

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 13, 2015 @ 7PM

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MIKE HALTERMAN WAS SWORN IN AS THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBER REPLACING DAWN JOHANNECK

AGENDA: A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the minutes of June 8th, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walthers. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ARC FLASH STUDY: Brad Jans informed the Council that the study had been completed by Power System Engineering. Two different tasks were accomplished; a fuse coordination and the ARC Flash assessment. Jans explained and answered questions regarding the study and recommendations made by PSE. Jans said he would now be able to put together a list of clothing items the City needs purchase and obtain prices.

Jans explained to the Council that Custom Marble and Granite would like to upgrade their service to 3 phase and he would need to purchase some equipment for this project. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve purchasing the necessary equipment required to upgrade Custom Marble's service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Halterman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BOLLIG – PROJECT UPDATES: Scott from Bollig gave some updates on the alley and talked about the paving would happen in 10-14 days. He said he had talked to HogN-the-Road about the sidewalk/loading dock bid and Chris was not interested due to the high cost within the bid. The City decided to pass on that project for now.

Brian Bollig discussed with the Council that RD had submitted the application to Washington DC to try and pick up some more federal money for Grove City's sanitary sewer project. He said that Grove City was being looked at very seriously. RD request's was for more than \$1M and we should be hearing something very soon. RD wanted to obtain a second opinion which would substantiate the condition of the current sewer sanitary plant. A structural engineer was hired to do the inspection. Bollig presented task order #8 which if approved would allow them to continue with the design of the project, complete the design and go out and seek bids. They explained that they want to continue and get to the point of seeking out bids because the cost of everything goes up every year. They want to work on the MPCA wastewater discharge permit and continue with some ongoing funding coordination which will include a PSIG grant application. Council Member Nelson made the motion to approve task order #8 which is part of the new sanitary sewer project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried. Council Member Peterka made the motion to approve allowing Bollig to apply for the PSIG Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried. Brian said he would the Council to plan for a Special Council Meeting in the near future as soon as they hear from RD on any additional funding from Washington DC and at that time Kevin Friesen from RD will attend as well.

RESOLUTION 2015-01B: Mayor Drange reassigned Council Members to various committees. This list is as follows:

APPOINTMENT

Weed Inspector
Acting Mayor
Health Inspector
Buildings Commission
Utilities Commission

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Brad Jans
Bill Peterka
Meeker County Public Health
Karl Nelson and Bill Peterka
Melissa Drange and Mike Haltherman

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Official Newspaper
Official Depositor
Parks and Playgrounds
Streets
EDA
Police Commission
Personnel Committee
Finance Committee
Data Practices Compliance Official
City Attorney
City Engineer

Litchfield Independent Review
First State Bank of Grove City and 4M Fund
Bill Peterka and AJ Walthers
Karl Nelson and Mike Halterman
Bill Peterka and AJ Walthers
Karl Nelson and AJ Walthers
Melissa Drange and Bill Peterka
Melissa Drange and Bill Peterka
Melissa Bergstrom
Amy Mace; Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger
Bollig Engineering

A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the changes to Resolution 2015-01B. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walthers. Motion carried.

LIONS BINGO LICENSE: A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the Lions Bingo License for Augustfest which is to be held on Friday August 14th, 2015 at the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

CLOSING STREETS FOR AUGUSTFEST: First Street North will be closed on Friday night for the Bean Bag Tournament and Saturday for the street dance. Second Street North will be closed on Thursday night for the Tractor Pull and Saturday morning at 10am for the Kiddie Parade. A motion to approve the closing of these streets during Augustfest was made by Council Member Halterman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL at AUGUSTFEST: A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to allow IDK from Atwater to serve alcohol during the street dance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walthers. Motion carried. Council Member Nelson made a motion to allow the public to bring alcohol onto City property during Augustfest days. The motion was seconded by Council Member Halterman. Motion carried.

CITY CONTRIBUTION TO AUGUSTFEST: The Clerk explained to the Council that it has been decided to join the Appreciation Supper and Augustfest so the local and surrounding businesses don't get subjected to multiple requests for donations. Council Member Peterka asked if this was something the City should do and the Clerk said yes. The City is the biggest business in Grove City and these people are our customers and other towns donate to their City Celebration days. Sharon Larson spoke up and said the City used to donate \$2,000 when she was Clerk. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve donating \$2,000 to the Augustfest Fund like it used to do. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walthers. Motion carried.

SOUTH GROVE: Council Member Peterka and the City Clerk informed the Council that by September all of the apartments and garages will be rented. Peterka said that they need to purchase one air conditioner for one of the apartments. He would like to get bids from some electricians on fixing the outlets in the Blue Bird Room so that they don't blow out fuses when multiple roasters are plugged in at one time. One of the garages has been used to store salt, cleaning supplies, etc. and they will need to find another location to store these things. One suggestion is to build a storage unit in the gym along the east wall. Peterka will come to the next meeting with a plan and the cost.

RESCUE: Chief Hudec reported that there had been two calls during the month; one medical and one weather. Kathy Holland is going to be a new member to the department per approval by the Council. Council Member Nelson made the motion to approve hiring Holland. The motion was seconded by Council Member Drange. Motion carried. The department is now at 10 members. Hudec told the Council that the training budget may go over by around \$500 this year due to so many new hires. July 18th they are going to do some internal training;

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map reading, GPS runs and rig driving experience for the members. On July 27th there is driving training at SW DMS. The training is free other than the labor hours for the department members. Hudec told the Council he needed to purchase some spare batteries for pagers. The batteries will cost \$20-\$50 each. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve purchasing the new batteries. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

FIRE: Chief Jans said the department only had one weather call during the month. They have received the lawn mower and are waiting on the raffle tickets to start selling. They ordered the hoses and now need some new badges for the top of helmets for the new members. These badges are about \$50 each.

