**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Don Nielsen, and Ivan Devitt. Member, Marty Dyer was absent. Also present was City Manager, Bill Keefer; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. Attorney, Brandon Watkins was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Ms. Judith Read addressed the Council to report that she came to City Hall last Friday to pick up her meeting packet when she learned that the tornado sirens were sounded Thursday evening. Read reported that she visited with Stephanie Huggins who lives at Mantle Hills Estates and she indicated that she didn’t hear the sirens either. Read questioned if the sirens are working in her area. Morris noted that the siren that services her area is the one located at State Park Road and it is currently inoperable. Read added that she has signed up for CodeRed alerts for their cell phone.

Follis presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation proclaiming April 7, 2015 to be “Jana Jae” Day.

Nielsen made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen and Follis. NAY: None. Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to request from the Grove Sun for a waiver of permit fee(s) for the 2015 Annual City Wide Garage Sale event scheduled for Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. Grove Sun representative, Kaylea Hutson addressed the Council to report that the Grove Sun has agreed to host this event again this year upon numerous request from the public. Therefore, Hutson respectfully requested that the Council consider waiving the permit fees for all the participants as they done last year. Devitt made the motion to approve the fee waiver request from the Grove Sun for the 2015 Annual City Wide Garage Sale event scheduled for Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the bids received for the New Outdoor Warning Siren System and Activation Control Unit. Keefer reported that the City rejected the first round of storm siren bids because of a mistake in the bid specification. In turn, the specifications were corrected and the project was rebid as authorized by the Council. On March 4th the second around of bids were opened, and the following bids were received:

* American Signal Corporation – Milwaukee, WI $248,288.00
* R&D Communications – Haltom City, TX $238,127.00

(aka – American Communications)

* ATI – Boston, MA $176,338.78
* ATI – Boston. MA (alternate bid) $202,045.60
* CDL Electric – Pittsburg, KA $215,029.40

Keefer noted that all four bids exceeded the budget amount of $184,000 for this project, and that Real has indicated that he would pursue additional grant avenues resources to make up for the short fall in funding over and above the four State grants and the City’s local match. Keefer added that Real reviewed all the bids in detail to assure that they met the bid specifications, and concluded that the bid(s) received from ATI did not meet the bid specifications, therefore could not be considered at this time. That would make the next apparent low bidder to be CDL Electric in the amount of $215,029.40, and recommended to the Mayor and City Council that they award it as the responsible bid. Real entertained comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and the following individual’s:

* Bill Miller
* Peggy Miller
* Sheila Stogsdill
* Shirley Allen
* Sandra Delp, and
* Troy Smith

Keefer added that the short fall of approximately $30,000 could be taken from the Contingency Fund for Council consideration &/or approval at their next meeting. Real indicated that he would continue to pursue additional funding to reimburse the City. Trumbull made the motion to award the responsible bid to CDL Electric in the amount of $215,029.40 contingent upon approval of a budget amendment from the City Council at their next meeting, Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Administrative Order and update report on time extension granted for a dilapidated structure located at 2124 U.S. Highway 59 (Roy Medlin). Code Enforcement Officer, Calvin Igney addressed the Council to report that some improvements have been made to the property since the last pictures presented on 04-02-15. Igney noted that Medlin has placed a new fence along the side of the property, and that he continues to display some improvements for a substantial completion. Property owner, Roy Medlin was present to address the Council to report that he is continually working on this project daily. Medlin entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. The Council strongly encouraged Medlin to continue with his efforts on the property clean-up. No action was taken from the Council based on the comments made by Igney pertaining to the substantial completion. Council advised Igney to continue monitoring the project and provide status updates to the Council. Medlin was advised that if the project is not complete in a timely manner then he would be required to report back to the City Council.

Nielsen made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution scheduling Public Hearings on April 21, 2015, for the following described properties:

* 114 E 9th Street
* 505 S. Grand Street
* 1009 S Mill Street
* 1018 S Grand Street

to determine if these properties are dilapidated and have become detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public and the City of Grove. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an Agreement with the YMCA for use of the Municipal Swimming Pool for swimming lessons and water aerobics. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the City of Grove’s Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual by adding Section 2-23 which would allow the City to re-coupe some of the training cost based on the tenure of the employees. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Nielsen made the motion to approve a Resolution promoting and supporting Fair and Affordable Housing in the City of Grove. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made a motion to approve a Proclamation designating April as “Fair Housing Month”. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the bids received for contract mowing and cleanup of Code Violation Properties. Bottoroff reported that the Staff advertised for bids for this project, and following bids were received:

* Greener Lawns $42.50 p/h
* Kenneth Birkes $50.00 p/h

Bottoroff added that is it Staff recommendation to award the bid to Greener Lawns as presented. Devitt made the motion to award the bid to Green Lawns for contract mowing and cleanup of Code Violation Properties. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Nielsen asked for an update on the Grove Municipal Airport projects. Keefer reported that he anticipates Airport Manager, Lisa Jewett to be at the next City Council meeting, and that her intentions are to update the Council at that time.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Devitt reported that a concerned citizens called him and expressed thanks to the City for getting the street light fixed along Harbor and 595 Road.

Devitt asked if it would be possible for the Police Department to register and report potholes to Jack Bower while they are cruising. Morris indicated that he would be glad to visit with the Officers in regards to that.

At 7:02 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.