**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Ileta Bray, Marty Dyer and Berwin Kock. Also present was Acting City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; Attorney, Brandon Watkins; Public Works Director, Jack Bower; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**:

Mr. Scott Herbst – 1605 Kayla Street addressed the Council to respectfully ask for clarification on what grandfather exactly is for LFR Resorts. Smitty’s Resort is directly behind his house, and he wanted clarification on that. Follis reported that the Staff is currently working on that issue.

Follis presented and read in its entirety a Proclamation proclaiming February 18-24, 2013 as ‘BASSMASTER Classic Week'.

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

Kock made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting for 02-11-13. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to traffic control, street closing, alternative routes, parking, shuttle services and other related items at the Wolf Creek Park and Boating Facility. Sergeant Jerry Bohannan of the Grove Police Department addressed the Council, Staff and audience for a detail presentation on the proposed street closing and alternative routes that will be utilized for BASSMASTER Classic event scheduled for February 22-24, 2013. Bohannan presented the following street closing schedule for the Council, Staff and public awareness:

* 21st Street will be closed for ‘Anglers Only’ on the scheduled dates from 4:30 AM thru 8:00 AM & 1:30 PM thru 4:00 PM
* The hours between the stated closing times on 21st Street will be opened to the public for use.
* 16th Street will be utilized to the public for entrance into the Wolf Creek Park during the dates of event.
* The Police Department will respectfully request that the public utilize 36th Street for exiting during the closing times of 21st Street as indicating about.
* Shuttle buses/ vans will be available to the public at Cheapo Depo and Sharps Department Store.

Bohannan entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and participating audience. Bohannan added that any and all residents that live along the facility may walk to the event. No action was taken.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to Article III-Membership Section 3-5 of the Planning and Zoning Commission by-laws authorizing Council to remove any member(s) of the Commission for neglect of duty, Bobby Warden. Mr. Bobby Warden addressed the Council to introduce himself as the owner of Smitty’s Resort, and to respectfully report on the current controversy that is involved with this property resulting from the surrounding neighbors. Warden reported that he purchased this property approximately seven (7) years ago. But before he officially closed on the property he approached the City Administration to assure himself that it was Zoned Lake Front Resort, and he was told that it was; therefore he was under the impression that he could place mobile homes on that property. Warden noted that every one of his neighbors had the same opportunity to purchase this property at the time it was placed upon the market. Warden added that in order to attempt to solve the controversy he offered the sale the property to Chris White for a reasonable price, and offered several other options to White in order to arrange for the transfer of property in another method. Warden indicated that after several negotiation attempts with Mr. White they were not able to reach a decisive deal. Warden advised the Council that his recent placement of mobiles was located only on the grandfathered section of Smitty’s Resort which in his opinion is allowed by the current City Zoning Ordinances. Warden entertained questions, comments and concerns from the Council, Staff and participating audience in regards to the recent controversy, and prohibited sign posting. Dyer made the motion to remove Bobby Warden as a member to the Grove Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to a request from the Watershed Alliance Group to advertise for six additional members. Ms. Judith Read addressed the Council to report that she is the Chairman of this group, and that they met and discussed the possibility of getting additional members to the committee in order to develop a wider prospective of ideas from qualified professionals in the community. Bray made the motion to authorize the Staff to advertise for six additional members to serve on the Watershed Alliance Group. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Trumbull made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Grove, Oklahoma, to apply for and execute miscellaneous documents enabling the Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act for the 2013 Wal-Mart FLW Tour and Expo Event. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Kock made the motion to approve a contract between the Grand Lake Association, Inc. and the City of Grove, Oklahoma for administering Oklahoma Quality Events Incentive Act for the 2013 Wal-Mart FLW Tour and Expo Event. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion regarding appointment of negotiating representatives on behalf of and for the City of Grove, Oklahoma, with respect to Fire and Police Arbitration Act 11 O.S. 51-101 et seq as amended. Bottoroff reported that at the last meeting she reported that she has started negotiation with the Grand Lake Fraternal Order of Police, and that Attorney Watkins and Police Chief, Mark Morris is sitting in on the negotiations with her. Bottoroff respectfully requested that the Council approve the appointment of Brandon Watkins, City Attorney; Mark Morris, Chief of Police and her as Acting City Manager as the negotiating representatives on behalf of the City of Grove. Bray made the motion to approve the appointment of Bottoroff, Watkins and Morris as the negotiating representatives on behalf of the City of Grove to the Grand Lake Fraternal Order of Police 2013-2014 contract.

**ACTING CITY MANAGERS REPORT**:

Bottoroff commended Public Works Director, Jack Bower on his dedicated work he demonstrated to the Wolf Creek Park project, and to Building Inspector, John Fasano who worked along with Bower on this project. Bottoroff added that she would like to extend her thanks to the Street Department for their additional hours they put in on this project, and for keeping the street cleaned. Bower commended all of the various construction workers for enduring all types of weather conditions in order to keep this project on schedule.

Bottoroff reported that she has a meeting scheduled next week with Blue Energy in regards to the CHG self-fueling station. Bottoroff added that she would keep the Council updated as needed.

Bottoroff reported that she received notification from Larry Shelton – Chell Consulting LLC in regards to a special City Council meeting to be scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013 for City Manager interviews. Bottoroff asked the Council to think about where they would like to conduct those interviews.

**WARD REPORTS**:

Trumbull reported that the Wolf Creek projects look nice on the ground; however he has seen aerial photos of that project, and that it looks very impressive. Trumbull remarked that is a large area, and that it was redeveloped in a short time. Trumbull commended all of the workers for getting this project completed.

Trumbull added that as a City Council representative he drives the city area more than normal checking out the various residents concerns, and city projects. Follis added that it is part of the duties of a City Council representative.

Follis reported that the BASSMASTER classic is scheduled to launch around 6:30 AM Friday morning.

Bray expressed thanks to all of the participating audience members for coming out to the City Council meeting tonight.

Dyer reported that the Wolf Creek project looks real nice. He asked about the concerns of late hours worked on that project. Bower indicated that there were some nights the contractors were still laying asphalt at 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Kock expressed his thanks to all of the individuals for getting out and picking up trash for this event.

At 7:08 PM Kock made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bray. AYE: Trumbull, Bray, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.