

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025
MINUTES**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 4:30 PM with Mayor Ed Trumbull presiding. Other members present were Steven Thomas, Andy Stewart, Marty Dyer, and Ivan Devitt. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Darren Cook; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Convention and Tourism Director, Brent Malone; and Municipal Clerk, Laura Davila.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robb Chubb – 1638 US HWY 59 N – Mr. Chubb respectfully addressed the Council expressing his concerns regarding the Police Department hours of operation. Chubb expressed the need for the police department to be open 24 hours for the safety of the community. Chubb added that he had reached out to 19 other cities within a 100-mile radius of Grove to ask the hours of operation. He expressed to the Council the need for the Police Department to be open for 24 hours for the safety of the Grove residents and tourists.

Kailey Sills – 25601 S 623 RD – Sills respectfully addressed the Council expressing her concerns for the safety of the residents of Grove regarding the Police Department not being open for business 24 hours. She explained different scenarios that could arise within the community and the need for the Police Department to be open 24 hours.

Trumbull presented each of the following City employees with a plaque and Certificate of Appreciation thanking them for their years of service:

Sherrie Spychalski – GMSA Utility Clerk -20 Years of Service

Debbie Bottoroff – City Manager – 20 Years of Service

Michael O’Herin – Deputy Police Chief – 20 Years of Service

Scott Graham – Police Department Sergeant – 20 Years of Service

Jamie Highley – Police Department Detective – 20 Years of Service

Tracy Bloss – Police Department Patrolman – 20 Years of Service

Jill Ferenc, Project Manager, Associate Planner of TSW Planning, Architecture and Landscaping Firm was present by phone to present the Safe Routes to School Plan. Ferenc discussed this plan is intended to outline a clear vision with achievable action items to make walking and biking to school a safe and easy experience. Ferenc entertained questions and comments from the council and staff. The presentation lasted approximately 20 minutes.

Stewart made the motion Approve of a Resolution adopting the Safe Routes to School Plan as presented. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Minutes from the December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Register. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to Considering Approval of an Ordinance authorizing Annexation of property located at 64100 E 288 Road, Grove, OK into the corporate limits as requested by Garry Bates, property owner, as submitted on a Petition for Voluntary Annexation. Bottoroff reported that Garry Bates filed a Petition for Voluntary Annexation into the City of Grove on December 2, 2024. Dale Schultz – 28871 S 642 Rd – was present and addressed the Council stating that he does not care what Gary does with his property, but he wanted to be sure this would not have an impact on his property. It was addressed that the annexation petition was only for the property located at 64100 E 288 Road, Grove, OK. Gary Bates and Tyler Batten were present to answer questions from the Council. Dyer made the motion to deny the Annexation of the property located at 64100 E 288 Road, Grove, OK. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion with Respect to declaring four (4) Zetron Radio Consoles as Surplus Property and transferring ownership to the Delaware County 911 Trust Authority in exchange for the assumption of annual maintenance fees. Cook reported that The City of Grove has 4 Zetron radio consoles, two located at the Police Station and 2 located at the Emergency Management building. With the recent transition of dispatching through Delaware county Central Dispatch, Grove no longer has a use for the radio consoles. The transfer will allow the Authority to provide insurance coverage on the radio consoles and cover the maintenance costs moving forward. Devitt made the motion to declare 4 Zetron Radio Consoles as Surplus Property and transferring ownership to the Delaware County 911 Authority in exchange for the assumption of annual maintenance fees. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried

Devitt made the motion to approve the Resolution Appointing Amanda Davis as the City of Grove Representative on the Grand Gateway Economic Development Authority (GEEDA) Board of Directors. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that for the month of December 47,000 people visited the Shoppes of Grove.

WARD REPORTS:

Thomas reported that the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary will be in Grove on Saturday at the American Legion.

Stewart and Dyer thanked the officers from the Police Department for coming to the meeting and listening to the concerns from the public regarding the police department hours of operation.

At 5:33 Devitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Dyer, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried