

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020  
6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Josh McElhaney, Matt Henderson, and Ivan Devitt. Member, Marty Dyer was absent. 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 March 3, 2020 meeting. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the Grove Community Center Policy as it pertains to compliance requirements. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the approval of an Ordinance amending Part 4, Section 4-103.S of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grove, Oklahoma as it pertains to animals on city owned property. Bottoroff reported that the intent of this section of Ordinance was to prevent individuals from bringing their personal pets into city buildings. The proposed Ordinance amends that section stating the prohibition of animals on city property is not intended to apply to special events such as dog shows or where vendors have retained booth or show space at a community event. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the following agreements related to the Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Celebration:

- a. An agreement with Performance Stage, Inc. for rental of stage, audio, lighting and other equipment – Devitt made the motion to approve the agreement with Performance Stage, Inc. as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- b. An agreement with Members Only, LLC for musical entertainment – Devitt made the motion to approve the agreement with Members Only, LLC as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for a Fish Habitat Project. Keefer reported that the funds for this project were included in the 2019-2020 budget to help support an Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation fish habitat project which involved stocking hybrid bass in the lake over a designated period of time. That project however was not approved and in turn, the Staff began working with ODWC to identify other opportunities to enhance and sustain the fishery in Grand Lake. Keefer added that from the discussions came the grant

opportunity for fish habitat. Devitt made the motion to approve the agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for a fish habitat project. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the Emergency Management Services Agreement with Delaware County. Keefer reported that the City Council directed the Staff to research the feasibility of the City assuming the role of re-establishing an Emergency Management Department and prepare information for consideration back to the City Council. Keefer announced that the Staff broke down their research into several sections as follows:

- a) summary of the current scenario
- b) review of what a City Emergency Management Director would look like
- c) a proposed departmental and capital budget
- d) identification of pro and cons of developing a new Emergency Management Department, and
- e) Staff options and recommendation

Keefer reported that Fire Chief, Mike Reed and Police Chief, Mark Morris participated in the interview process and selection of a candidate for the position of a new Emergency Management Director for recommendation to the County Commission for consideration, and that the County Commissioners rejected the candidate as recommended by the interview committee for no reason or explanation therefore he has asked Mark Morris and Mike Reed along with County Commissioner, David Poindexter to be present to entertain any questions or concerns from the Council. Devitt made the motion to move forward with the creation of a City owned Emergency Management Department, and to authorize a letter to Delaware County Commissioners giving them official 30 day notice of termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Management effective as of 11:59 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**WARD REPORTS:**

McElhaney expressed his appreciation to Police Chief, Mark Morris, Fire Chief, Mike Reed and the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce for getting the word out to the public in regards to the seriousness of the Covid-19 virus.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trumbull announced that in regards to the discussion with respect to an Executive Session for all Nonprofit Foundations, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Agencies, Trusteeships, Authorities, Councils, Committees, Public Trusts, Task Force, or Study Groups Supported in whole or part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds for purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to locate within their jurisdiction if public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.C.10 no action be taken.

At 6:33 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.