

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021  
6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Matt Henderson, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt. Member Steven Thomas was absent. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Darren Cook; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sabrina Young addressed the City Council to report that she is a registered nurse and wanted to express her personal concerns with the past Council actions on mandating facial covering. Young presented studies from Brown University, along with Stanford – Oxford indicating the dangers of mask wearing and the effects it has on young children. Young detailed on the improper wearing and contamination of cloth facial coverings. Young also expressed her concerns with the legality of the City Council mandating the facial covering due to the definition of a mask being a Class II medical device that can only be prescribed by a physician. Young's presentations lasted for approximately 13 minutes.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an updated Resolution #21-028 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. No proposed changes were introduced. Dyer made the motion to extend the Resolution to the January 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Bottoroff presented the Council with an updated list of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Codes from Building Inspector, Calvin Igney that went into effect as of September 14, 2021. Bottoroff noted that as per the City Code of Ordinances this list of buildings codes will update automatically as needed.

**WARD REPORTS:**

Trumbull and Henderson wished all a Merry Christmas.

Devitt recognized Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and Utility Superintendent, Jeremy Brown for their specialized work they did around the Sports and Recreation ballfield(s) area addressing the drainage concerns.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:21 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to recess into an Executive Session:

1. for the purpose of conferring on matter pertaining to confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.4. (Confidential Communication) to include participation from Debbie Bottoroff, Deric Douthit and Lisa Allred; and
2. 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 Debbie Bottoroff and Donnie Crain.

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

At 6:50 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull announced that in regards to discussion with respect to agenda item E.1 above. No action taken.

Trumbull then opened the floor for discussion with respect to agenda item E.2 above. Devitt made the motion to approve the tax rebate as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 6:55 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Henderson, Dyer, Devitt and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.