

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

The Grove City Council met in regular on Tuesday, October 6, 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, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Representative, Lee Cathey of the American Legion Post addressed the Council to report that on Tuesday, October 13th starting at 6:00 PM they will be conducting a parade for 102 years old WWII Veteran. Cathey added that the Oklahoma State Commander, and District & Area Commander(s) will be in attendance. They have requested presentation from Representative, Markwayne Mullin but haven't received confirmation at this time. Cathey encouraged the Council to attend.

Candie Kees – Representative of the Heavenly Angels House addressed the Council to announce their upcoming Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> from at 8:30 AM – Noon at the Har-Ber Village walking trails. Kees encouraged all to attend.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting as corrected. 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 #20-011 Declaring a State of Emergency and Implementing Mandatory Emergency Provisions as amended adopting the Governor's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan. At 6:15 PM Trumbull opened the floor to the following physicians with an update on the current state wide conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Dr. Sam Ratermann
- Dr. Zach Bechtol, and
- Dr. Kyle Schauf

Dr. Ratermann addressed the Council to detail on the delay of care due to area hospital capacities, the supply in demand, and the CDC guidelines. Dr. Schauf concurred with statements presented by Dr. Ratermann, and emphasized on the importance of facial mask coverings and social distancing. Dr. Bechtol addressed the Council to strongly emphasize on the facial mask covering and reported that the best way to get the public awareness on this pandemic is through education. The Physicians entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and following individuals:

1. Shirley Allen
2. Candie Kees, and
3. Marc Newman

Their presentation lasted for approximately 50 minutes.

Trumbull then opened the floor discussion from the Council for consideration of amending the current Resolution to implement the high risk alerts by adopting the Harvard Global Health Institute metric standards for Covid-19. Devitt made the motion to amend the Resolution by adopting the Harvard Global Health Institute metric standards for Covid-19 alerts. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Trumbull then introduced for discussion the possibility of implementing some type of City wide facial mask mandate. Dyer reported that he felt like that would cause more of a risk and expressed his agreement with Dr. Bechtol to continue educate and awareness, plus it would be hard to police that policy. McElhaney agreed with the comments and concerns of Dyer. Henderson reported that he strongly support the wearing of a mask and that mask mandating would be difficult to enforce. No action was taken from discussion.

Trumbull then opened the floor for discussion to the possibility of changes to mask mandating inside City owned facilities. Trumbull suggested that as long as the Code Alert level is red or orange that a facial mask covering be required for all persons entering inside all City owned facilities to exclude children 10 & under. Trumbull made the motion to approve that mask mandate as discussed. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to extend the current Resolution until the October 20, 2020 City Council meeting. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:50 PM Devitt made the motion to open a Public Hearing to take public comments on the compliance or non-compliance of the Administrative Order issued August 4, 2020 and the amended Administrative Order issued on September 15, 2020 for a dilapidated structure located at 301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Property owner Steve Nelson addressed the Council to report that his contractor will be on site this Thursday to set the structure on the frame, and that he has placed chicken wire around the premises to detour any children or animals for getting under the structure. Code Enforcement Officer, Calvin Igney reported that he assessed the property and he felt like very little work has been done since the last meeting. Igney announced that the property owner may move forward with the repairs once the structure is firmly placed on the foundation and the beams are removed. At 8:00 PM Dyer made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order for 301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Devitt made the motion to authorize the property owner to complete the following repairs in a manner that is compliant with City Code and obtain a final inspection prior to 11-17-20:

1. Remove steel beams and place house on foundation
2. Repair siding and roof
3. Enclose open areas around house
4. Repair driveway from street to house
5. Complete framing throughout house
6. Complete sheetrock on all walls and ceiling
7. Complete all plumbing, electrical and HVAC repairs
8. Connect to utilities, and
9. If owners fails to complete the work within the date fixed by the Council, the city may cause the dilapidated building to be torn down and removed in accordance with the Oklahoma State Statues

Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the status review of the Administrative Orders for the following properties located in Grove, Oklahoma:

- Dilapidated Structure located at 615 S. Cherokee Street – Property owner, Ricky Farmer was not present. Igney reported that his last written letter of notification was sent out with no response received. Dyer made the motion to authorize the Staff to proceed with issuing citations until such time the repairs are complete. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Dilapidated Structure located at 102 Lennel Drive – Code Enforcement Officer, Russ Schmidt reported that he assessed the property and that no change in the conditions has been addressed by the property owners. Schmidt added that he has issued citations to the property owner via certified mailed with no response at this time. McElhaney made the motion to authorize the Staff to advertise for a Notice of Final Public Hearing before the Mayor and Council on 11/17/2020 at 6 p.m. in Room 7 to take comments and discuss the compliance or non-compliance of the Administrative Order issued on August 5, 2020 and the Amended Administrative Order issued on September 15, 2020. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Dilapidated Structure located at 1023-C S. Cherokee Street – Igney reported that he visited this site and noticed substantial completion. The property owners has hauled away the old roofing materials and has approximately 90% of the new roof completed. Igney indicated that they are making progress. Property owner, Helen Bergman was presented to entertain any questions from the Council or Staff. Devitt made the motion to extend the Administration Order 30 days for the property owner to appear back before the Council on 11-17-20 with a status update. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Dilapidated Structure located at 505 S. Grand Street – Igney reported that the property owner is making some progress on this project especially to the back porch area. Property owner, Brad Daftari was present to entertain any questions from the Council or Staff. Devitt made the motion to extend the Administration Order 30 days for the property owner to appear back before the Council on 11-17-20 with a status update. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Dilapidated Structure located at 609 S. Cherokee Street – Schmidt reported that some progress has been made since that last City Council meeting. The property owner has done some work on the siding along the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and has replaced the back door. Schmidt added that the property is still not in compliance with the city code, and that citations were issued to the property owner. Owner, Steve Nelson was present to entertain questions from the Council and Staff. Devitt made the motion to extend the Administration Order 30 days for the property owner to appear back before the Council on 11-17-20 with a status update. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Host/Site Agreement with MLFLW, LLC for a Phoenix Bass Fishing League (BFL) for a fishing tournament to be held on March 20, 2021 at Wolf Creek Park. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the annual Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Miami and the Grove Convention and Tourism Bureau for space in the Northeast Oklahoma Travel Information Center. Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain addressed the Council to report that upon visiting the site today he had learned that the facility is currently under remodeling and that the kiosk would be temporary relocated in an onsite mobile trailer. Crain added that he is seeing a great impact from this resource. Devitt made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Miami and the Grove CTB as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Olsson, Inc. for a site plan for the West taxi lane area out at the Grove Municipal Airport. 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 Trustee to the Grove Municipal Services Authority. Trumbull announced that the Staff advertised for this position and received only one letter of application from Andy Stewart, who is currently serving that position. Trumbull made the motion to re-appointment Stewart as Trustee to the GMSA Board for another term. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2020-2021 City General and Capital Funds. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**WARD REPORTS:**

McElhaney expressed his appreciation to the Physicians for coming to the meeting and sharing their expertise to the Covid-19 pandemic. McElhaney reported that it is good to hear the difference of opinion from them.

Henderson encouraged all to wear a mask and to wash their hands frequently.

Dyer expressed thanks to the Code Enforcement department for their updated handouts on each of the dilapidated / code compliance properties. It is most helpful.

At 8:30 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.