

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Vice-Mayor Ivan Devitt presiding. Members present were Steven Thomas, Matt Henderson and Marty Dyer. Mayor, Ed Trumbull was absent. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. Attorney, Darren Cook and Public Works Director, Deric Douthit was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Grove American Legion Post 178 Commander / Department of Oklahoma District 1A Commander Lee Cathey addressed the Council to proudly announce that the American Legion is currently at 100% in membership including the Sons of the Auxiliary. Cathey announced a program that they recently implemented that offered shelter to 1-3 visitors during the increment weather that provided them a not meal and hot coffee.

Cathey then reported that the American Legion will once again be hosting an attendance event from the National District Commander and thought it would be welcoming visit to have the following flags be on displayed along the north and south side of Sailboat Bridge:

- American Flag
- Oklahoma State Flag
- POW Flag
- American Legion Flag, and the
- Flags of the Six (6) Military Branches

Cathey respectfully requested assistance from the City of Grove of installing the necessary pulleys for each of the described flags. Cathey noted the American Legion will supply all of the necessary flags for the first initial raising if the city would consider replacing the flags as needed. Cathey added that they would like to shut down Sailboat Bridge momentarily in order to allow the National District Commandeer to raise each of the individual flags as described. Cathey reported that he would be glad to organize this event with all of the necessary City of Grove Police, Fire and Emergency Management Staff upon approval which would also involve a possible fly over. Cathey entertained questions from the Council and Staff. The Council indicated no problem with the event coordination.

Sabrina Young addressed the City Council to report that she is a registered nurse and wanted to express her personal concerns with the constitutional issues in regards to the past Council actions on mandating facial covering. Young indicated that:

1. the Ordinance singled out restaurant and bars only and no other businesses
2. forced restrictions on the public, and reported
3. precautions of another face covering manage
 - a. the public people retain a lawyer against the City of Grove actions
 - b. Council representative will be shunned from the community
 - c. Demographics will appear very nasty and encouraged the Council not to take the same action again

Young strongly stressed to the City Council that they should be worried about lawsuits upon decision of another face covering mandate. Young's presentations lasted for approximately 10 minutes.

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt 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. Henderson made the motion to extend the Resolution to the January 18^h City Council meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to the proposed list of streets for the 2022 Street Repair Program. Project Engineer, Jim Hemphill addressed the Council to report that the City Staff presented him with a list of proposed streets for this project, and upon further review Staff requested that an amendment to the project be consider to include the final phase of Baycrest from S 595 Road to Quail Run Road to the top of the list. Hemphill noted that would cause the project listing to be adjusted accordingly. Hemphill noted that some of the streets will be removed from the project listing in their entirety and relocated on the 2022-2023 project list. Hemphill then entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Henderson made the motion to approve the list of streets as indicated for the 2022 Street Repair Program. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to an agreement with Poe & Associates Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the 2022 Payment Rehabilitation Plan. Project Engineer, Jim Hemphill indicated no changes is the agreement from last year. Dyer made the motion to approve the agreement with Poe & Associates Inc. as presented for the 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Plan. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to the bids received for a Single Supplier on Asphaltic Materials for the second half of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Bottoroff reported that the staff advertised for this material and received bids from:

- Longan Construction Company
- APAC – Central

Bottoroff reported that upon fully review of both bids, it is Staff's recommendation to award the bid to Longan Construction Company as the primary supplier, and APAC Inc. of Vinita as the secondary supplier. Dyer made the motion to approve the recommendation from Staff on the single supplier of asphaltic materials for the second half of the fiscal year. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt then opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointing Darren Cook as the Representative to the Grand Gateway Economic Development Association Board of Directors. Bottoroff reported that she has visited with Cook in regards to this appointment and he indicated that he would be glad to accept the appointment. Dyer made the motion to appoint Darren Cook to represent the City of Grove on the Board of Directors for the Grand Gateway Economic Development Association for the one year term. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that the following bids are out for advertisement for presentation before the City Council at the March 1st meeting:

- Mowing
- Demolition
- Haying
- Brush Hogging
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Trash Service

Bottoroff reported that it once again time to renew the Sports and Recreational Complex 'Field Use Agreements', and that the Staff has a meeting scheduled January 10th with Grove School Superintendent, Pat Dodson and the Baseball Coach for the exclusive use of Beauchamp Field.

Bottoroff presented the Council with an updated City of Grove Employees Covid-19 guidelines as per the CDC that went into effect December 27, 2021.

Bottoroff also presented the Council with an updated report from Airport Manager, Lisa Jewett in regards to the ACIP Projects for the Grove Regional Airport.

Devitt announced that the City Council will not have the necessity to recess into Executive Session as stated on the agenda.

At 6:35 PM Dyer made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.