**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Ileta Bray, and Marty Dyer. Member Berwin Kock was absent. 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**:

Mr. Ivan Devitt addressed the Council to respectfully ask for an update on the proposed ‘Trail Plan’ for Wolf Creek Park:

* Who is providing the funding? Bottoroff responding by saying that the City of Grove has approved a Resolution committing to providing matching funds and in-kind services, if approved and received from the Oklahoma Tourism Department for the construction of a multi-use recreational trail connecting Wolf Creek to Grove Springs Park. Bottoroff added that the trail will be a hard surface construction project.
* Who will be responsible for the maintenance? Bottoroff noted that the City of Grove – Buildings and Grounds crew will be solely responsible for the maintenance of that project.
* What about the ODOT long range plan for a by-pass for that area? Bottoroff reported that she has heard of this by-pass for years from the public, and has yet to hear anything definite from ODOT themselves.
* Status of Smitty’s Resort – Bottoroff reported that a citation has been issued to the property owner, and that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has been contacted. Warden notified the City that he is currently polling the surrounding neighbors, and that he has not reported the results at this time.

Mr. Clifford Harris - 1006 N 16th Street addressed the Council to respectfully request that the City Council strongly consider the placement of a vinyl/wood privacy fence along the back side of his and property owners:

* John Mraz – 1002 N 16th Street, and
* Art Slaybaugh – 1008 Anawake Street

to offset the noise and lights from the activities going on at Wolf Creek Park. Harris reported that he has visited with Reliable Fence Company to gather the following estimates for this project:

* Approximately 330’ fence roll
  + Vinyl $40 per foot installed
  + Wood $20 per foot installed

Bottoroff reported that the contractor is responsible for the clean-up and seeding of the project. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the property owners and Staff. The Council indicated to the property owners that they would have the City Attorney to review that project for legal options.

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

Bray made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 03-14-13. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Trumbull abstained. Motion carried.

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

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request for funding assistance from the “Thunder on Wolf Creek’ event. Ray Claggett from the Grand Lake Association (GLA) addressed the Council to report that the GLA would be sponsoring a large event called ‘Thunder on Wolf Creek’ on June 14, 15, 16, 2013. With the facilities of Wolf Creek Park this event will host a National Championship race, a car show, a vintage motorcycle and an in-water vintage wood boat show. This event would draw thousands of people to the Grove area. Claggett introduced Leonard Miller- Event Organizer who addressed the Council to say the car show will be conducted by Ivan Devitt, the motorcycle show will be conducted by Jim Serage and the wood boat show by Mark Monkres of Tulsa, OK. Miller noted that as an added attraction, this event will give away at least $5,000 in door prizes. Other attractions will be vendors, kid’s fun spot, and possible helicopter rides. There will be a need for police officers, fire protection and two EMT’s for crash boat for two days. Miller respectfully requested that the City Council strongly consider funding assistance to this event in the amount of $7,000. The funding would assist in providing trophies, prizes and tow money to the participants with ⅓ of the money being allocated to advertising in our regional area. Miller and Claggett entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council and Staff. The Council elected to take no action at this time in order to revisit the request at the next City Council for possible consideration at that time.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a proposed agreement with Rose and McCrary, PC Engineering and Land Surveying for Professional/Engineering Services regarding Wolf Creek Park, Phase II - Pavilion. Bottoroff reported that in order to expedite the pavilion portion of Phase II staff is requesting separate the professional services for the pavilion from the remaining site work at Wolf Creek. Project Engineer – Tim McCrary addressed the Council to report on the details of this project, and to report that the total compensation for engineering service is estimated to be $70,000 for this project. McCrary entertained questions and comments from the Council. Trumbull made the motion to approve the proposed agreement with Rose and McCrary, PC Engineering and Land Surveying for Professional/Engineering Services regarding Wolf Creek Park, Phase II – Pavilion. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from Grove Rotary to re-name the Kiwanis Park to Rotary Veteran’s Park. Bottoroff reported that the local Kiwanis chapter has disbanded, and has agreed to transfer the maintenance and operations of the current Kiwanis Park to the Grove Rotary Club. The City has received a formal request from the Grove Rotary Club to re-name the Kiwanis Park to Rotary Veteran’s Park. Carl Metcalf, President of the Grove Rotary Club was present to answer any questions from the Council. Bray made the motion to approve the re-naming of the Kiwanis Park to Rotary Veteran’s Park. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the sealed bids received for the purchasing of playground equipment for the Rotary Veteran’s Park. Bottoroff reported that the city recently advertised for sealed bids to purchase the necessary playground equipment for that project, and that the city received only one bid from Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. dba Game Time c/o Cunningham Recreation for the said amount of $76,514.14. Bottoroff added that the Rotary Club will be reimbursing the City of Grove 100% of the total cost of that project. Dyer made the motion to award the bid to Playcore as presented for playground equipment for the Rotary Veteran’s Park. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of a contract providing two certified and uniformed officers to Grove Public Schools. Bottoroff reported that the proposed contract has been reviewed in its entirety by Attorney Brandon Watkins, and it has been strongly suggested by Staff that Paragraph 1 – SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY be amended to reflect that the said officers will become full time Police Officers with the City of Grove during such time the Grove Public Schools are not in session. Dyer made the motion to approve the contract with the Grove Public Schools as presented and upon amendment. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to appointment of trustee to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Follis announced that the Staff advertised for this vacancy and received letters of applications from the following individuals:

* Howard L. Hogan
* William A. Miller
* Ron Carter
* Judith A. Read

Follis made the motion to appoint Ron Carter as Trustee to the P&Z Commission. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: Trumbull. 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 Grove Watershed Task Force recently requested adding six additional members. Upon their request, the Staff advertised for individuals interested in filling vacancies on this committee. The following letters of application were received:

* Ward Miller
* Micco Emarthla
* Curtis Bell

Follis indicated that he had received a letter of interest from an individual in this mailbox at City Hall that did not make it to the packets for consideration. Follis then questioned the application from Curtis Bell which indicated to him that Bell was under the impression that this position is a paid position. Bottoroff announced that she would give him a call for better understanding of his application. Trumbull made the motion to appoint Ward Miller and Micco Emarthla to the Grove Watershed Improvement Task Force, and to continue the other applicants for two weeks. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the denial of Claim No. 33157-TW from claimant Ronnie Peddycoart upon recommendation from the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**ACTING CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Bottoroff announced the scheduling of a Special City Council meeting for Friday, April 5, 2013 @ 8:15 AM for consideration of easement agreement for the Tractor Supply project.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Dyer reported that it is very difficult decision to place individuals to the various Boards.

At 7:55 PM Dyer made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.