

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2024
4:30PM
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, with Mayor Ed Trumbull presiding. Other members present were Steven Thomas, Marty Dyer, and Ivan Devitt. Member Andy Stewart was absent. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Darren Cook; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred, and Municipal Clerk, Karyn Pesich.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 4:32 Devitt made the motion Hold a Public Hearing to take public comments regarding a Re-Zoning Application submitted by Kaylee Wallace to re-zone the property legally described below from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-4 Limited Commercial District:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots Ten A (10A), Eleven A (11A), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), and Sixteen (16), Block One, COMMERCIAL ANNEX to the Town of Grove, Delaware County, State of Oklahoma, according to the record plat thereof, Parcel ID 210039058; aka 7 lots at 122 N. Mill Street, Grove, OK.

Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Kaylee Wallace – Owner of Creations Childcare respectfully addressed the council regarding the zoning application she has submitted to build a new childcare center if the zoning ordinance is approved.

Margaret VanDyke – 123 N Mill Street, Grove, OK – respectfully addressed the Council to express her concerns regarding the rezoning of the property located at 122 N. Mill Street, Grove, OK 74344.

Kaylee and Jacob Wallace entertained questions and comments from the Council.

At 4:49 Devitt made the motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion and/or Action with respect to Approval of an Ordinance rezoning the property described in B.1 above as Recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and to Amend the current zoning map accordingly. Dyer made the motion to approve the Ordinance as discussed. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes from the December 3, 2024, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to the Approval of the Purchase Order Register. Allred reported corrections on the purchase order register. Devitt made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Register with corrections as discussed. Seconded by Thomas. Aye Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to the Bids Received for Asphaltic Materials for the Second Half of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Staff reported that bids were advertised in the Grove Sun on November 8 and 15, 2024 with a deadline of 10Am on December 9, 2024. One bid was received from Long Construction Company. Devitt made the motion to award the bid for Asphaltic Materials for the Second Half of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025, to Longan Construction Company. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to the Approval of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 854 regarding the Selling or Furnishing Tobacco, Nicotine or Vapor Products to persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age. Staff reported that shortly after the Council approved Ordinance No. 854, staff received notification the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) tightened up their criteria for grant opportunities to be more stringent than the State Statutes regarding tobacco, nicotine and vapor products. The amendments in the proposed Ordinance are minimal but necessary to meet the criteria to apply for TSET grants. Devitt made the motion to approve the Ordinance as discussed. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to an Automatic Aid Agreement Between the City of Grove and the following Fire Departments:

- a. Hickory Grove Fire Department
- b. Cowskin Fire Department
- c. Zena Fire Department
- d. Butler Fire Department

Devitt made the motion to approve an Automatic Aid Agreement Between the City of Grove and the Fire Departments listed above. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to a Memorandum of Understanding obligating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Bottoroff reported that the U.S. Department of Treasury require all municipalities to have their ARPA funds obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in the City of Grove being required to return the funds to the U.S. department of Treasury. Devitt made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Grove City council and the Grove Public Works Department obligating \$104,420 of ARPA funds to widen the Shundi Road bridge. Seconded Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to Approve Resolution Calling for a Nonpartisan General Election, if needed, for the Purpose of Electing Officers for the City of Grove. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Bottoroff reported the Shoppes of Grove has had 109.2K visitors within the past ninety days, and that number only includes Bealls, Ross, and Marshalls, not Starbucks.

WARD REPORTS:

Trumbull and Dyer praised city staff and chamber for their hard work on the Christmas lights and Christmas celebrations in Grove.

At 5:08 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.