

**GROVE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024
4:30 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 16, 2024, at 4:30 PM with Mayor Ed Trumbull presiding. Members present were Steven Thomas and Ivan Devitt. Members Andy Stewart and Marty Dyer were absent. Also, present was City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff, Public Works Director, Deric Douthit; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred, and Municipal Clerk, Laura Davila. City Attorney, Darren Cook was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Devitt made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to approve the purchase order register. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor with Respect to the Bids received for the NEO building Remodel for City Hall and GMSA Offices. Bottoroff reported that this project was previously bid on in October, and the bids came in over budget. Staff recommended the Council to reject all bids and amend the specifications and re-bid the project. Solicitation for Bids were re-advertised in the Grove Sun on December 8 and 14, 2023, with a deadline of January 5, 2024. Five bids were received; three of the bids received were within budget. The lowest and best bid received is from Wardco. Bottoroff added that references were checked, and that Wardco has already submitted a copy of General Liability Insurance, and that once we send over the signed construction agreement, they will supply the bond required.

- A.) Devitt made the motion to approve the Notice of Award. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.
- B.) Devitt made the motion to approve the Notice to Proceed. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.
- C.) Devitt made the motion to Approve the Construction Agreement with Wardco. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Trumbull opened the floor with Respect to approval of a sponsorship contract with Kentucky Drag Boat Association (KDBA) to host drag boat races at Wolf Creek Park July 13-14, 2024. Convention and Tourism Director Brent Malone reported that this event is expected to have 100 plus boats drag racing at Wolf Creek Park. City of Grove will oversee gate money and will retain funds. Malone entertained questions and comments from the Council. Devitt made the motion to approve the sponsorship contract with Kentucky Drag Boat Association (KDBA). Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

Devitt made the motion to Appoint Darrent Cook as the City of Grove representative to the Grand Gateway Economic Development (GGEDA) Board of Directors. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bottoroff reported that with the recent approval of the Public Safety Facilities Sales Tax, staff has been in contact with Allan Brookes, Bond Counsel, Jon Wolfe, Municipal Finance Services, and representatives of Dewberry Architect firm to determine the next steps to move the Public Safety Facilities project forward.

Bottoroff added Jon Wolfe and Allan Brookes will present information on the financial side of the project to the council and GEDA at a Special Meeting toward the end of the month.

Douthit reported that with the cold weather, there were gas issues in the Patricia Island area. He added that they regained pressure to 26 pounds. They are not sure what the problem is exactly, but they will be going back out when the snow melts to find the issue.

Douthit added that if anyone calls with gas issues, have them contact GMSA or the non-emergency police line after hours.

WARD REPORTS:

The Council gave thanks to the GMSA crews and Street Crews for their hard work during the snow or frigid temperatures.

Devitt added thanks to Brent for everything he has done for the Grove Community.

At 4:47 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Thomas. AYE: Thomas, Devitt, Trumbull. NAY: None. Motion Carried.