

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8th, 2015 @ 7pm

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

CONSENT TO AGENDA: Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the consent to agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

MINUTES: The Clerk pointed out that a correction needed to be made to the amount of gallons of water possibly needed by the Highway 12 Road Construction crew. The words, "per day" were missing. A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 27th, May 6th and 11th with the correction on the May 11th minutes by Council Member Peterka. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BOLLIG – PROJECT UPDATES: An estimate was presented regarding the replacement of the sidewalk on the west side of the HogN-the-Road and repairs to the loading dock. The estimate seemed high and there was discussion on whether or not the owner would be willing to accept his portion of the cost. It was decided to table the discussion to next month after talking to the owner of the Hogn-the-Road. Most of the businesses have hired Gary Palmer to do the plumbing work with regards to the water main project. Palmer was much cheaper than the \$2,500.00 per business estimate that Kraemer provided. Bollig informed the Council that legislature was going into a special session and that Grove City's request for grant money was likely to be discussed and decided during the special session.

RESOLUTION 2015-04 REGARDING ACCESS TO GROVE CITY'S CHECKING AND SAVINGS: A motion was made to by Council Member Nelson approve Council Member Bill Peterka as another check signer and access to the City's checking and savings accounts besides the City Clerk and the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM COUNCIL MEMBER JOHANNECK: Council Member Dawn Johanneck read her resignation letter from the City Council which will take effect on June 30, 2015. A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the letter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-05 DECLARING A VACANY COUNCIL SEAT: A motion was made by Council Member Nelson to approve resolution 2015-05 declaring a vacant council seat as of July 1st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

APPOINTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBER(S): There were two members from the community who applied for the open council seat(s). Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve appointing AJ Walthers to replace Terry Miller on the Council. Council Member Johanneck seconded the Motion. Motion carried. Council Member made a motion to appoint Mike Halterman to replace Dawn Johanneck effective July 1st, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

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SUMMER REC PROGRAM: The Clerk explained to the Council that every year the Council approves to hire Lori Pankratz for \$1,000 and her assistant for \$500 and then \$500 to cover expenses. Last year the request came for additional funds to hire a second assistant due to the number of kids with special needs who attend summer rec. Last year the Council approved an additional \$100 for the second assistant. A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the total cost of \$2,100 for summer rec. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

SOUTH GROVE: Gaarder received two estimates from West Central Roofing regarding the need for replacing the roof over the dining room area of South Grove. The estimates were \$17,810.58 and \$23,200.00. Differences between the bids are the type of roofing system and the lower bid is warranted for 10 years while the higher bid is warranted for 15 years. A question was brought up about when the roof was done last the length of the warranty on that roof replacement. The Clerk said she would look into it and try to find out more information. The Council asked Gaarder to get a second bid in the meantime and to just patch the roof leaks for now.

OTHER: AJ Walther was sworn in as the new City Council Member. Mike Halterman will be sworn in at the July Council Meeting.

RESCUE: Chief Hudec informed the Council that Dawn Johanneck had submitted a resignation letter resigning from the Rescue Department as of June 30th, 2015. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve the resignation letter. Council Member Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hudec reported that the department had nine runs for the month totaling 28 for the year. The department was scheduled for self defense training on June 29th. Two new candidates have applied to the department and passed the background checks and now the Council needed to approve the hiring of Josh Thomas and Ashley Needham. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve hiring both applicants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried. The department is at 10 members but will drop to 9 when Dawn Johanneck leaves at the end of the month. Hudec explained to the Council that with the department growing they needed to once again split the positions of Assistant Chief and Training Officer and was looking for Council approval. Council Member Peterka made a motion to split the positions and once again have four Officers within the Rescue Department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

At last month's meeting the Council approved to pay \$300 towards the Department's supplies and Hudec was questioning that since the department is budgeted to cover necessary medical supplies. He also questioned why the Council did not approve paying for the generator and GPS unit since the budget allowed for additional equipment. The Council discussed the issues and agreed to pay for all of the medical supplies, the generator and the GPS unit with a motion by Council Member Peterka and a seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried. Hudec said he would like to purchase some additional T-shirts now that the membership is growing. Council Member Nelson asked if the City had paid for shirts for the Fire Department or if they pay for their own shirts. Jans said that the Fire Department has always paid for shirts. Hudec said he would retrack that request.

