

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2014 @ 7PM

PRESENT: DRANGE, PETERKA, NELSON, CRAM

Representative Dean Urdahl came to the meeting and spoke to the council and visitors about the upcoming legislative session. It was mentioned that there might be an increase in PFA \$\$ which is used to help communities with their infrastructure projects. Grove City will be seeking some of these \$\$ in regards to the new sewer ponds.

CONSENT TO AGENDA. In the previous minutes it was stated that the Personnel Committee consisted of Councilmembers Bill Peterka and Terry Miller; this should be Councilmembers Melissa Drange and Bill Peterka. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the listed change to the previous month's minutes by Councilmember Peterka and seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOLLIG TASK ORDER #2. Joe Gimse from Bollig presented the council with a second task order regarding an environmental report that will need to be done in regards to installing sewer ponds. The report will not exceed \$15,000. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve task order #2. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cram. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Part-time Office Position. There was discussion about the interviews and each candidate's qualifications and ability to work a flexible schedule. Councilmember Nelson wanted to set regular hours and designate so many hours per week that the part-time person would work. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve hiring candidate #4. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drange. The motion was opposed by Councilmembers Nelson and Cram. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday February 19th, 2014, in which Councilmember Terry Miller will be in attendance and another vote can be taken.

B. Tables for South Grove. The City Clerk found sturdy card tables through Ed Davis Business Machines and was given a price of \$90 each to replace the tables at South Grove in the Blue Bird Room. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to purchase five tables. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cram. Motion carried.

C. Applications for Public Works Superintendent Position and Part-time Electrical Lineman Position. The council discussed and decided to interview the candidates that had some electrical experience or water licenses.

D. Sale of the Laundry Mat. It was decided to table this discussion until the next council meeting.

E. South Grove Update. There is still a one bedroom apartment available. It was discussed at the EDA Board meeting to look into getting basic cable for the dining room. The Board is not going to meet again until April.

F. Other. It was discussed that the rent the City receives for the farm land south of town needs to be increased. The council will talk to Terry Miller about looking into the rates of rent for farm land.

FIRE: There were no calls during the month. The tanker should be arriving the end of February or beginning of March. On vehicle 532 the front end is shaking; Chief Jans thinks it could be due to the tires. The department received the new nozzles and are waiting on the new hoses along with the grant to help pay for part of the cost.

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They would like to borrow some pagers from the Rescue because the Fire Department has some that need repairing. Chief Jans is going to do a walk through the school with the Fire Marshall on 2/12/2014 and then the Fire Department will do a walk through on 2/17/2014.

RESCUE: There were nine medicals during the month. The Department is down to only four members. They do have two mutual aids members; Tom Fordyce and Dean Smith. The department would like to purchase a 4-5 drawer filing cabinet that has a lock to store reports and other confidential information. The Rescue Department is going to try and set-up a "water and ice" rescue training session with Litchfield's Rescue Department. Tammy Knudson is the new Secretary/Treasurer and Ruiz Munoz is the new Chief. They had to combine position due to the few members and time within the department.

SHERIFF: There were 41 calls during the month. Ryan Schuttles, who will be the new Grove City Officer in the near future, was introduced to the Council and visitors by Officer Thoma. There was a little discussion about some new scams and swindles and Officer Thomas encouraged people to call the department if you suspect a scam or anything suspicious in the neighborhood.

CLERK: The City Clerk asked the council for permission to have another key to the office made for the new part-time office person. She also mentioned that there is a school from Litchfield who is using our gym on occasion. They are only there for a short time and she wanted to know what the council wants to charge the school. The council decided to charge the normal rate of \$25 per day.

ELECTRIC: Brad Jans informed the council he was working on installing 3 phase service for Paul Martin's irrigator. Councilmember Peterka asked Jans about the service that was installed into Gaarder's store and car wash.

MAINTENANCE: Dave Martin informed the council that he would like to take the second week in March off for vacation. He will attend the council meeting during that week. MMUA came out and did a mock OSHA inspection. There were a number of electrical issues. Martin wanted permission to get bids by next month's meeting. MMUA will be back in 60 days to check on the corrections made to the issues they found.

MAYOR: The Mayor stated that she had received a call from someone asking about 50 amp service in our campgrounds. Martin said we have a couple that campsites with that service. Drange wanted to inform everyone of an Augustfest Fundraising Dinner which would be held on February 23, 2014 at the Community Center from 11-1pm.

PERSONNEL POLICY: The council went through the proposed policy and discussed some changes they wanted made to various sections of the policy. The Personnel Committee will go through and policy regarding any further changes and bring a corrected copy to the Councilmembers at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilmember Peterka to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cram. Motion carried.

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AUGUSTFEST BEAN BAG FUNDRAISER at South Grove in the gym on March 29th. Register with Matt Dahl at Precision Fiberglass or Roger Rusch at the Liquor Store.