

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020  
10:00 AM  
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in special session on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Matt Henderson, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt. Member Josh McElhaney was absent. 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.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of an Ordinance implementing mask regulations for the City of Grove. Keefer addressed the floor to report that Councilman, Josh McElhaney was unable to attend the meeting, but prepared a two (2) page Public Statement and respectfully requested Keefer to read in its entirety on his behalf expressing his personal opinion to the proposed Ordinance. Keefer noted that the statement will be retained as part of records for the meeting. Trumbull updated the floor on the current statewide Covid-19 data resources from the Oklahoma State Department of Health / White House Coronavirus Task Force for Delaware County and City of Grove. Trumbull then introduced the proposed Ordinance by reading it in its entirety, and declared the floor open for discussion from the Council, Staff and attending audience. Henderson announced that he wasn't particularly in favor of the enforcement of the proposed Ordinance. Keefer announced that the proposed Ordinance was prepared by the City Attorney upon the general direction provided by the City Council during their Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dyer asked for clarification the Governors Orders as described in Section 6 – Capacity Limitations in Restaurants and Bars. Cook reported that it was prepared in accordance to Governor Stitt's order, and that the section is already in place. The Council discussed proposed Section 9.b – Violations and Penalties, and suggested that it be amended to read as follows:

*(b) Places of Public Accommodation. Places of Public Accommodation that willfully fail to post signage or comply with the requirements herein may be subject to a fine of \$50 or civil action as appropriate. The penalty for the first and second offenses may be \$9. Third and subsequent offenses may be \$100. Every day a violation is committed or permitted to continue may constitute a separate offense and may be punishable as such, and*

*In both paragraph A & B the word ~~shall~~ be changed to read may*

The Council then entertained Public Comments from the following individuals:

1. Marty Follis
2. Nicole Privitera
3. Dr. Kyle Schauf
4. Marc Newman
5. Christy Wallace
6. Pat Dodson
7. Christy Wright
8. Dr. Sam Ratermann
9. Kaylee Wallace
10. Don Nielsen
11. Robert Carter
12. Will Johnson

After entertaining comments and concerns from the audience and Staff, Trumbull then turned the floor back over to the Council for discussion. Trumbull reported that in regards to Section 7 – Signage, that an effective date be implemented for the business to comply. The Council agreed to December 1, 2020 as the effective date, and asked that the Staff produce a generic sign for the businesses to utilize, and for it be placed out on the City of Grove web page for coping convenient. Trumbull then asked the Council for consideration of setting an expiration date to the Ordinance. The Council agreed to February 2, 2021 as the expiration date. Devitt then made the motion to approve the draft Ordinance as presented and amended. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: Henderson. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause pertaining to the above-mentioned Ordinance. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: Henderson. Motion carried.

At 12:00 Noon Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.