

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023
4:30 PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM with Vice-Mayor, Ivan Devitt presiding. Council members present were Andy Stewart, and Marty Dyer. Mayor, Ed Trumbull, and Member Steven Thomas 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Emergency Management Director, Frank Close addressed the Council to report on the status of the Emergency Declarations from the State and Federal government pertaining to the clean-up process from the recent storms. Close reported that the State Representatives has reached the \$7 million declaration amount and reported that additional information will be released next week on the possibility of reimbursement from FEMA. Close noted that the city crews immediately got out and started clearing the downed debris from the city streets and infrastructures and have been working diligently ever since on getting the debris removed from the rights-of-way. Close reported that the city opened up a site for residential dumping at the Public Work Facility, and as to date approximately 10,667 cubic yards of debris has been collected with the anticipation of additional dumping forthcoming. Close expressed his personal thanks to the city crews for their quick response in clearing the debris from the streets especially in with the heat advisory conditions.

Stewart made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 regular meeting. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Ordinance amending the Grove Municipal Service Authority water, sewer, and natural gas tap fees. Bottoroff reported that GMSA met earlier this afternoon and approved the increase upon recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. Dyer made the motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to the following agreements. Bottoroff reported that these are all yearly budgeted contracts, and that each contract represent no changes as from the previous year of approval:

- Funding Agreement with Community Crisis Center, Inc. in the amount of \$8,000 to provide a Walk-In Advocacy Center for victims of domestic violence – Dyer made the motion to approve the funding agreement as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

- Funding Agreement with DOCS Senior Services to provide nutritional meals on-site at the Grove Senior Center, provide home delivered meals, and other activities – Dyer made the motion to approve the funding agreement as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Lease Agreement with DOCS for the use of the Grove Senior Citizens Center as a meal preparation and serving site – Dyer made the motion to approve the lease agreement as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Service Agreement with Grand Gateway Economic Development Association for the Pelivan Transit Program – Dyer made the motion to approve the service agreement as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Recycling Center Agreement with The Home of Hope for the operations of the City of Grove's Recycling Center located at 145 E. O'Daniel – Stewart made the motion to approve the Recycling Center agreement as presented. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Sponsorship Agreement for the Twisted Cat Outdoors Fishing Tournament event scheduled to be held at Wolf Creek Park, Grand Lake on February 3, 2024. Convention Tourism Director, Brent Malone addressed the Council to report that this organization is out of Kentucky, and that this is their first event in Grove. Malone added that this tournament is anticipating approximately 75-100 boats. Stewart made the motion to approve the Sponsorship Agreement as presented. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt then opened the floor for discussion with respect to a Host Site Agreement with the TBF – Oklahoma Bass Federation tentatively scheduled to be held at Wolf Creek, Grand Lake September 23 & 24, 2023. Malone addressed the Council to report that this event will actually be held at Elk River Landing, and that the city will be hosting the event with the anticipation that the organization consider their National Championship series to Wolf Creek next year. Bottoroff added that the City of Grove will pay a \$1,500 host fee and provide the use of the Community Center for registration at no cost. Dyer made the motion to approve the Host Site agreement as presented. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Bottoroff reminded the Council of the July 10th Special City Council meeting. Bottoroff noted that Bond Counsel, Alan Brooks, and Jon Wolf, Municipal Service Finance will be addressing the Council with a presentation on the possible funding of the Public Safety Facility for each the Fire & Police department(s).

Bottoroff reported that she and Darren Cook attended a YMCA meeting this afternoon to learn that their fundraising is going better than anticipated and that they are requested that the city go in conjunction with them to expand their parking lot out to the west. Bottoroff reported that she will provide additional information to the Council once it becomes available.

Bottoroff added that the Staff had just learned that the State passed a law implementing a new Billboard Relocation Program. This would allow billboards to be relocated when their property is

being acquired by the State through eminent domain by acquiring a Relocation Permit. As a result of this law being passed, the City cannot prohibit billboards in our city limits once a Relocation Permit is issued by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Bottoroff wanted the Council to be aware of this legislature should billboards start arising in the city limit.

Douthit expressed his thanks to the crews for getting out on Father's Day weekend and in the extreme heat conditions to clear the city streets and infrastructures from the storm debris. Douthit reported that his crew is still working on getting the debris removed from the right-of-way. They started picking up along the East side of town around June 27th and has just crossed over Broadway today.

WARD REPORTS:

Dyer expressed his appreciation to Malone for his hard work in organizing the fishing tournaments to Grove.

Devitt also expressed his appreciation to Malone for his hard work organizing the fishing tournaments and other events. Malone reported that the drag boat races will be in Grove this weekend and that they will be displaying their boats around the city in various area. Malone added that a few of the boats will be displayed along the Community Center front lawn in conjunction with the Food Truck Friday event.

Bottoroff reported that the 4th of July entertainment & firework event was a huge success again this year. Bottoroff mentioned that Malone launched tee-shirts out into the crowd, and that was a lot of fun. Stewart mentioned that the City of Grove firework display appeared to be in conflict with other community events so Stewart suggested that the city organize their event with surrounding communities next year to prevent overlapping.

At 5:11 PM Stewart made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Stewart, Dyer, and Devitt. NAY: None. Motion carried.