**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Don Nielsen, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt. Also present was Acting City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Brandon Watkins; Public Works Director, Jack Bower; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Mayor Follis welcomed new members Don Nielsen and Ivan Devitt to the Council.

Ms. Susan Terrel – Coordinator for the Community Crisis Center addressed the Council to strongly express upon the City Council their continual support to the Community Crisis Center. Terrel noted that they operate a ‘Safe House’ in Grove and a shelter in Miami. Terrel emphasized on the large number of women and families the city’s contributes supports. Terrel reported that last year the shelter saw an average minimum of one family (mother and mother w/kids) per month, and at times 2-3 families per month with an average stay of 5 days. Terrell expressed thanks to the City of Grove for their support to the organization in hopes that it may be continued over the next year.

Mr. Clifford Harris resident of the Wolf Creek Park area addressed the Council to report that the bass fishing tournament held this past weekend was very well organize. Harris reported that approximately two weeks ago he and his neighbors presented to the City Council a proposal for a privacy fence along the back side of their property adjacent to the Wolf Creek Park parking lot area, and that he asked the Council to place that item on their next agenda for consideration. Bottoroff indicated that she would place that item on the agenda however she wanted the residents of that area to be aware that the Staff has been looking at other alternative options for that project such as shrubbery but will bring a detail presentation to the City Council at their next meeting.

Follis presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Employee of the Quarter David McCracken.

Follis opened the floor for Election of Officer(s):

* Mayor: Dyer nominated Marty Follis as Mayor. Seconded by Trumbull. Nomination ceased. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer and Devitt. NAY: None. Follis abstained. Nomination carried.
* Vice – Mayor: Dyer nominated Ed Trumbull as Vice-Mayor. Seconded by Follis. Nomination ceased. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: NAY: None. Trumbull abstained. Nomination carried.

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

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 03-26-13. Seconded by Follis. AYE: Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Trumbull, Nielsen and Devitt abstained. Motion did not carry due to lack of ¾ of the voting members present. Minutes will be recorded as unapproved.

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 04-05-13. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Nielsen and Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 04-10-13 as corrected. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Nielsen and Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

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

Nielsen made the motion to approve the Resolution amending the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year budget. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request for funding assistance from Grand Lake Association for the “Thunder on Wolf Creek’ event. Bottoroff reported that she had visited with Tad Jones of the Grand Lake Association and he had indicated that GLA is willing to put forth $1,500 towards this project, and respectfully requested that the City match those funds. Bottoroff indicated that she was under the impression that Jones would be here at this meeting for discussion before the Council. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from:

* Bill Miller

Bottoroff noted that the Council may elect to table this item to allow the event coordinators or GLA to bring forth some financial reports. No action taken.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to declaring surplus property and authorization to sell surplus property at public auction. Bottoroff reported that each department has submitted to her a list of properties that they wish to declare as surplus items, and that the list of properties has been placed in the packets for consideration. Bottoroff announced that the auction has not been scheduled at this time. Devitt made the motion to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property, and to authorize the sell at public auction. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the sealed bids received for demolition and clean up of dilapidated structures located within the city limits, and identified by the Code Enforcement Officer. Bottoroff reported that the Staff advertised for sealed bids for this project, and received bids from the following:

* Criger’s Backhoe & Dozer Service L.C.
  + backhoe & dozer $ 75.00 p/h
  + track loader $ 80.00 p/h
  + excavator w/hammer $150.00 p/h
  + large excavator $150.00 p/h
* Sterner Construction LLC $ 55.00 p/h

Bottoroff noted that it is Staff’s recommendation to accept the bid submitted by Sterner Construction, LLC in the amount of $55.00 p/h. Dyer made the motion to award the bid to Sterner Construction, LLC for demolition and clean up of dilapidated structures located within the city limits. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of member(s) to the Grove Watershed Improvement Task Force. Bottoroff reported that the City Council appointed two members to this Board at their last meeting, and questioned the application submitted by Curtis Bell. The Staff contacted Mr. Bell to learn that he was seeking employment therefore he requested that his application be withdrawn. Bottoroff announced that an application was submitted by Clint Baranowski to the Mayor for consideration but was not placed in the meeting packet. Trumbull made the motion to appoint Clint Baranowski to the Grove Watershed Improvement Task Force. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, and Follis. NAY: None. Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

**ACTING CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Bottoroff reminded the Council on the city side Spring clean up scheduled for Monday, April 22nd thru Friday, April 26th and that Saturday, April 20th is state wide ‘Trash-Off’ day.

Bottoroff reported that she visited with the representatives for Tractor Supply Co. and they indicated that their contractors are currently undergoing training for storm water dentition. Once they complete that training they will be breaking ground.

Bottoroff noted that the City of Grove has received their permit from GRDA for the 4th of July firework display to be shot from the water.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Nielsen expressed thanks to everyone who got out and voted in the past election, and that it is a privileged to serve the people of Grove.

Dyer asked for an update on the Bass Master signs that are still up around the city. Bottoroff reported that the signs technically belong to GLA, and that the city will be removing them once the bucket truck is repaired.

Dyer welcomed Don Nielsen and Ivan Devitt to the Council.

Devitt reported that he has received an inquiry from a resident out at Patricia Island in regards to the street lights. The resident indicated that it appears the street lights are plugged into their service. Devitt questioned how the streets lights are programmed. Bower reported that the street lights at that located is a service of REC; therefore they are responsible for the repairs upon request of the City. Bottoroff reported that she understood that the street lights are plugged into their own separate service unit. Bower indicated that he would verify that information and report back.

Devitt added that it is a privileged to serve on the City Council and welcome any and all questions, comments and concerns from the residents.

At 6:50 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.