**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Larry Parham, Marty Dyer and Mike Davenport. Also present was City Manager, Bruce Johnson; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

The Council heard comments, and concerns from a group of residents in regards to the excessive flooding of streets and homes in and around the Dawn, Osage and 4th Street vicinity of the City due to the recent profound rains and major utility construction in that district. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the following individuals:

1. Delma Jackson
2. Dan Gilbert
3. Barbara Bauchman, and
4. Trent Bond

At 6:02 PM Parham made a motion to open the Public Hearing with respect to City of Grove and Authorities to which the City of Grove is beneficiary Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried. No public comments were heard. At 6:03 PM Trumbull made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Davenport made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting for 05-10-11. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Davenport made the motion to approve a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion regarding the request from Grove Area Chamber of Commerce for street closing(s) of Grand and Broadway from 4th to 3rd by 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 16th, and remain closed to traffic until Saturday, June 18th at approximately 7:00 PM. Lisa Friden – President of the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council to respectfully request the street closings as described for the annual Grovefest event. Friden reported that she has contacted the City Police and Fire Department to inform them of this request, and all of the business entities in that area. Davenport made the motion to approve the street closing request as presented by the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual Grovefest event. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis made the motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming the month of June as ‘Fair Housing Month’. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the 2011-2012 Workers Compensation Plan Renewal with the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group, and to authorize the interest credit in the amount of $1,065.75 to be applied to reduce the premium amount. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Parham made the motion to approve the denial of claim #30413-ME by Robert Ferguson upon recommendation from the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Parham made the motion to approve the denial of claim #30566-BJ by Elgin Strahm upon recommendation from the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the bids received for the ‘Self Contained Breathing Apparatus’ for the Fire Department. Johnson reported that the Staff advertised for bids for this new equipment, and that the following bids were received:

1. Chief Fire and Safety Company, Inc. $100,840.00
2. Casco Industries $105,893.00
3. Wayest Safety, Inc. $114,799.00

Upon letter of recommendation from the Grove Fire Department it is their recommendation that the bid from Wayest Safety be awarded as the most responsible bid. Parham made the motion to award the bid to Wayest Safety, Inc. in the amount of $114,799 for the ‘Self Contained Breathing Apparatus’ for the Fire Department. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to approve a Resolution nominating Bruce Johnson, City Manager for Oklahoma Municipal League Board of Directors, District 1 Representative. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis made the motion to approve a Resolution recommending nomination of Mark Morris, Police Chief to the Council on Law Enforcement and Education Training Advisory Board. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to real estate sales contract by and between Pamela K. Watts and the City of Grove, Oklahoma. Johnson announced that the Staff has been working with Ms. Watts over a period of one year. However the negotiations were placed on hold due to health restraints of her husband, who has since deceased. Johnson reported that the City will utilize this section real estate as a water retention / public park area. Follis made the motion to approve the real estate sales contract by and between Pamela K. Watts and the City of Grove. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to City Attorney Services. Johnson reported that the Staff advertised for competitive sealed proposals for City Attorney services, and received proposals from the following:

* Watkins Law Office – Brandon Watkins, Attorney at Law
* Logan & Lowry, LLP

Attorney Brandon Watkins addressed the Council to entertain inquiries in regards to his proposal. Parham made the motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the City Attorney Service Contract with Attorney, Brandon Watkins of Watkins Law Office, for final review and approval before the Council. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**:

Discussion with respect to City of Grove Street Light Policy – Johnson announced that he is working on a ‘Street Lighting’ policy for existing and future neighborhoods. The proposed policy will indicate all determining cost factors involved with this project.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull asked if the trees along the Highway 59 corridor have a one year warranty. Bottoroff reported that they do.

Trumbull asked who is in charge of watering the foliage out at the Grove Public Library. Johnson reported that it is the responsibility of the Library Staff.

Trumbull reported that upon reading an article in the Tulsa World, he read where the City of Grove is the 7th statewide for having the oldest citizens of age.

Follis asked for an update on the old hospital facility demolition status. Johnson announced that he and Wheeler will be meeting with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, with anticipation of restarting this project later in the week, or the first of next week.

Parham reported that he has heard concerns in regards to somewhat older children showing up at the splash pad. Parham strongly suggested that the Grove Police Department monitor that area closer.

Parham reported that at the time of the April 2011 election period, he announced that he would not be re-seeking appointment to the City Council, and that he would remain on the Council until such time the fiscal year budget is approved. Therefore, Parham announced that he has fulfilled his term of office as City Council Representative to Ward III, and that this is his last meeting.

Dyer asked for an update on the storm sirens. Johnson reported that the storm sirens sounded inside the corporate limits, and some could be heard from a district outside the corporate limits. However, some of the sirens are weak. The following two siren locations were recently hit by lightening, and are being considered at this time:

* Patricia Island, and
* State Park Road

Davenport reported that he is relocating his resident to Jay, OK; therefore he announced his resignation to the Grove City Council At-Large position. Davenport expressed thanks to all of the City Staff and employees, and to the citizens of Grove for their support. Davenport encouraged the City of Grove to continue moving forward in a positive direction.

At 7:20 PM Davenport made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Parham, Dyer, Davenport and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.