**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 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; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard. City Attorney, Brandon Watkins was absent.

Nielsen made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of December 2, 2014. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Devitt and Follis. AYE: None. Dyer abstained. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of December 16, 2014. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Nielsen, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Trumbull and Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

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

Devitt made the motion to approve a Resolution calling for a Nonpartisan General Election, if needed, for the purpose of electing officers of said City of Grove. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the bids for a Compressor Fill Station for the Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department. Keefer reported that the Staff advertised for this new apparatus for the Fire Department and received the following bid:

* Air and Fire Systems $44,836

Keefer noted that this is a budgeted item and that the bid did fall within the amount of the budget. Fire Chief, Mike Reed was present to entertain any questions from the Council. Devitt made the motion to approve the bid from Air & Fire Systems in the amount of $44,836. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Grove Municipal Airport. Keefer reported that the Federal Aviation Administration requires the City to annually approve a Capital Improvement Plan for the airport in order to receive their projected funding from them. Airport Manager, Lisa Jewett addressed the Council to report that the CIP has been designed with the help of Garver Engineering to act as a planning tool for the further development of the new terminal building, taxiway and apron. Jewett added that the list has been prioritized in the order of necessity. Jewett assured the Council that the CIP doesn’t commit any future funding from the City of Grove. Garver Engineering Representative – Kaleb Coletrane was present to entertain any questions, commits and concerns from the Council and Staff. Trumbull made the motion to approve the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Grove Municipal Airport as presented and discussed. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the recent November 2014 Hotel Tax special election and consideration of any future plan’s to readdress the Hotel Tax Ordinance. Keefer reported that since the narrow defeat of this project in November special election questions to implement a Hotel Tax, the Staff has received numerous inquiries on the future plans to readdress this important issue. Keefer reported that as the Council is fully aware, the City of Grove will be holding a municipal election for three Council positions in April of this year. If the Council would choose to hold a special election at that same time, the Council will need to approve the necessary Ordinance and Resolution calling a special election and submit the necessary documentation to the Delaware County Election Board by February 5th. Dyer asked that should the Council elect not to host the proposed question on the same ballot as the municipal election, when would be the next opportunity for the City to call for a special election. Keefer indicated that without looking at the scheduled election dates for 2015 with the Election Board he would only assume that it would be the next date for General Election. Keefer mentioned that by placing it on the same ballot as the municipal election it would be a cost savings for the City of Grove. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the following individuals:

* Judith Read
* Berwin Kock

After further discussion between the Council and Staff, Follis made the motion to authorize the Staff to proceed with the implementation of the necessary Ordinance and Resolution calling a special election for April 7, 2015 and to stride to educate the residents for better awareness of this project. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Follis reported that he received a complaint regarding the traffic light at the Lowes intersection. Bower reported that the inspection guy was in Grove just today testing that site, and once his inspection report is released he will share that information with the Council and Staff.

Follis asked if the Street Department street sweeper could be utilized on the sidewalks along Highway 59. Bower indicated that he didn’t believe it could, however; the Buildings & Grounds Department has a mower that has a broom on the front of it that could possibly be used for that project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

At 6:37 PM Devitt made the motion for the Council to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of confidential communication between the public body and its Attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its Attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B.4. (Bobby Warden vs. City of Grove lawsuit; 10th Circuit Court of Appeal, Case # 14-5114), and to invite Attorney, Thomas LeBlanc; City Manager, Bill Keefer and Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff into Executive Session with the Council. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:21 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 E.1. Dyer made the motion to authorize Attorney, LeBlanc to proceed on course with the lawsuit. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 7:22 PM Devitt made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.