**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Gary Trippensee presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Marty Follis, Larry Parham and Mike Davenport. Also present was City Manager, Bruce Johnson; Attorney, Dave Jones; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Norma Halterman addressed the Council to report of a safety concern at the Grove Public Library. Halterman indicated that she went to the Library after dark the other day, and upon entering the facility from the parking lot she stumbled over the curb onto the sidewalk. Halterman felt like the parking lot does not have sufficient lighting in the front for customers going into the library after daylight time. Therefore, she respectfully requested that the Council / Staff consider additional lighting at that location.

At 6:10 PM Trippensee opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding presentation of the proposed 2010-2011 fiscal year budget. The Council and Staff entertained questions, comments and concerns regarding the proposed budget from the following individuals:

* Bill Miller (who read a letter in its entirety from resident Don Smith)
* Peggy Miller
* Judith Read
* Larry Stout, and
* Will Winder

Johnson introduced and discussed in detail the following proposed 2010-2011 fiscal year budget:

# CITY GENERAL FUND:

* General Government $3,758,050
* Administration $ 535,400
* Finance $ 56,775
* Legal & Courts $ 62,150
* Police Administration $ 1,432,400
* Police Dispatch & Jail $ 299,800
* Animal Control $ 85,200
* Emergency Management $ 50,000
* Fire Department $ 411,350
* Street Department $ 537,850
* Vehicle Maintenance $ 87,950
* Building Inspection $ 67,625
* Code Enforcement $ 5,300
* Planning & Zoning $ 45,800
* E911 $ 70,860
* Engineering $ -0-
* Buildings & Grounds $ 355,450
* City Hall $ 35,500
* Golden Age Senior Center $ 20,800
* Civic Center $ 85,400
* Sports & Recreation Complex $ 43,750
* 16th Street Park $ 2,000
* Grove Springs Park $ 2,591
* Kiwanis Park $ 600
* Grove Public Library $ 19,100
* Buzzard Cemetery $ 825
* Olympus Cemetery $ 2,100
* Olympus North Cemetery $ 1,500
* YMCA $ 7,350
* NEO Higher Education $ 3,500
* Airport $ 45,159
* Swimming Pool $ 69,700

## TOTAL $ 8,201,835

### CITY CAPITAL $ 5,063,004

**GMSA GENERAL FUND:**

* Governing Board $ 1,578,900
* Office Administration $ 610,150
* Engineering $ 25,000
* Warehouse Administration $ 483,450
* Water Treatment $ 523,150
* Water Distribution $ 489,350
* Sewer Treatment $ 470,900
* Sewer Collection $ 188,800
* Natural Gas $ 4,482,950
* Vehicle Maintenance $ 87,950

**TOTAL $ 8,940,600**

**GMSA CAPITAL $ 1,933,000**

**DEBT SERVICE FUND $ 2,461,131**

**GIDA $ 413,105**

**HEALTHCARE TRUST AUTHORITY $ 540,000**

**GRAND TOTAL $27,552,675**

Johnson added that the proposed budget does not reflect any additional employees salary increases other than the merits that is allowed by the ‘City of Grove Compensation Plan’ based upon each individual evaluation. Johnson discussed the 2010-2011 proposed fiscal year budget in detail with the Council and Staff. At 7:29 PM Follis made the motion to close the Public Hearing pertaining to the 2010-2011 proposed fiscal year budget. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Trippensee presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation proclaiming May 22-28, 2010 as ‘National Safe Boating’ week.

Follis made a motion to approve a Resolution approving finding of categorical exclusion / exempt from release of funds publications from Grove, CDBG CBDO housing revitalization project. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Davenport made the motion to approve the Workers Compensation Plan renewal with the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group, and authorize the interest credit of $2,621.66 to be applied to reduce the premium. Seconded by Follis. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Davenport made a motion to approve a Resolution amending the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Discussion with respect to the renaming of U.S. Highway 59 North – Johnson reported that he had visited with Norma Halterman of 10615 Lakeshore Drive in regards to the renaming of U.S. Highway 59 North. Johnson added that Ms. Halterman has taken the time to formally make her proposal by written request, which he has been supplied to the City Council in their packets. Johnson added that the City has received several request pertaining to this subject, therefore, it might be an item for the Council to consider in the future.

