**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in special session on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:00 PM with Mayor, Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ileta Bray, Marty Dyer and Berwin Kock. Member Ed Trumbull was absent. Also present was Acting City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Attorney, Brandon Watkins and City Clerk Bonnie Buzzard.

Follis opened the floor for discussion regarding a proposed City Manager contract. Follis noted that the Council is not prepared at this time to name a City Manager; however the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed City Manager contract document. The Council opened the floor with concern in regards to:

*Section Three – Term of Employment: ….Further, such employment contract shall renew for two additional one-year terms unless either party elects not to renew*…

Bray indicated that statement appears to be in conflict with *Section Nine – Suspension or Removal of Employee*. The Council compared the two sections in detail with Attorney Watkins, and was satisfied after his opinion was rendered. The Council discussed in great detail *Section Nine – Suspension or Removal of Employee* for clarification that it simply states that the City Manager is considered to be an at will employee. Bray noted that in accordance to Paragraph 4 of Section Nine if states that

*“Employee agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct established by ICMA and adhere to the Ethics Rules as established by the City Council…”*

Bray strongly suggested that the ICMA Code of Ethics be referenced in the contract as ‘Exhibit A’ and attached to the contract as such. The Council indicated no problems with that amendment. The Council entertained questions, comments and concerns from the following:

* Sheila Stogsdill, and
* Jessica Graham

Kock made the motion to approve the City Managers contract document as presented and discussed to include the amendments as suggested. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

At 6:32 PM Kock made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.