

GROVE CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 @ 1:00PM

PRESENT: DRANGE, PETERKA, HALTERMAN

BOLLIG ENGINEERING AND DAVID DROWN – UPCOMING PROJECT AND FINANCING: David Drown went over the financial strategy regarding how the upcoming project will be paid. The project will essentially be paid with special assessments, property taxes and increases to utility rates. The sewer assessments of \$1,000 will be paid over 10 years and the \$4,000 assessments will be paid over 15 years. The tax levy will need to be increased at some point by \$3,000-\$4,000. The interest rates on the assessments will be about 4%. A special meeting will need to be held on March 1st @ 6:30pm to approve another loan resolution. Bollig suggested transporting the excess fill from the streets to north of the campgrounds by the old sewer plant.

MEDIACOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTRACT: Bergstrom stated that she had not heard from the Attorneys yet so this topic will need to be tabled until the next meeting.

JOHN SLIDEN – ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT: Halterman explained the estimates and information he had obtained while working on this issue with Doug Joens. Slinden sent a counter proposal to the council regarding the amounts that should be paid by the City and by himself. Halterman said he wanted to wait to make a decision until a full council was present. Halterman is waiting on another estimate from a company recommended by Doug Joens. Slinden is checking with Excel to see if they would be interested in taking him on as a customer if Grove City would agree and this would reduce the cost of upgrading the poles and lines for Grove City.

AJ Walther submitted his letter of resignation from the City Council. A motion to approve was made by Peterka and the motion was seconded by Halterman. Motion carried. It was decided to post the opening and put signs in all of the businesses. The Clerk informed the Council that she has one application already.

DOREEN KEITH – FULL TIME POSITION: Drange said that they met with Doreen and asked what she would want to stay working for the City. Halterman said that Doreen requested \$23 per hour, 3 weeks of PTO, a 3 year contract and other items. He put together a counter offer of \$17 per hour, full-time with benefits, a probationary period of two years and other items. Bergstrom asked when it had been decided that this position was to be a full-time position and why she was not consulted about this or asked how things were going since Doreen started. Doreen had not been here more than 5 weeks and she had some concerns about her performance; attendance being one of them. She hadn't been there long enough to prove her worth and already the Council wants to give her more money and full-time status with benefits. Bergstrom said she looked over her application more closely and called some previous employers since she has not stayed with a job for more than six months in the past couple of years. Peterka asked if Doreen had accepted the counter offer of \$17 per hour and the other terms and Halterman said she told him she would take the job. Peterka wants to hire someone full-time because so many times he requests things from the City Office and gets told that he can't get it or it is not ready yet. Halterman suggested they hold off on any decision until they meet with Tim Mergen on Thursday about the electric company and a full council is present. Bergstrom tried to explain to them that they need to look into everything first and Mergen may not want to agree to a proposal of outsourcing the maintenance on the electric company until the City can sell and then the Council might have to look at hiring a second lineman. She went on to say that the City can't afford another full-time person in the office and a second lineman.

UNAPPROVED