access the Spring Creek flowage to determine who is responsible for the high water, how to manage it and to determine if it is possible wetlands.

WARD REPORT:

Trumbull reported that it is good to see Darren Cook out from his recent incident, and wished him a quick recovery.

Dyer expressed his appreciation to Marc Newman (the new owners of the Ballerina Mobile Home Park) for their investment in the City of Grove.

Devitt questioned the reasoning for the SRO opening malfunctioned locker(s) at the school, and stated that it should be a school maintenance incident. Police Chief, Mark Morris reported that the SRO gets called on to do a wide variety of job descriptions in their line of duty.

Devitt added that he was glad to see the "STOP" bars be replaced along the newly paved streets.

At 7:10 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.