**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Ileta Bray, Marty Dyer and Berwin Kock. Also present was City Manager, Bruce Johnson; Attorney, Brandon Watkins; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

Bray made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to application for membership to Northeast Oklahoma Regional Alliance (NORA). Johnson reported that this organization was introduced to him by Rhonda Clemons-Hill who is the Economic Development Coordinator for NORA. Johnson introduced Clemons-Hill to the Council and turned the floor over to her for presentation. Clemons-Hill addressed the Council to report on the menu of services that NORA offers to their members, NORA current memberships/sponsors and on NORA major accomplishments as to date. Clemons-Hill indicated that the membership dues are calculated in accordance to the Town/City population, and therefore the City of Grove membership due will be $500. Clemons-Hill entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. Johnson reported that it is Staff recommendation that the Council approves a one year membership to see what develops from their services. Kock made the motion to approve a one year membership application with NORA as presented and discussed. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis made the motion to approve a one year contract by and between the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Grove, Oklahoma for the contract amount of $18,500. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis made the motion to approve a Resolution adopting an Open Records Policy as presented by Staff. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget as presented by Staff. Seconded by Kock. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Discussion with respect to Downtown Phase II Renovation Project – Johnson reported that the funding for this project is currently stalled at the Capital. The Senate has passed the funding and is now before the House of Representatives. Johnson indicated that the Staff has a meeting later this week with Dr. Larry Stout to discuss the proposed scale and scope for this project. Johnson noted that the City would have options on how to spend these funds, and asked that the Council consider any proposed plans they would like to see and report back to him with any suggestions.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull asked for an update on the bow hunting proficiency testing dates. Johnson announced that Saturday, September 7th and 15th has been scheduled for testing dates out at the firing range on North Cherokee starting at 8:00 AM.

Trumbull asked for an update on the Compressed Natural Gas contracts. Johnson reported that he is working with the Attorney Brandon Watkins on that contract(s) with various entities which might be ready by the September 18th City Council meeting.

Trumbull asked for an update on the Oklahoma Incentive Act. Johnson reported that no formal funding announcement has been made at this time but the last number he heard was approximately $18/19,000.

Follis asked if the Staff has heard anything on the baseball field contract. Johnson indicated not at this time.

Bray strongly expressed her concerns with the huge piles of debris waiting to be lit once the burn ban is lifted, and is concerned about the enormous amount of smoke that will be associated with the burning on those piles. She has heard from several concerned citizens that the piles are close to the road, and urged that the residents adhere to the burn permits, and that they keep a water source close by should the controlled burn get out of control. Johnson noted that he would express those concerns over to the Fire Chief.

Kock asked if the Staff has heard any concerns from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation in regards to any improvements to East Highway 10. Johnson noted that he has heard no talks from ODOT regarding that particular highway section.

At 6:57 PM Kock made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.