

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023  
4:30 PM  
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 4:30 PM with Mayor, Ed Trumbull presiding. Council members present were Steven Thomas, Andy Stewart, and Ivan Devitt. Member Marty Dyer was absent. Also present were City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Darren Cook; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

At 4:40 PM Devitt made the motion to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments to determine whether a structure located at 5525 US Highway 59 should be designated as a dilapidated structure and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and the City of Grove. Seconded by Thomas. Code Enforcement Officer, Calvin Igney reported that this structure has been placed on the dilapidated list due hazardous conditions to the structure and roof. Property owner, Darla Mann addressed the Council to reported on the intentions of the family to repair the structure in the following manner:

- ✓ Repair / Replace the deteriorating siding
- ✓ Repair / Replace the south door entrance in a secure manner

Mann indicated the family has entertained an offer from an individual to purchase the property, but the proposed buyer has some legal issues that they have to finalize prior to signing a contract. Mann added that upon visiting with the proposed contractor, he is anticipating starting the project in September. Mann entertained questions and comments from the Council and Staff.

At 4:45 PM Thomas made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order for 5525 US Highway 59. Igney requested that the property owner(s) pull a permit within 14 days and begin the necessary repairs in a manner compliant with code within 60 days of the Administrative Order. Thomas made the motion to issue an Administrative Order as stated from Igney to incumber the construction project(s) as described above by owner. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 4:46 PM Devitt made the motion to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments to determine whether a structure located at 301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street should be designated as a dilapidated structure and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and the City of Grove. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer, Calvin Igney reported that this structure has been placed on the dilapidated list due to severe deteriorating conditions, and it is Staff recommendation that the structure be demolished. No property owner was present.

At 4:48 PM Devitt made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order for 301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Devitt made the motion to approve an Administrative Order stating that the property owner shall demolish the structure within sixty (60) days of the Administrative Order. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 4:50 PM Devitt made the motion to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments to determine whether a structure located at 213 Gault Road should be designated as a dilapidated structure and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and the City of Grove. Code Enforcement Officer, Calvin Igney reported that the property owner has started some repair on the

structure. Igney added that the yard debris needs to be attended to by the property owners and that they need to pull necessary permits for the construction repairs to both structures (the main house & outbuilding). Property owner(s) Bill and Brad Anderson addressed the Council to report that their intentions are to improve the property at minimal cost, and to place it on the market. Anderson entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff.

At 4:53 PM Devitt made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order for 213 Gault Road. Thomas made the motion to approve an Administrative Order for the property owners to remove the debris from the property within fourteen (14) days of the Administrative Order and repair the house and outbuilding in a manner that will meet city code or demolish the structures within sixty (60) days of the Administrative Order. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the revised Notice of Posting indicating that the City Council will be relocating their meeting to Room 7 for possible the remaining of the calendar year. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **STAFF REPORT:**

Bottoroff reported that a Special Facebook page will be created to provide questions and facts about the upcoming special election. The page will be utilized for information only.

Bottoroff reported that starting on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> NEO will be moving into Room 3,4 & 5.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:05 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to recess into an Executive Session 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 of 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, Lisa Allred and Police Chief, Mark Morris. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 5:25 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull announced that in regard to the above-mentioned agenda item E.1. No action taken.

At 5:26 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, and Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion carried.