SHERIFF: Officer Schutz stated that there had been 31 calls during the month. August 4th is National Night Out from 4-8pm at the Fire Hall. There will be K9 dog demonstration, give away prizes, chances to talk to Officers, ect. The Fire Department will be hosting the event. There have been complaints of barking dogs early in the morning and Officer Schutz has been asked to adjust some of his hours to cover the early morning hours and monitor the barking dogs complaints. When asked, Officer Schutz told the Council that semi-trucks cannot be parked on the streets overnight. Council Member Nelson asked about the speed limit radar. Officer Schutz said he was checking into the request.

CLERK: Bergstrom informed the Council that she organized a meeting with the Townships on July 1st and planned to have meetings with them on a quarterly basis so they could be kept more up to date on what was happening with the departments and have more of a say in the expenses and budget process. Council Members Haltherman and Peterka were present at this meeting. The Auditor stopped in and is going to plan on presenting the 2014 Audit in August. She told the Council that she needs to start having meetings with the Finance Committee regarding the 2016 Budget soon. Council Member Nelson asked if she had sought out grant writers and Bergstrom stated that she had not had time. He also asked about when the new recycling containers were coming from West Central Sanitation. Bergstrom said she had not heard from them for quite some time but would try to contact them again. Nelson went on to ask about the rental ordinance. Bergstrom said she had not had time to look at the rough draft the Attorney's had sent to her.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder told the Council that Dave had a several year plan on replacing signs around town and this year the plan was to replace six signs. It was decided that Council Member Haltherman would get together with Gaarder to look at the signs and find out which ones really need to be placed as there have been changes to the requirements regarding "reflectivity" and timeline for replacement. The air conditioner for the hallway at South Grove is not working. Magnuson Sheet Metal was out to look at it. They thought they installed the a/c in 2012 and would need to tear into it to find the leak so it could be fixed. The window on the lawn mower is broke and needs to be fixed. The jetter truck has an anti-freeze leak. Halterman asked about fixing the potholes before Augustfest. Nelson asked about selling the old tractor and misquito sprayer. Jans told the Council that he needs to send some meters in to be repaired. It's cheaper to repair than buy new meters. The Council agreed to send in four of the 3 phase meters since he has some regular phase meters on hand.

DRANGE: Mayor Drange asked about getting a cable box in the dining room at South Grove. It was discussed that someone should check into prices. She asked who owned the property next to Holmquist Lumber and commented that the lawn was not being mowed. Updating the Augustfest website was discussed and the next Augustfest meetings are scheduled for July 15th and 29th both at 6:30pm. Augustfest flyers should be out by the end of the month.

WALTHERS: Walthers asked about getting some bids from electricians in regards to being able to hook up a generator at South Grove and the Fire Hall. He mentioned that sometimes Cities or Departments can get free generators from the DNR. Walthers said he would check into the old generator being picked up and getting a newer one from the DNR.

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PETERKA: Peterka said he talked to Don from Bollig about installing some bean bag boards into the campgrounds where the horseshoe area is located. He said he would get prices.

NELSON: Nelson asked about whether or not Slinden's were wanting some electrical upgrade. Jans said they were not going to need any upgrade. He looked into getting a company like Asplen in to trim trees. The cost would be around \$5,000 for 40 hours. They mulched up what they cut as well. It was discussed that other bids should be obtained. Nelson went on to talk about getting bids to fix up the tennis/basketball court. He also talked about the American Bicycling Assoc. looking for land to fence in for a track.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Peterka made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

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COMING EVENTS:

JULY 21ST AT WINDMILL PARK FROM 4-7PM. PIE AND ICE CREAM IN THE PARK. FREE WILL DONATION. FUND RAISER FOR THE GROVE CITY ROYALTY.

JULY 23RD AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. THE ANNUAL MISSION BARBEQUE.

JULY 29TH IS THE NEXT Augustfest planning meeting at 6:30pm in the Community Center

JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 2ND IS THE MEEKER COUNTY FAIR IN LITCHFIELD.

AUGUST 1ST THE ANNUAL LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT ISLAND PINE GOLF COURSE IN ATWATER. CONTACT NICK PETERSON AT 857-2521 OR BRAD BIRD AT 857-2884 TO ENTER.

AUGUSTFEST DAYS ARE COMING EVERYONE

Augustfest will be the 13th through the 16th. Keep these dates on your calendar. Looking for volunteers to help with the various events planned for those four days. Contact the City Clerk's office for information.

AUGUSTFEST EVENT FLYERS WILL BE MAILED OUT TO ALL GROVE CITY RESIDENTS SO LOOK FOR IT IN THE MAIL.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS - \$10 EACH; GRAND PRIZE IS A LAWN TRACTOR VALUED AT \$3500, OTHER PRIZES ARE GRILL PACKAGE, BEAN BAG PARTY PACKAGE, PADDLE BOARD OR LADIES CHOICE PACKAGE - ALL VALUED AT \$250 EACH. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CITY OFFICE OR CONTACT A FIREMAN.