

**GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14TH, 2016 @ 7:00PM**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

CONSENT AGENDA: Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda. Halterman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Peterka made a motion to approve the minutes. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Houselog asked the council to disclose the dollar amounts on any bids the City is considering in regards to projects.

OLD BUSINESS

BOLLIG – PROJECT UPDATE: Peterka made a motion to approve a Loan Resolution with the USDA RD Community Facilities Loan Program. Renne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bid-ready plans and specifications have been delivered to the City and to RD. Bollig is still working on some permits for the ponds. The City is still working on getting signatures on some easements needed for the upcoming street project. Nelson made a motion to authorize advertising the Infrastructure Improvements Project for bid, contingent on USDA Rural Development concurrence. The motion was seconded by Peterka. Motion carried. Nelson explained to the council that Byler's would like to close off the existing driveway through the trailer park and make a new entrance to the property via Sunrise Lane. There was also some discussion about annexing them into the City.

JOHN SLINDEN PROJECT: Jans presented the estimate for the project totaling around \$13,000. Halterman made a motion to go ahead with the project based on Jans plan and estimate for the project. The motion was seconded by Peterka. Motion carried.

KITCHEN UTENSILS: Peterka informed the council that only a few items were needed in the kitchen and would total around \$30.

BIDS TO UPGRADE WIRING IN COMMUNITY CENTER: There were two bids obtained; Mid-MN Electric at \$844 and Ryan Buer at \$1075. A motion was made by Peterka to hire Mid-MN Electric and Renne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-01A – COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made to approve the changes to the resolution by Peterka and seconded by Halterman. Motion carried.

SOUTH GROVE: The EDA Board discussed pets and creating a pet policy along with possibly charging an extra damage deposit for pets. Ardy Johnson has agreed to look over the gym after people have rented the facility but she will need a list. Allen Knutson asked for permission to do some landscaping at the south end of the building.

RESCUE: There were six calls for the month. The Department has been updating their by-laws. Hudec is requesting to purchase cones and signs. Bridget Whitcomb has passed the background check and Hudec asked for permission to offer her a position within the department. A motion to approve hiring Bridget was made by Drange and seconded by Renne. Motion carried. The Grove City CARE was awarded a grant of \$1500 to purchase a defibrillator. They are requesting \$295 from the City to cover the additional cost. A motion was made by Peterka to cover the remaining cost of \$295. The motion was seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

FIRE: Jans reported one call for the month. They would like to have someone clean up their computer and are requesting \$250 for batteries for some of their gear. A motion was made by Peterka to approve spending \$250 for batteries and seconded by Halterman. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: There were 50 calls for the month. Schutz was assisting with criminal justice classes at ACGC.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder obtained some bids on mowers. The City's old mower could be traded in against the new mower.

DRANGE: Augustfest meeting on March 16th @ 6:30pm.

HALTERMAN: Parking by Jennie-O is a problem. He mentioned the need to start talking about increasing electric rates.

PETERKA: Garbage outside the old car wash. He discussed enforcing ordinances.

NELSON: Looking into service contracts for the electrical company and is talking to MMUA about contracts. Spoke with Jans about tree trimming.

ADJOURNMENT: Peterka made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Renne seconded the motion. Motion carried.