

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
4:30 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 4:30 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Council members present were Andy Stewart, Marty Dyer, and Ivan Devitt. Council member, Steven Thomas was absent. Also present were Attorney, Darren Cook; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Trumbull presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Mayor Trumbull then presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as Fair Housing month.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution amending the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Allred reported that the budget amendments reflect the City General and Capital funds for the following project(s):

- ✓ New Trees on the front lawn
- ✓ Funds to cover the cost of the Building Inspector service contract, and
- ✓ Cost to cover the light tower that was ordered in the 2021-2022 FY budget.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Resolution amending the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget as presented and discussed by Allred. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to authorize staff to advertise for ‘Sealed Bids’ to purchase a new dump truck and snowplow for the Street Department. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution promoting and supporting Fair Housing in Grove. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution authorizing the Grove Municipal Airport Managing Authority (GMAMA) on behalf of the city to begin the land acquisition process to purchase property located in the Grove Regional Airport’s Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). Airport Manager, Lisa Jewett addressed the Council to report that the property owned by Kenneth

Hutchison dba All Days Vintage Market located at 63977 E 290 Road has been identified as property within the Grove Regional Airport's Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), and in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission (OAC) does not comply with the land-use, therefore OAC has denied Hutchison's application for a construction permit. Grayson Ardies, the OAC Director, has strongly recommended that the airport start the process of acquiring the described property. Hutchison addressed the Council to strongly express his dissatisfaction with this matter mainly due to the fact:

- ✓ that he has quit his job and invested his whole savings into this project, and
- ✓ that property contract was thoroughly researched by a very reputable Attorney and that no irregularities were found, and
- ✓ that this restriction was never discovered during the title / closing process, and
- ✓ now two (2) separate metal buildings have been ordered and in process of delivery to the building site, and questioned who will be responsible for relocating that building material from that site.

Jewett assured the Council that this process matter was discovered and ordered solely upon the recommendation of Grayson Ardies of the OAC. Jewett and Hutchison entertained questions and concerns from the Council. Dyer suggested that Jewett contact Ardies to see if he would be available to attend the next City Council meeting session to entertain the questions and concerns from the Council, Staff, and property owner Hutchison. Jewett reported that she would reach out to Ardies to strongly express the Council's concerns for his attendance at the next meeting. No action taken.

STAFF REPORT:

Cook reported that the Staff has scheduled a meeting with the representatives of the Department of Wildlife for April 25th to present the plans, renditions, and ideas to them for federal and state funding to assist with the cost to construct the event center.

Cook reported that Brent Malone has been hired by the City of Grove to assume the duties as the Convention Tourism Director effective as of April 1st.

Cook added that the Staff has been in contact with Honey Ranch Solar, LLC representatives regarding the impact their project could on GMSA utilities and city streets. Upon review of the information provided by Honey Ranch Solar LLC it has been determined that their project will not affect our utilities and that letter of such will be provided to them.

Cook noted that the sugar maple trees along the City Hall front lawn have all been planted, and that the other improvements are coming together just in time for Spring. Cook added that the shade structure over the concrete slab will be a nice addition for the various vendors.

Douthit reported that regarding former Councilman Matt Henderson concerns with the Bayshore Avenue (from Quail Run to Lookout Lane) that appears to have been poorly constructed during the Pavement Rehabilitation project. Douthit noted the upgrading site was readdressed before the project Engineer, and that no assistance was offered. Therefore, the crew from Emery Sapp & Sons stepped in and agreed to go back out to the project site to repair / replace any blemishes that might have occurred from their crew. Douthit mentioned that since the project in question was constructed in accordance with the engineers' plans, that there is nothing the contractor can do concerning totally reconstructing that section of street as is.

WARD REPORT:

Trumbull and Dyer complimented the crews for the front lawn appearance with the new tress and various improvements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trumbull announced that with respect to 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). No action taken.

At 5:14 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.