

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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:

Marshall Green – 1406 Orchard Drive addressed the City Council with his personal concerns in regards to the placement of halfway homes in and around his neighborhood. Green questioned the zoning rules and regulations of the homes placed in residential area. Cook reported that the City of Grove cannot regulate any requirement pertaining to any kind of medical treatment or halfway homes but added that he would be glad to conduct further research on the subject.

Marc Newman addressed the Council to introduce a new proposed project called “Make Grove Fun Again”. Newman reported that this project would allow golf carts and off road ATV’s to operate along the sidewalk area of Highway 59 North from Sailboat Bridge to approximately Dollar General Store area. The Council also entertained project support from residents Eric Davey and Brandi Emarthla. Trumbull responded with his personal concerns with the project.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting as amended. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried,

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. 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 10, Section 10-419 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Grove as it pertains to possession or use of tobacco products by minors. Cook reported that this Ordinance enforces the recent State Legislative changes to the tobacco laws by raising the age limit from 18 years of age to 21 years of age, and in addition the selling of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. 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 the GMSA utility rates to include utility deposit amounts for residential customers who choose not to provide their social security number as part of their application for utility services. Keefer reported that GMSA met earlier this afternoon and approved a Resolution establishing higher deposit amounts for applicants that do not want to share their social security numbers during the application process. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried,

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the following site/host agreements with the MLFFLW, LLC for Fishing Tournaments to be held at Wolf Creek Park:

1. FLW Bass Fishing League on March 21, 2020 – Keefer announced that this tournament includes a \$3,000 fee which has been provided for in the 2019-2020 funding budget. The tournament will consist of 125 boats with 125 anglers and co-anglers. Devitt made the motion to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried,
2. FLW Bass Fishing League on October 3, 2020 – Keefer announced that his tournament includes a \$3,500 fee which will have to be budgeted for in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This tournament will consist of approximately 150 boats and 150 anglers and co-anglers. Devitt made the motion to approve the agreement as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried,

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Keefer reported that the Staff has experienced some issues with the past street rehabilitation project in regards to the contractors billing timeframe which caused for it to fall into the next fiscal year, so the Staff will be monitoring the Capital Fund Budget as per the fiscal year.

Dyer asked for an update on the dilapidated structure(s) project. Bottoroff reported that the Code Enforcement and Fire Department are finding it harder to locate those working projects. Bottoroff added that it has helped substantially when the City started giving the property owner 30 days to comply before starting proceedings.

WARD REPORT:

McElhaney expressed his thanks to the City crews for their quick response to the recent snow event in getting the streets cleared.

Devitt reported that he had recently attended a conference for Mayors, and learned the City of Grove is very fortunate in comparison to other cities and towns.

At 6:44 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried,