

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
6:00 PM
VIDEOCONFERENCE
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding via videoconference from his personal residence. 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.

Trumbull 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, May 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM remotely via video conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Trumbull presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 16-22, 2020 as 'National Safe Boating' Week.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 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 review of Resolution #20-008 Declaring a State of Emergency and implementing mandatory emergency provisions as amended and approving of a new proposed Resolution adopting the Governor's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan. Trumbull announced that he would read the current Resolution #20-008 by each line item for consideration of changes from the Council after each section. No changes were discussed to the Resolution until Trumbull introduced:

Section 2.c – Public Facilities – Open to Public using social distancing and subject to social gathering

- Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Walking Trails
- Library – in compliance with the Eastern Oklahoma Library System regulations
- Wolf Creek Park & Boating Facility – Individuals
- Softball and baseball fields
- Soccer fields

Beginning June 1, 2020, the following will be open to the public using social distancing and subject to social gathering:

- Parks & playgrounds equipment
- Splash Pad
- Basketball courts

Beginning June 5, 2020 the following will be open to the public on limited basis while using social distancing and subject to social gathering:

- Swimming Pool

Until further notice, the following are closed to the public:

- Civic Center
- Community Center
- Senior Citizens Center

Section 2.e Public Meeting(s) / Court – Beginning June 1, 2020 the following meetings and court will resume their regular schedule while using social distancing and subject to social gathering

- Convention & Tourism Meetings
- Planning & Zoning Meetings
- Grove Economic Development Meetings
- Municipal Court

Section 2.g Social Gathering Limited – ... gatherings or congregating of people within the City of Grove being limited to not more than *fifty (50)* people.

The summary and discussion of the new proposed Resolution lasted for approximately one (1) hour, and during that time the Council and Staff entertained questions, comments and concerns from the following individual, on various sections of the Resolution and comments from the ‘Chat Room’ as read by Bottoroff:

- Donnie Crain

Devitt made the motion to approve a new Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency and implementing mandatory emergency provisions as amended and discussed adopting the Governor’s Open Up and Recover Safely Plan. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to scheduling the Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 City of Grove Budget for 6 PM on June 2, 2020. Keefer reported that as part of the process to adopt the new fiscal year budget, the City Council must hold a public hearing to take input and comments on the proposed budget. Devitt made the motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull then opened the floor for discussion with respect to re-scheduling the Annual Clean-Up week to October 5-10, 2020. Keefer announced that this event was postponed from the April 13-17 week due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Council directed the Staff to work with the contractors to re-schedule the event for the fall. Therefore, it is Staff’s recommendation to schedule October 5-10, 2020 for the 2020 Spring Clean-Up. McElhaney made the motion to re-schedule the Annual Spring Clean-Up for the week of October 5-10 as presented and discussed. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the City Manager’s annual employment contract as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Keefer reminded the Council of their Special City Council work session scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th @ 4:00 PM for presentation of the 2020-2021 fiscal year proposed budget.

Keefer informed the City Council on the 2020-2021 proposed budget process for the street repair program.

Keefer reported that the ‘Share the Road’ bike signs has been ordered.

Keefer reported that the Staff has received the final draft amendment to the Sanitary Sewer Agreement from the Cherokee Nation, and that it will be placed on the next regular scheduled agenda for consideration.

Keefer then announced that this will be the last regular scheduled City Council meeting for Jack Bower. His last official work day will be Friday, May 29th. Keefer added that Jack will be greatly missed along with his acknowledge and wisdom.

Bower addressed the Council to strongly express his personal thanks to each and every single one of them for their continual support, guidance and continued encouragement that was expressed to him over the years. Bower highly praised the City & GMSA crews for always being ready to step up to the task at hand when called upon. Bower noted that he has met a lot of good people, and has made a lot of good friends during his tenure, in which, he will always be grateful.

WARD REPORT:

Trumbull reported that he has contacted various health professionals this past week in part of his research on the latest guidelines, and opinions to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trumbull expressed thanks to all of those professional’s for their assistance and guidelines.

Henderson, Dyer and Devitt all highly expressed their individual thanks and well wishes to Jack Bower for his dedication to the City of Grove and GMSA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trumbull announced that in regards to an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employees groups, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.2. (Fraternal Order of Police - Grand Lake Lodge No. 171). No action taken.

At 7:48 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.