

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023
4:30 PM**

The Grove City Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 4:30 PM with Mayor Ed Trumbull, presiding. Members present were Steven Thomas, Andy Stewart, and Ivan Devitt. Member Marty Dyer was absent. Also present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Darren Cook; Public Works Director, Deric Douthit; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; and Municipal Clerk Laura Davila.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devin Guthrie – Sallisaw, Oklahoma – Devin Guthrie of Sallisaw, OK respectfully addressed the council regarding an ordinance that requires a solid surface from the highway to a structure, and an ADA compliant restroom in commercial buildings. Mr. Guthrie stated he planned to put in a portable building sales lot at a property near the airport on the North side of Highway 10. He stated he has already been given approval from the FAA and OAC to put in the office building. He plans to connect to city utilities and would like to use this space that would generate sales tax for the city; however, the ordinance requiring the hard surface is the biggest hurdle as the building is roughly 250-300 ft from the highway. The council and city manager recommended Mr. Guthrie apply for a variance through the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Register. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor with respect to approval of a Bassmaster Host Agreement to host the 2024 Bassmaster B.A.S.S. National Championship Tournament November 6-8, 2024. Malone reported that this national championship tournament draws people from all over the country. Malone added that this tournament will have approximately 180-220 boats. The timing of this tournament is key and will help extend our fishing/tourism nights. Malone entertained questions and comments from the council. Devitt made the motion to approve the Bassmaster Host Agreement. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor for Discussion Action with Respect to Appointment of Trustee(s) to the Following Authorities:

Appointment of Trustees to the City of Grove Convention and Tourism Bureau – Staff reported that the vacancies for the board were advertised for two (2) Trustees to the City of Grove Convention and Tourism Bureau and the following Letters of Applications were received from Brad Wisdom and Ileta Bray. Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Brad Wisdom to the Board. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ileta Bray to the Board. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Trustee to the City of Grove Planning and Zoning Commission- Staff reported that vacancies for the commission were advertised for two (2) Trustees to the City of Grove Planning and Zoning Commission and the following Letters of Application were received from Ileta Bray and Art Kopp. Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ileta Bray to the Board. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Art Kopp to the Board. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Trustee to the City of Grove Zoning Board of Adjustments- Staff reported that the vacancies for the board were advertised for two (2) Trustees to the City of Grove Zoning Board of Adjustments and the following Letters of Applications were received from Ileta Bray and Art Kopp. Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Ileta Bray to the Board. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull made the motion to re-appoint Art Kopp. Seconded by Stewart. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that Edmondson Design Group has completed the bid specifications and construction drawings for remodeling the NEO Building. Advertisements were published and the City has had several businesses reach out on bidding the remodel. Bottoroff added that they are adding an addendum to include flooring. The bids will be awarded at the November 5, 2023, Council meeting.

Bottoroff noted that the YMCA will be opening the skating rink on November 24, 2023 and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 1, 2023, and the Chamber's Christmas parade will be December 9, 2023.

Douthit reported that over the next couple of months the crews will begin laying asphalt, resulting in road closures and possible complaints.

WARD REPORTS:

Thomas stated that Lee Cathey, whom the Council presented a Proclamation for in May, as Lee Cathey Day lost his battle to cancer. Lee Cathey was a big supporter of the Grove Community.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:01 Devitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Stewart, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.