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Hudec explained how the department helped with assisting the Fire Department during the fire at D&D Ventures. He would like to start talking about purchasing a second vehicle for the department. The preference was to have a vehicle that has 4 wheel drive capabilities. It was mentioned that this should be brought up to the townships before any purchase or approval was made by the City Council. Hudec has plans to start a Junior EMS Program. The program would train 14-18 year olds on some basic first aid. He already has two individuals who are interested. It was mentioned that the pagers are about at the end of their useful life and will need replacing. Some of the radios are being reprogrammed. The cost for new pagers is about \$500 plus the cost of programming.

FIRE: Chief Jans reported that the department had two fires during the month. They need to replace three hoses. The question of billing out for fire calls was brought up at the meeting. The billing for fire calls needs to be discussed with the townships. Jans informed the Council that the Fire Department is planning on having a raffle during Augustfest. They would like to raffle off a lawn mower. Jans asked the Council for permission to have the City purchase the mower and then the Fire Department would reimburse the City. Council Member Peterka made the motion to approve purchasing the lawn mower for the Fire Department with the understanding that the department will reimburse the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: Officer Schutz stated that there had been 51 calls during the month. He specifically mentioned that during this road construction phase, **"PEOPLE ARE NOT TO CROSS THE BARRICADES OR THEY WILL BE FINED. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE IF YOU LIVE OR HAVE BUSINESS ON HIGHWAY 12 THAT YOU NEED TO GET TO."** In response to a question asked by a Council Member, the City has no ordinance against trailers being parked on the streets. Letters are being sent out to individuals who have vehicles parked on the streets or yards without current registrations.

CLERK: Bergstrom told the Council that she had a Clerk's training in Alexandria on June 10th. The Auditors were out working on the audit.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder brought up a few questions that Jans had regarding his job description. Most of the discussion revolved around "on-call" requirements and pay. Jans would like permission to purchase locating paint and copper wire. An estimate was given to the Council regarding the Arc Flash study, an electrical model for the coordination study and a system protection and coordination study required by OSHA. The estimate for all of these is \$11,300. Jans has yet to provide a detailed listing of the clothing items required by OSHA that need to be purchased. Council Member Nelson made a motion to approve the \$11,300 for the OSHA studies and the purchase of clothing items. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

Council Member Peterka mentioned to Gaarder that he should schedule the street sweeping after the seeds fall from the trees; sometime after June 1st.

DRANGE: Mayor Drange mentioned that the next Augustfest meeting is scheduled for June 24th at 6pm. She would like to see all organization heads to be present at this meeting.

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JOHANNECK: Johanneck wanted to thank everybody from the Council and the town. As she will be moving to Litchfield, she wanted to say that she would miss Grove City.

PETERKA: Peterka mentioned that John Lindstrom had approached him asking if the City would be interested in purchasing his parents place. He went on to say that the City should consider spending the money to change the lawn ordinance from 12 inches to something like 6 or 7. People need to stay on top of mowing their lawn and notices need to go out to individuals. The Clerk mentioned that the City should wait and see how the summer goes. If the situation becomes a real problem, then the City should consider spending the money on changing the ordinance. Bergstrom told the Council that she had talked with Pratt about this situation. By the time the weeds/lawn is up to 12 inches, you don't know what garbage is in the weeds/lawn and when the City goes to mow, it can damage the equipment.

NELSON: Nelson asked Gaarder if he was intending to fill some of the potholes on Second Street. He said that he was going to get the material soon.

Mike Halterman asked if he could make an introduction of himself before the meeting ended. He told the Council and visitors a little about himself and his background. He explained that he just moved to town; purchasing Terry Miller's home. He said he had been listening to the various issues brought up during the meeting and felt with his experience and background he could offer help and assistance with many of them.

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

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COMING EVENTS:

JUNE 28th at 11:30 the GROVE CITY C.A.R.E. will have their annual AUCTION at Trinity Lutheran Church. A light lunch and root beer floats will be available. If you have gently used items or would like to make donations for the Auction, please call the C.A.R.E. office at 857-2274.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4TH WEEKEND AND REMEMBER – DON'T CROSS THE ROAD BARRICADES!!!!

August 1st, Saturday, the Grove City Lion's Annual Golf Tournament. Tournament will be at the Island Pine Golf Course in Atwater. Contact Brad Bird at 857-2884 or Nick Peterson at 857-2521 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.