

CITY OF GROVE
CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2019

Jim Corbridge, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Members present were Brad Wisdom and Amelia Chamberlain. John Wells and Hitesh Patel were absent. Also in attendance were Bill Keefer, City Manager and Debbie Bottoroff, Assistant City Manager.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the approval of minutes of the December 13, 2018 Meeting. Chamberlain made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve the minutes as presented. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to the monthly financial reports. Keefer advised members the lodging tax numbers were significantly down from last year. He advised members he expects the total revenue will be more like \$90,000 rather than the \$115,000 projected budget, and he encouraged members to continue being frugal with spending. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Chamberlain to approve the monthly Financial Report. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to a Sponsorship Application submitted by Donnie Crain on behalf of the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Toes in the Grand. Crain advised members this year's event will be combined with Thunder on Wolf Creek boat races and the Major League Fishing tournament. He explained each of the events schedule will not overlap the others, and will provide a variety of entertainment. Chamberlain made a motion seconded by Wisdom to approve a \$10,000 Sponsorship to the Chamber of Commerce for the Toes in the Grand event. 3 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion in respect to Sponsorship Application submitted by Lori McPherson on behalf of the Beta Sigma Phi Chapter to host the 2019 Oklahoma State Convention. McPherson advised members the event will attract between 100 – 200 members, and spouse attendance is encouraged. The chapter has several events planned for the members and their spouses for the three-day event. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Chamberlain to approve a \$1,500 Sponsorship to the Beta Sigma Phi Chapter for the 2019 Oklahoma State Convention. 3 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion regarding the Agreement with the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and the City Council for Tourism and Marketing Services. Keefer advised members the three-party agreement was approved by the City Council and the Grove Area Chamber of Commerce at their most recent meetings. Crain advised the agreement will allow the chamber to add a Special Event Coordinator to their team to better serve the CTB and City's Tourism and Marketing needs. Wisdom made a motion seconded by Chamberlain to approve the three-party agreement. 3 AYE 0 Nay, Motion carried.

Corbridge opened the floor for discussion regarding appointing two CTB Members to serve on the Chamber/City/CTB Quarterly Oversight Committee. Chamberlain nominated Jim Corbridge, seconded by Wisdom. 3 AYE 0 NAY, Nomination carried. Corbridge nominated Brad Wisdom, seconded by Chamberlain 3 AYE, 0 Nay, Nomination carried.

Staff Reports

Crain announced the Southern Drag Boat Association Annual Banquet will be held February 23 at Hard Rock in Tulsa. He will be attending and asked members if anyone was interested. Corbridge advised he was interested in attending. Keefer advised he plans to attend.

Crain announced that GLOC Performance Boat Races are going to be held in 2019 and will be based out of Tera Miranda Resort.

Corbridge asked Crain for information on the motorcycle tours that had been discussed at previous meetings. Crain advised there are two groups that have scheduled rides around Grove and the Grand Lake Area:

- ✓ Combat Vets – May 2019
- ✓ Spyder Group – October 2019

A guide of various routes to ride will be provided to the groups.

Keefer expressed concerns with the location of the kiosk at the Miama Visitor's Center not being visible to walk-in traffic, and without Internet service, the kiosk cannot be updated off site.

Keefer presented members with a Sponsorship application from Montgomery Productions requesting \$2,000 for their Tackle, Hunting and Boat Show scheduled for February 15-17, 2019 at the Civic Center. The application was submitted too late to be added to the agenda and members cannot take action at this meeting. Keefer suggested holding a special meeting or denying the application due to the timing. Corbridge suggested allowing the applicant to submit a Post Event Form and members consider the request at the February 28, 2019 meeting based on the information provided on the Post Event Form.

Board Reports

Chamberlain advised members a Nature Trail grant application will be submitted by Har-Ber Village. She also announced a grant had been received to install a mining station at Har-Ber Village, the station will be located between the cabin and Nature Trail.

Chamberlain advised members a monetary donation was received and will be used to construct a structure to cover and protect the Covered Wagon at Har-Ber Village.

Wisdom advised members, the renovation at the Best Western is approximately 50% complete.

Adjourn

Chamberlain made a motion to adjourn seconded by Wisdom. 3 AYE 0 NAY, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.