

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
6:00 PM
VIDEOCONFERENCE
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding via videoconference from a private office at City Hall. Members Josh McElhaney, Matt Henderson, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt participated via videoconference from their personal residence. Also participating remotely was City Manager, Bill Keefer from his office located at City Hall; Attorney, Darren Cook from his personal residence; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff from her office located at City Hall; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred from her office located at City Hall; Public Works Director, Jack Bower from his office located at City Hall and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard from her office located at City Hall.

Mayor, Trumbull announced the in response to the Covid-19 virus and the social distancing guidance issued by President Trump, Governor Stitt, national and state public health entities, the City of Grove will hold a virtual City Council meeting remotely using Zoom videoconference. Trumbull then announced that should audio is lost or compromised, the public body will attempt to restore communication for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes. If communication is not restored within that time frame, the meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM remotely via video conference. Trumbull further announced that public participation will be allowed by submitting comments in the Zoom video conferencing Chat Box.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 regular meeting. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 Emergency Meeting. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2020 Special Meeting. 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 consideration of postponing the 2020 Spring Clean-Up Week that was previously scheduled for April 13-18, 2020. Bottoroff reported that in efforts to combat the spread of the Covid-19, and to protect our residents it is recommended that the Council consider postponing this project to a later date. Bottoroff noted that she made contact with Bernice Sanitation Trash Service and Stericycle for the one-day hazard waste collection, and it was their consensus as well. Bottoroff suggested that the Council revisit the project early this fall. Devitt made the motion to postpone the April Spring Clean-Up project to this fall. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution promoting and supporting fair and affordable housing for the citizens of Grove, Oklahoma. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2019-2020 General Fund budget to fund the startup of the Emergency Management Budget for the balance of this fiscal year. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of a new/amended Resolution declaring a State of Emergency and implementing mandatory emergency provisions. Trumbull reported on the advisory memorandum on identification of essential critical infrastructure workers during Covid-19 crisis from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Office of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency. Trumbull then presented and read in its entirety a five (5) page Resolution declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Grove until May 5, 2020, and implementing mandatory emergency provisions. Trumbull announced that this Resolution shall become effective at 12:01 am on April 8, 2020, and replaces the prior Proclamation adopted March 17, 2020, and the prior Resolution adopted on March 24, 2020. Trumbull further stated that this Resolution also authorizes the City Manager to make emergency purchases of goods and services and enter into contracts as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to protect public or private property from further harm or damage without the prior approval of the City Council. Devitt made the motion to approve the Resolution declaring a State of Emergency and implementing mandatory emergency provisions as presented and discussed. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

WARD REPORT:

Trumbull expressed thanks to the Integris Grove Hospital for their quick response to his questions of concerns pertaining to the health and safety of the public, and encouraged all citizens to follow the CDC guidelines.

Henderson expressed his personal thanks to the all of the true front line workers during this difficult time:

- Emergency First Responders
- Fire Department, and
- Emergency Medical Service Technicians

Dyer reported that it is good to see that the true heroes are actually being honored as ‘Hero’s’ and they are the first responder and healthcare workers.

Devitt echoed the statement made by Henderson and Dyer.

At 7:20 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.