Discussion with respect to employee health insurance benefits – Johnson reported that since the announcement from the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group in regards to the City of Grove employees health insurance, and the possible continuation of that policy with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, he arranged a meeting with Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Tulsa to formally survey their rates for the City of Grove employee(s) health program. Johnson noted that their proposed rates appear to be lower for single cost coverage per employee; however their proposed rate per family coverage would be at a higher cost than what is currently being paid per employee. Johnson reported that he does not have sufficient time to get the best qualified insurance broker for the city employees insurance; however he would continue to negotiate the cost savings for the City.

Discussion with respect to Rose & McCrary traffic study report around the Grove Middle School campus – Johnson reported that he has respectfully requested Rose & McCrary to submit a proposed traffic study around the Grove Middle School campus that is encompassed by:

1. 7th Street
2. 10th Street
3. Leisure Lane, and
4. Center Street

and involves four different campuses:

1. Middle School
2. Upper Elementary
3. Lower Elementary, and
4. Early Childhood Center

Johnson reported that the traffic study report detailed on the proposed problems, observations and conclusions and recommendations from the Engineers along with a proposed cost opinion as described:

1. One way traffic on 7th and 10th Cost: $ 2,000
   * new signs – 20 signs total
   * new striping – white & yellow
2. Add 3rd Lane to 7th and 10th $300,000

* assume 2,400 feet on 7th Street
* assume 1,200 feet on 10th Street

1. Remove Stop Sign $ 500

* 10th & Center Street
* 10th & Broadway Street
* 7th & Leisure

1. Signaled / Striped Crosswalk $ 15,000
   * new signals
   * painted crosswalks
2. Curb & Gutter and Sidewalks $250,000
   * 7th Street – 2,400 feet of C&G and sidewalk
   * 10th Street – 3,000 feet of C&G and sidewalk
   * Curb & Gutter and sidewalks to be installed

only on school side of the street

TOTAL: $567,500

**WARD REPORTS**:

Follis asked for an update on the 3rd and Main project with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Johnson reported that they have scheduled a pre-construction meeting for Wednesday, May 26th.

Parham asked for a calculation statement from the Staff in regards to the electric hook-up fees collected at the Grove Civic Center for various events.

Parham mentioned that he would like to see the Council re-visit the pool policy in regards to the opening time from 1:00 PM to 12:00 Noon.

Parham remarked on the ‘billboards’ located on the southwest corner of 18th and Shundi across the street from the hospital.

Parham announced that the Delaware County Commissioners has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, May 19th to discuss their proposed ‘Sales Tax” issue.

Trippensee and Davenport made note to the high weeds along the City right-of-ways in various places.

At 7:50 PM Davenport made the motion for the Council to recess into Executive Session upon recommendation from Attorney Jones for the following:

1. Discussion and / or action to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employees groups as authorized by Title 25 O.S. § 307.B(2) – Fraternal Order of Police, Grand Lake Lodge #171.
2. Discussion and / or action regarding possible executive session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B(1) - City Manager, Bruce Johnson.
3. Discussion and / or action to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest as authorized by Title 25 O.S. § 307.B(4) – the incorporated City of Grove, Delaware County, Oklahoma, and Oklahoma Municipal Corporation v. Vernon Boyce, individually, and Boyce Investments, L.L.C., d/b/a All American Outdoor Advertising Company, CV-2008-531; Delaware County District Court.

Seconded by Follis. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 10:14 PM Parham made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Davenport. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Discussion and / or action regarding agenda item F.1 pertaining to the Fraternal Order of Police, Grand Lake Lodge #171. No action taken.

Discussion and / or action regarding agenda Item F.2 – Parham made the motion to continue the employment of Bruce Johnson as City Manager, as stated in the current contract. Seconded by Follis. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 10:17 PM Follis made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Parham. AYE: Trumbull, Follis, Parham, Davenport and Trippensee. NAY: None. Motion carried.