

CITY OF GROVE
CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Jim Corbridge, Chairman called the meeting to order. Members present were Hitesh Patel, Ileta Bray, John Wells and Brad Wisdom. Also in attendance were Donnie Crain, Executive Director and Bill Keefer, City Manager. Debbie Bottoroff, Assistant City Manager and Josh Goff, Special Events Coordinator for the Chamber were not present.

Agenda Items

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2020 regular meeting. Bray made a motion seconded by Wells to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to approval of the financial reports. Keefer noted that the hotel tax receipts to date were ahead of the last two years for the same timeframe. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Patel to approve the financial report. Motion carried 5-0.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to CTB Sponsorship for room nights for the FLW-Toyota Fishing Tournament to be held on April 8-10, 2021 at Wolf Creek Park. The request from FLW was for forty-five (45) room nights. It was noted that the CTB has previously sponsored motel room nights for several tournament events. Discussion ensued on how this process works and who is responsible for what. Staff is recommending that we approve the 45 room nights with a funding amount not to exceed \$4,500. Bray made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve the room sponsorship for the FLW- Toyota event for 45 room nights with a funding amount not to exceed \$4,500. Motion carried 5-0.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to renewing the Agreement with the City of Miami for space at the Northeast Oklahoma Travel Information Center. This item was tabled at the August meeting. Crain reviewed the current setup at the Travel Center and the benefits that the CTB receives by having a presence at this facility. Discussion ensued on the kiosk and how the CTB could enhance its use at various events and activities but noted that there is still an issue with the quality of internet service at this facility which impacts the ability to update and upload information on the kiosk in a timely manner. Staff believes that this is still a worthwhile investment. It was noted that this is a three party agreement and will also need to be approved by the City Council. Wisdom made the motion seconded by Bray to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Miami for space in the Northeast Oklahoma Travel Information Center. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff/Board Reports

Crain reviewed his report and discussed upcoming events and activities including the plans for the Green Country Spyder Jamboree, upcoming fishing tournaments, the SDBA Drag Boat Races and the October Block Party. There were no Board Reports.

Adjourn

Wisdom made a motion seconded by Wells to Adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.