**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Don Nielsen, Marty Dyer and Ivan Devitt. Also present was City Manager, Bill Keefer; Attorney, Brandon Watkins; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Follis opened the floor for Representatives of the Northeastern Oklahoma Kennel Club for presentation of reports on their recent kennel show and its economic impact to the Grove Community. No representative was present.

Ms. Judith Read addressed the floor to report that back in October 2013 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued their report on the ‘Shoreline Management’ plan which described the wetland area of Wolf Creek. Read reported that she has received the final document report regarding that project should any of the Council wish to review it.

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

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the property owners of 212 W. 5th Street for a 60 day extension to remove the structure on their property. Keefer reported that though the City did due diligence to provide official / legal notification to the property owner based upon the property ownership information obtained from the County records, the Jones family did not receive written notice until recently when a copy was mailed to their home in Liberty, Missouri. This was done only after they contacted the City after they were notified by a neighbor in regards to the notices that were posted on the structure. Keefer added that because the property owner did not receive notification in a timely manner, it is Staff recommendation to approve a 60 day extension to July 15th to remove the manufactures home from the property. If the manufactured home is not removed by that date, the City will move forward with its removal per the Administrative Order. Dyer made the motion to approve a 60 day extension in order to allow the property owner additional time to remove the structure from the property located at 212 W 5th Street. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer and Follis. NAY: Devitt. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of a new SRO Agreement with Independent School District No. 2 of Delaware County for the 2014-2015 School Year. Keefer reported that he has reviewed this proposal agreement with Grove School Superintendent, Sandy Coaly and Police Chief, Mark Morris and both are pleased with the agreement and the services that the City has provided the district through our two SRO officers, Tracy Bloss and John Sherman. Keefer mentioned that Bloss and Sherman provide a very positive presence on the various campuses and work well with students, teachers and administration. Sandy Coaly addressed the floor to strongly express her appreciation to those two officers, the City of Grove and to Officer, Jerry Bohannan, and the VIP’s who are out at the intersections directing traffic on a daily basis. Devitt made the motion to approve the new SRO Agreement with Independent School District No. 2 of Delaware County for the 2014-2015 school calendar year as presented and discussed. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the proposed Traffic Control Plan for the July 3rd Celebration at Wolf Creek Park. Keefer reported that during last year’s celebration the traffic egress from the parking lot was somewhat unorganized. In an attempt to bring some order to this event Sergeant, Jerry Bohannan has formulated a game plan which should assist moving vehicles out of the parking lot at the conclusion of the event. Sergeant Jerry Bohannan of the Grove Police Department addressed the Council, Staff and audience for a detail presentation the proposed street closing and alternative routes that will be utilized for this event scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd. Bohannan added that this event will have shuttles and it will start at approximately 5:00 PM. No action was taken.

Dyer made the motion to approve a Resolution repealing the existing policy for the Community Center as well as implementing new policies and procedures for the Community Center. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve an agreement with the Indian Nation Football Conference for the use of specific sections of the Sport Complex for their Youth Football League. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Keefer reminder the Council of the Special Meeting / Work Shop session scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd @ 6:00 PM.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull expressed thanks to the City for the pool passes that were recently donated to the Grove Student Council.

Trumbull reported that a couple of meetings ago he questioned the finished exterior of the new Jiffy Market facility. He had learned from Mr. Keefer that they are planning to use rock, so they would be in compliance with the City Ordinance.

Trumbull suggested that during the 4th of July event celebration that the City considers seeking donations to help offset some of the cost.

Dyer reported that the landscape work at 18th Street looks good.

Dyer asked about the dead trees along Wolf Creek Park. Keefer reported that the City will be responsible for replacing them, and that Buildings & Grounds Superintendent, Craig Criger is currently working with the property owners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

At 6:40 PM Nielsen made the motion for the Council to recess into 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 - Bill Keefer. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:34 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion regarding Agenda Item E.1. Dyer made the motion to approve a one (1) year extension employment contract with Bill Keefer with the following amendment:

SECTION NINE – SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF EMPLOYEE:

Severance pay shall be in such amount equal to compensation for a period of ~~six (6~~) seven (7) month…

Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:35 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.