**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 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**:

The Council welcomed City Manager, Bill Keefer to the City of Grove.

Ms. Elizabeth Schwegman – 1325 Marina Blvd. addressed the Council to report that she received a letter from the City of Grove requiring her to do something about her yard. Schwegman reported that she is still dismayed and disturbed that an individual can call city offices and complain about someone’s property without identifying themselves. Schwegman added that she was surprised that Code Enforcement Officer, John Fasano, who took the pictures of her yard, did not notice surrounding yards and wondered if that person who called in had made a mistake. She noted that her yard is a peaceful, relaxing landscape and that she keeps the street side of it clear of trash and trimmed back so that it doesn’t interfere with traffic. Schwegman ended by saying that she has lived at this residence for almost fourteen (14) years, and that no one (not even her neighbors) has ever complained about her yard. The Council entertained comments and concerns from the following individual were strongly expressed support for Ms. Schwegman:

* Rollie Cornelson – 4968 Lighthouse Springs

Bottoroff reported that once the City of Grove receives a complaint Code Enforcement John Fasano goes out and reviews the property for compliance. Once he determines that the property is in violation of the Ordinance he sends a letter to the property owner(s) to get the property cleaned up to compliance. The Council discussed with Schwegman the Ordinance pertained to her situation, and noted that the City will entertain other options in regards to it.

Suzynne Fowler addressed the Council to strongly express her concerns with the ongoing ‘Open Burning’ regulations. Fowler reported that some time ago the City Council entertained a proposed Ordinance regulating the ‘Open Burning’ procedures for the City of Grove, and elected to table the item for further review. The Ordinance was never placed back on the City Council agenda for discussion and / or consideration again. Fowler presented pictures to the Council to open burn piles that are at times left unattended and out of control. Fowler added that there is burning almost every day, and that piles are even left smoldering over night. Fowler added that she felt like the current burning Ordinance is not being enforced adequately by the City of Grove.

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to the purchase order register. Allred reported that she has one additional purchase order from Bru-Con, LLC in the amount of $12,177 that pertains to the Kiwanis Park Restroom facility. Dyer made the motion to approve the purchase order register as presented to include the additional purchase orders as mentioned by Allred. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve the Resolution amending the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to an Agreement with Grove Municipal Airport Managing Authority regarding a loan to construct an 8-Bay Nested T-Hangar. Bottoroff reported that Attorney Watkins has reviewed this Agreement and made some changes, therefore the Staff recommend that the Council table this item for a future meeting. No action taken.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request for financial assistance for the ‘Thunder at Wolf Creek’ event scheduled for June 14-16, 2013. Dr. Leonard Miller addressed the Council to report that this event has received funding assistance from the Grand Lake Association in the amount of $1,500 for advertising, and that he respectfully requested that the City of Grove match that amount. Miller presented and discussed in detail the following economic impact this event is proposing to bring in for the City of Grove:

* Number of racing boats: 50
	+ 2 crew members and 2 families staying 3 nights = 300 room nights
	+ 100 families x #100 per day for room, food, gas, etc. = $30,000

Thunder at Wolf Creek will also have three other events:

* A car show
* Motorcycle show, and
* An in-water Wood Boat Show
* Estimated impact of spectators and visitors coming to Grove for all the events is 300 more rooms nights at $100 for room, food, gas, etc. = $30,000.
* Estimated number of other visitors for event - 500 @ $30 per day = $15,000
* Total Estimated Impact - $75,000 direct dollars with no multiplier

Miller entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and Ms. Judith Read. Trumbull made the motion to approve the request from Miller for funding assistance to the ‘Thunder at Wolf Creek’ event in the amount of $1,500. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer and Follis. NAY: None. Devitt abstained. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to approval of the Jim Beauchamp Field Agreement with Grove Public Schools. Bottoroff reported that previous discussions have been made with the Grove Public School regarding this contract and the exclusive use of the baseball field. After much discussion, and revisions of the Agreement, the Grove Public School District Board of Directors has approved the agreement and is requesting the City Council to consider the same. Devitt made the motion to approve the Jim Beauchamp Field Agreement between the City of Grove and the Grove Public Schools as presented and discussed. Seconded by Follis. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to Appointment of two (2) Trustees to the Grove Municipal Services Authority. Bottoroff reported that the City of Grove advertised for any individual interested in serving on the GMSA Board of Trustees. The City received three letters of applications from the following individuals:

