

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Steven Thomas, Matt Henderson, Marty Dyer, and Ivan Devitt. 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:

Trumbull opened the floor for presentation by Brett Glass, owners of Grand Lake Careers, their presentation will include ways to drive tax revenue, economic development, and grant funding opportunities. Brett Glass – Grand Lake Careers addressed the Council with a detail presentation that included ways that the City of Grove could increase tax revenue, economic development, and grant funding. Glass discussed with the Council various ways the city could start building a foundation of economic opportunities which includes:

- ✓ Tax Revenue
- ✓ Housing / Business / Tourism
- ✓ Property Development/ Attractions, Hotel / Marketing
- ✓ Labor Market / Infrastructure

Glass then introduced to the Council a \$67 million grant funding opportunity program that involved grants and low interest funds availability for:

- ✓ Roads
- ✓ Utilities Rural Land Acquisition
- ✓ Schools
- ✓ Community Parks
- ✓ Bridges
- ✓ Sidewalks
- ✓ Trails
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Land Development
- ✓ Infrastructure Planning / Constructions

Glass added that he has a Secure Grant Writing team that has the resources to find grant monies, read and understands the grant requirements and the capabilities to include detailed timelines for each grant, project management and audit process for grant application accuracy. Glass entertained questions and comments from the Council, Staff, and participating audience members. The Council then entertained public participation from the following:

- Chuck Perry
- Andy Stewart
- Herb Swenden
- Tom Kimball
- Brian Hayes, and
- David Adzigian

The presentation last for approximately 45 minutes.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 regular meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the Grove Airport Manager to waive the Fire Suppression requirement for newly constructed hangars. Grove Airport Manager, Lisa Jewett addressed the Council to respectfully request that the City Council consider a waiver of the Fire Suppression code requirements for two (2) newly constructed hangars out at the airport site. Jewett added that according to the International Fire Codes the City Council has the authority to waive any requirement upon request. Jewett noted that the fire suppression project would cost the hangars owners an additional \$150,000 in construction cost. Jewett mentioned that should the Council elect not to waive the requirement, there is strong possibility that the owners of the hangars would pull the project from construction. Fire Chief, Mike Reed addressed the Council to report that he has visited with the State Fire Marshal intensively about this project, and it was his

recommendation that any structure under 8,000 square feet should have fire suppression. Grove Fire Department's Fire Marshal, T.J. Stephens addressed the Council to report that he has visited with several consultants at the State Fire Marshal's office, and they all concluded that should the City Council approve the waiver of the fire suppression that could cause a hardship for the future growth of the city. Stephens added that by waiving the requirement could result in the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal taking over the fire inspections for the city which would mean they would require the suppression equipment at the airport and could take over all fire inspections in the city. Stephens noted that the backload of the inspections by the State Fire Marshal could mean a delay of up to four to five months for any type of inspection. Reed reported that it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the fire suppression be enforced as per the International Fire Codes. Attorney, Cook reported that the City Council does not have the authority to waive the code requirements as set forth by the State Fire Marshal. Jewett reported that she would like for the Council to invite a representative from the State Fire Marshal's office to the next City Council meeting for his professional opinion. The Council entertained questions, comments, and concerns from the Staff, and participating audience. The Council took no action.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Ordinance amending Part 10, Chapter 4, Section 10-419 Possession, or use of Tobacco Products by Minors of the City of Grove Code of Ordinances. Cook reported that effective as of November 1, 2022 the Oklahoma State Statutes prohibits cities from enacting ordinances prohibiting the use of tobacco by minors. Therefore, the City of Grove no longer has jurisdiction to prohibit minors from using or possessing any type of tobacco products which includes vapes. Thomas made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented and discussed. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Thomas made the motion to approve the Emergency Clause to the above-mentioned Ordinance. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2022-2023 FY - City Capital Fund budget as presented and discussed by Allred. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Tournament Host Agreement with The American Fishing Tournaments, LLC to sponsor the American Bass Trail (ABT) Fishing Tournament June 24 and June 25, 2023. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Tournament Host Agreement with The American Fishing Tournaments, LLC to sponsor the American Crappie Trail (ACT) Fishing Tournament September 15 and September 16, 2023 contingent upon approval of the 2023-2024 FY budget. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to authorize the processing of a one-time salary adjustment for full-time employees that are not eligible for longevity pay. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull reported that the Staff advertised for letters of application from anyone wishing to serve as trustee(s) to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and that the following application were received:

Peggy Steed (requesting re-appointment for an additional term) – Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Steed for an additional three (3) year term. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Steve Ward (requesting re-appointment for an additional term) – Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Steed for an additional three (3) year term. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Tom Locke – requesting appointment to fulfill unexpired term, expiring 10-31-2023
Ileta Bray - requesting appointment to fulfill unexpired term, expiring 10-31-2023

Trumbull made the motion to appointment Ileta Bray to the Commission to fulfill the un-expired term 10-31-2023. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull then announced that the Staff advertised for letters of application from anyone wishing to serve as trustee(s) to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, and that the following applications were received:

Chuck Perry – Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Perry for an additional three (3) year term. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Steve Ward – Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ward for an additional three (3) year term. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull at last announced that the Staff advertised for letters of application for anyone wishing to serve as trustee to the Convention and Tourism Bureau, and that the following two (2) letters of application were received:

Hitesh Patel – Hotel Industry

Mark Londagin – Professional Development Business

Trumbull made the to appoint Mark Londagin as the At-Large, three (3) year term position. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to Notice of Posting of the City Council regular scheduled meetings for the 2023 Calendar Year. Thomas made the motion to approve the Notice of Posting as presented. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Bottoroff reported that the Staff has been working with Dewberry Architects on the said location of the Public Safety Facility which would cost the City approximately \$12 million, with a bond capacity of \$8 million. Bottoroff noted that Dewberry is researching the availability of federal funds that could be utilized to assist the city with the excess cost. Bottoroff reported that she will reach out to Nicole Glass at Grand Lake Careers for her assistance in acquiring federal funds.

Cook reported that he attended a Gas Safety Seminar with Deric Douthit and Jeremy Brown today, and that after seeing what these boys must go through daily, he is proud of them for how they handle their job situation.

WARD REPORT:

The Council expressed their appreciation to Brett Glass for his public presentation, and to all the audience participation.

Henderson expressed his appreciation to the Emergency Management and Grove Police Department for their constant surveillance and support for the Halloween event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 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 Bottoroff and Douthit. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:50 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull announced that regarding discussion with respect to agenda item E.1 above-mentioned. No action needed.

At 7:50 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Henderson. AYE: Thomas, Henderson, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.