

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023
4:30 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 4:30 PM with Vice-Mayor, Ivan Devitt presiding. Council members present were Steven Thomas, Andy Stewart, and Marty Dyer. Mayor, Ed Trumbull was absent. Also present were City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Darren Cook; Human Resource Officer / Purchasing Agent, Kristi Ford; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. City Treasurer, Lisa Allred was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devitt opened the floor to the Grand Lake Family YMCA for presentation regarding their upcoming expansion and desired partnership with the City of Grove to assist with the parking area. Benjamin Coffey, CEO Tri-State YMCA addressed the Council to reported that the YMCA was originated and founded by a group of Community Leaders in the early 2002, and with assistance from the Grove Rotary of a \$35,000 grant fund donation made it possible to purchase the building. Coffey reported that the organization has outgrown its memberships of 2851 therefore introduced in detail their plans for expanding the programs and current facility in Grove by adding an indoor basketball / pickleball court along with a secured outdoor space for kids to include a staffed child watch. Coffey respectfully requested that the city consider assisting the YMCA by expanding 7th Street along the east side of the current facility adjacent to the soccer fields for additional parking spaces. Coffey noted that the proposed parking lot would impede with the current walking track but reported that the YMCA would be glad to entertain options on attaining that tract into the development for public functions. The Council also entertained questions and comments from YMCA Board Member(s) Jay Alexander, and Russell Mosberg. The Council was in favor of moving forward with the project proposal.

Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution amending the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year City General Fund. Bottoroff reported that this budget amendment is to add the revenue and expense for the grant funds received from AARP for additional pedestrian signals. Dyer made the motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cherokee Nation regarding Public Safety Services. Morris reported that if this grant is awarded the Police Department will utilize the funds towards the purchase of a new vehicle. Dyer made the motion to approve the MOU with the Cherokee Nation as presented. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt then opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Resolution authorizing the Emergency Management Director on behalf of the City of Grove to submit all documentation requesting public assistance from Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) for costs incurred from the straight-line wind event in June 2023. EMS Director, Frank Close addressed the Council to report that the Resolution will allow the Staff to apply for public assistance from FEMA as described in the disaster declaration the State received on 07-19-23. Close reported that the total amount incurred has not been determined at this time because the project is still ongoing. Close entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Dyer made the motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the EMS Director to submit all document related to public assistance from FEMA as described. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to an agreement with CEI Solutions for Land and Life to create a city-wide multi-purpose Master Trail Plan and a multi-purpose Master Park Plan for the 46 acres of undeveloped property recently purchased by the City and located along Har-Ber Road. Cook reported that he has reviewed the contract in its entirety for the design of a mater trails and park plan for the property the city recently acquired near Broadway and Har-Ber Road, and it is his recommendation for Council approval. Dyer made the motion to approve the agreement with CEI Solution for Land & Life as presented and discussed. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Bottoroff reported that effective as of the August 15th regular scheduled meeting, all meetings will be moved over to Room 7 to accommodate Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Staff to start utilizing room(s) 3-5 for their purpose as previously discussed. Bottoroff indicated that the Buildings and Ground crew will start tearing down Room 5 for relocation out to the NEO facility.

Bottoroff added that the Staff is proposing scheduling a Public Meeting for August 24th @ 5:30 PM and September 7th @ 7:00 PM to allow the public to tour the current Fire Department & Police Department facilities. Bottoroff noted that would cause an opportunity for a City Council quorum, therefore the Staff would post the meeting notice accordingly.

At 5:10 PM Dyer made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.