

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 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.

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

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2020 special meeting. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to review of Resolution #20-024 Declaring a State of Emergency and Implementing Mandatory Emergency Provisions as amended adopting the Governor's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan. No discussion from the Council was entertained. Dyer made the motion to extend the Resolution until the December 15, 2020 City Council meeting. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull then opened the floor for discussion with respect to Section 9 of Ordinance #795 as it pertains to Violations and Penalties. The Council was all in agreement with the current clarification of the Ordinance section as is written. No action was taken.

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

- Dilapidated Structure located at 301 E 5th Street – Property Owners, Steve Nelson addressed the Council to report that since the last meeting he has been attending to his wife's health condition by transporting her to her various doctor appointment(s). Therefore, this project has been on hold basically since the last meeting. Code Enforcement, Calvin Igney reported that he had assessed the site today to find that very little has changed since the last meeting. Igney noted that it appears some siding replacement has been done. Igney assured the Council that the project has eliminated the possible danger of small children getting underneath the house structure. Nelson noted that he has started replacing the siding, got the water connected, and reported that the electric company is back logged due to Covid-19 so he is unable to get electricity at this time. Nelson entertained questions, comments or concerns from the Council. Dyer made the motion to extend the current Administrative Order to the December 15, 2020 City Council meeting for a status of condition update. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: McElhaney. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Host Site Agreement with the National Pro Fishing League, LLC for a Fishing Tournament to be held at Wolf Creek Park on September 30, 2021 and October 1-2, 2021. Keefer reported that this agreement includes a \$15,000 host fee from the City that will have to be appropriated in the 2021-2022 budget, and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. Devitt made the motion to approve the Host Site Agreement as presented subject to appropriation in the 2021-2022 FY budget. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Financial Support Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Consulting Services Pertaining to Retail Recruitment. Keefer reported that the purpose of the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce is to assist financially with a public / private partnership to attract appropriate retail, residential, office and other ancillary mixed use development to the City of Grove. Keefer added that the Chamber has confirmed the funding commitments from the private sector for the upcoming year. Keefer noted that the proposed agreement is a twelve (12) month term with the Chamber beginning on 01-01-21 and therefore; the first six months of this agreement has been provided for in the current budget, and that the balance of the funding will be subject to appropriation in the 2021-2022 FY budget. Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain was present to entertain questions from the Council. Henderson reported that he is supportive of this agreement, but due to his membership with the Chamber of Commerce he will abstain his vote on this item. Devitt made the motion to approve the Financial Support Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Consulting Services pertaining to retail recruitment as presented. Seconded by McElhaney. AYE: McElhaney, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Henderson abstained. Motion carried.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Keefer announced that the placement of the cables and buoys for the swim park will be delayed a couple of days due to the weather.

Keefer reported that the Fire Department took delivery of the new Fire Safety House this week, and that it will be part of entry in the Christmas parade on December 12th.

Keefer reminded all of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony scheduled for Friday @ 5:30 PM.

WARD REPORTS:

McElhaney reported that upon visiting with the Delaware County Election Board earlier this week, it was confirmed to him that his City Council seat will expire in 2021, and that he will not be seeking re-election for an additional term.

At 6:45 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: McElhaney, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.