**GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

The Grove City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Marty Follis presiding. Members present were Ed Trumbull, Marty Dyer and Berwin Kock. Member Ileta Bray was absent. Also present was City Manager, Bruce Johnson; Attorney, Brandon Johnson; Assistant City Manager, Debbie Bottoroff; City Treasurer, Lisa Allred; Public Works Director, Jack Bower and City Clerk, Bonnie Buzzard.

**Public Comments**:

Mr. Ron Lay addressed the Council with a detail report on the previously discussed proposed City of Grove Golf Course. Lay indicated that the golf course being considered, Cherokee Grove Golf Course, was evaluated and recommendation made to achieve top line performance. Lay noted that the meeting was attended by three (3) Golf Professionals for the purpose of determining the actual steps necessary to develop acceptable playing conditions and the costs associated with those steps. The review took into account all aspects necessary to prepare the course for full operation. Lay presented and discussed with the Council the following proposed estimates that would be necessary in order to prepare the course for full operation:

* Irrigation System: $170,000.00
* Greens: $ 70,000.00
* Greens Maintenance: $ 24,000.00
* Sands Traps: $ 5,000.00
* Course Maintenance: $ 14,000.00

Lay indicated that he has not visited with the owner in regards to the total purchase price for the course. Johnson stated that if it was the Council pleasure; he would set up a visit with the owner, and with the Golf Professionals to achieve an estimated overall cost of the project.

Mr. Larry Stout – Chairman of the Downtown Chamber of Commerce Committee addressed the floor to report on the recent actions taken from the Council in regards to the transfer of funds from the Downtown Revitalization project in the amount of $200,000. Stout detailed on the total construction that was completed from Phase I of the downtown revitalization project in November 2007. Stout emphasized on the importance of this project, and therefore respectfully requested that the City Council consider reallocating funds back into the Downtown Revitalization or other downtown projects.

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

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

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Claim No. 31622-BJ. Ms. Lois Ann Manicom addressed the Council to discuss the sequence of events that led to her falling into what she believed to be a GMSA manhole. Manicom noted that she received several cuts, scrapes and bruises to her face and body. She said that the manhole was not secured, and that she felt like it is the city’s responsibility to regulate the manholes. Manicom added that she eventually ended up in the emergency room over the injuries she sustained from the fall, and that she is not seeking reimbursement for that expense, however she respectfully asked the Council to consider reimbursement for the out of pocket expense to replace her broken eyeglasses in the amount of $350. No discussion was made from the Council and Staff due to the advice of Attorney Watkins. Follis made the motion to deny Claim #31622-BJ as submitted by Lois Ann Manicom upon recommendation from The Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Seconded by Kock. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to Facility Operating Agreement between the City of Grove, Oklahoma and Tri-State Family Young Men’s Christian Association. Johnson reported that this item has been presented to the Council in the past, and that the Council moved to table the contract for further review from the Staff and City Attorney. Johnson added that he has been working with Watkins on this contract, and that they have finally reached an agreement as to the terms, and conditions of this contract. Dyer made the motion to approve the Facility Operating Agreement between the City of Grove, Oklahoma and Tri-State Family Young Men’s Christian Association as presented and discussed. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Kock made the motion to approve a Resolution authorizing amendment of the Economic Development Agreement by and among Harbor Point Associates, LLC, Grove Economic Development Authority, and the City of Grove, Oklahoma; and containing other provisions relating thereto. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Follis opened the floor for discussion with respect to Airport Management Agreement between the City of Grove and the Grove Municipal Airport Management Authority. Johnson reported that the Staff has been working with the Airport Managing Authority on this contract for some time, and that an agreement has finally been reached for possible consideration. Kock addressed the Council as Chairman to the GMAMA to explain the necessity for this contract between the two parties, and noted that the GMAMA approved the contract contingent upon the deletion of Paragraph #12 of Section II. Johnson stated that was correct. Trumbull made the motion to approve the Airport Management Agreement between the City of Grove and the Grove Municipal Airport Management Authority as presented and amended. Seconded by Dyer. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**City Manager’s Report**:

Johnson reported that the Grove Municipal Services Authority met earlier this afternoon and authorized the Staff to solicit proposals for a Natural Gas Firm for Uninterruptible Natural Gas Supply and Professional Services. Johnson introduced James Spence and McKenzie Ubank – Representatives from OneOK Energy Marketing Company whom addressed the Council to present their services that they are currently providing to GMSA pertaining to their natural gas sales contract.

**Ward Reports**:

Follis asked for an update on the Harps construction. Johnson reported that it appears to be on schedule with an estimated opening date of June 2012.

Dyer questioned when the Staff will be taking down the Christmas lights. Bottoroff noted that project is on the Street Department’s schedule for later this week.

At 6:53 PM Kock made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trumbull. AYE: Trumbull, Dyer, Kock and Follis. NAY: None. Motion carried.