**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Steven Thomas, Matt Henderson and Ivan Devitt, Member Marty Dyer was absent. Also present was Interim City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Darren Cook; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC HEARING**:

At 6:05 PM Devitt made the motion to open a Public Hearing to take public comments on the proposed annexation of several tracts of land located along the U.S. Highway 59 corridor between Sailboat Bridge and the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 and E 250 Road, (aka Tom Cat Corner) Grove, Oklahoma as identified by the reference map and legally described in Exhibit A. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce Director, Donnie Crain addressed the Council to express his support for this annexation. No other public comments were heard.

At 6:06 PM Devitt made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Ordinance annexing the above-described tract of land as described in Exhibit A. Bottoroff reported that should the Council approve the proposed Ordinance that they include Exhibit ‘A’ – Legal description of Annexation Properties and Exhibit ‘B’ – Service Plan as part of the motion. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance annexing the described properties to include Exhibit A and Exhibit B upon recommendation from Bottoroff. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an updated Resolution acknowledging a State of Emergency continues to exist in the City of Grove and Implementing Mandatory Emergency Provisions to follow the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines.

Henderson reported that he would like to see the mask mandate be revised to allow city employees to wear the mask at their own discretion if they have been vaccinated. Trumbull reported that according to the most recent Resolution it states that if the risk level is red or orange that the employees must wear a mask. Bottoroff reported that the employees have the option not to wear their mask while in their office and once they need to go out of their office or someone enters their office they must wear it. Thomas expressed his concerns with Section 2.b Public Facilities that are strictly outdoor facilities. Thomas respectfully suggested that they be stricken from the Resolution. Trumbull indicated no problem with that. Devitt made the motion to approve the updated Resolution as amended striking all outdoor facilities and to extend the Resolution until the August 17th City Council meeting. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Fishing Tournament Agreement with Bass World Sports Tournament Association for a Bass World Sports Fishing Tournament to be held at Wolf Creek Park on March 31 – April 1, 2022. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the revised ‘Notice of Posting’ to the 2021 City Council regular scheduled calendar meeting(s). Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to the approval of a Resolution approving the City of Grove’s participation in the Oklahoma Film Friendly Community Certification Program. Bottoroff reported that the Convention Tourism Bureau Board voted to designate Chamber Executive Director, Donnie Crain as the liaison to this project and directed him to work with the City Manager, staff and City Council to create & establish a film permit for the community. Crain was present to entertain questions from the Council. Devitt made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the City of Grove’s participation in the Oklahoma Film Friendly Community Certification Program as presented. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**INTERIM CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**:

Bottoroff reported that beginning on August 9th the City pool will be opened on weekends only with the last day of the season being September 6th (Labor Day).

Bottoroff mentioned that the Oklahoma Municipal League conference is scheduled for September 7-9, 2021 and for all wishing to attend please let the Staff for registration.

Bottoroff noted that the City will be seeking ‘Request for Qualification’ for an Engineer to come in and assess the proposed 40 acres along Harbor Road for a master hiking and bicycling trail.

Bottoroff then reported that Grove School Superintendent, Pat Dodson asked if the City could assist them with some street striping and signage placement. Bottoroff asked Douthit if he wouldn’t mine contacting Pat Dodson to see exactly what the project details. Douthit reported that he had visited with Dodson to learn that the project consisted of stripping one service road and installing a few small signs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

1. At 6:40 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of conferring on matters pertaining to Economic Development, including the transfer of property, financing, or creation of a proposal to entice a business to locate within the jurisdiction if public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.C.11. (Economic Development Proposal) to include participation from Donnie Crain and Debbie Bottoroff; and
2. To discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.1; City Manager to include participation from SGR Recruitment Consultant, Larry Gilley and Debbie Bottoroff. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 8:40 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to agenda item E.1 above. Trumbull made the motion to authorize Cook to proceed with the project as discussed. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull announced that in regards to any action pertaining to agenda item E.2 above. No action taken.

At 8:43 Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.