* Robert Plunk – 2105 Cedar Lane – Grove, OK
* Berwin Kock – 3409 Scenic Drive – Grove, OK , and
* Ward Miller – 24958 S 680 Road – Grove, OK

Bottoroff noted that in accordance to the GMSA Trust Indenture each Trustee shall be a bona fide resident of the City of Grove. Therefore; the application submitted by Ward Miller is not qualified, and shouldn’t be considered. There are two vacant positions available of which:

* Seat held by Ivan Devitt term expiration date: 09-2016
* Seat held by Berwin Kock term expiration date: 09-2017

Follis made the motion to appoint Robert Plunk to the seat left by the resignation of Devitt with the expiration date of September 2016. Seconded by Devitt. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried. Follis then made the motion to appoint Berwin Kock back to the Board with his original expiration date of September 2017. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to authorize the Staff to solicit bids for gasoline & diesel fuel for the 2013-2014 FY. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Dyer made the motion to authorize the Staff to solicit bids for limestone base rock and other filled materials for the 2013-2014 FY. Seconded by Nielsen. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to authorize the Staff to solicit bids for a supplier of asphaltic materials for the first half of the 2013-2014 FY. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Nielsen, Dyer, Devitt and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Bottoroff reported that she will be e-mailing out to each of the Council Members a copy of the proposed Ordinance pertaining to the Mobile Home placement / replacement inside the corporate city limits.

Bottoroff reminded the Council that on June 6, 2013 @ 12:00 Noon there will be a web-conference with ICMA.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull asked about the current water conditions out at the Wolf Creek Park. Bower reported that he has been out to the facility and that the Street Department has taken the street sweeper out there to attempt to get some of the mud debris off the parking lot.

Trumbull reported that he noticed the front marquee was announcing ‘Rabies Vaccination Day’ scheduled for June 15, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Grove Small Animal Hospital. Trumbull asked if there will be a City of Grove Representative there to hand out applications pertaining to the animal licensing Ordinance. Bottoroff reported that there will not be a representative present due to the fact that the Ordinance does not go in effect until the first of July.

Follis asked in regards to the mobile home Ordinance if the width dimension will be reviewed. Bottoroff indicated that it will be addressed in the Ordinance.

Follis suggested that the Staff swing through the Wolf Creek Park facility for a quick clean-up prior to the FLW event this weekend.

Follis asked about the Staff getting the center lines freshened up along 16th Street for better visibility.

Follis remarked on the recent tornado sirens that were sounded. Follis indicated that the sirens went off three (3) different times, and that he recalls the meeting with Police Chief Mark Morris indicating that the sirens will continue to sound until the threat of severe weather has cleared. Follis noted that he was tracking the storms on his phone and that the breaking sirens were confusing.

Follis asked if the restroom facilities out at the Wolf Creek Park are unlocked for this event. Bottoroff indicated that the restroom are to be opened daily from approximately 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Bower reported that he has assigned a key to that facility to Officer, Jerry Bohannan.

Follis noted that the dumpster at the Civic Center is over flowing, and suggested that they be relocated to the back of the facility.

Nielsen asked for an update on the trash pick-up. Bottoroff indicated that she has visited with Bernice Sanitation, and they indicated that some of the trash that is not being picked up is grass clippings, and that they are not permitted to dispose of them.

Dyer expressed his welcome to City Manager, Bill Keefer.

Devitt reported that he has received complaints in regards to a mail soliciting for utility coverage on property utility lines. Keefer reported that there are companies that are endorse by National Cities that offer this type of insurance for property owners.

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