

GROVE CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2016 @ 6:30PM

PRESENT: DRANGE, PETERKA, NELSON, HALTERMAN

APPOINTMENT TO FILL OPEN COUNCIL SEAT: A motion was made by Peterka to approve appointing Jim Renne to fill the open council seat. The motion was seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

BOLLIG ENGINEERING – PROJECT: Kevin from Rural Development went over a new Letter of Conditions regarding the additional street improvements of the upcoming project. The request for funding is for \$2,068,000 over 20 years and annual payments of about \$141,000 at about 3.125% interest. Rural Development requires a 10% annual debt service reserve. Peterka made a motion to approve the Letter of Conditions and move forward with Rural Development. Halterman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin also brought a new updated version of the 2014 EJCDC agreement that he needed approved. Halterman made a motion to approve the updated 2014 version of the EJCDC and void the old version. Peterka seconded the motion. Motion carried. Along with that, Kevin brought a new Non-Rural Development Non-Eligible Owner of Agreements to be approved. Peterka made a motion to approve the new Non-Rural Development Non-Eligible Owner of Agreements and void the old agreement. Renne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JOHN SLINDEN PROJECT: Halterman explained that the City needs to fix only what is out of code and upgrade to three phase. Doug Joens has completed the preliminary design for the project. After talking over the project with Tom from Highline in Paynesville, they told Halterman that Brad should be able to do the project. Halterman explained that he had obtained several bids and talked with Brad. If Brad were to do the work along with the part-time lineman, it would save money for the City by doing the work in house. A question was asked why Brad wasn't at the meeting to answer questions and provide some information. The Council said they would ask Brad to come to the next meeting. Halterman said Brad is working on getting a cost estimate for parts. The other Council Members wanted Brad to provide a timeline as to how long it would take him to do the project. Nelson wants to get bids from other companies and compare that to Brad's estimates.

ELECTRIC COMPANY: Nelson brought up the fact that the council should be looking into getting estimates from other businesses who might want to come in and do the maintenance of the City's electric business. Another council member brought up getting estimates on what it would cost to hire a second lineman in the future and compare the cost difference. Bergstrom mentioned once again about looking into increasing rates and lowering the franchise agreement which transfers money from the electric fund to the general fund. She reminded them that that would mean less money going into the general fund so expenses there would need to be monitored.

CLERK'S CONFERENCE: Bergstrom requested permission to attend the annual Clerk's Conference March 15-18th. Rita would cover the office most of the time. Peterka made a motion to approve sending Bergstrom to the conference and Halterman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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REWIRING COMMUNITING CENTER: Peterka mentioned that during the CARE's Souper Bowl party they were blowing fuses and wants to get bids to have the electric service upgraded to accommodate the amount of crock pots plugged in at the same time.

KITCHEN UTENSILS: Peterka said that during the CARE's Souper Bowl party they noticed that the kitchen was missing utensils and some of the utensils in the drawers leave a lot to be desired. He would like to put together a list and present it at the next council meeting and get permission to purchase new utensils.

LAWN MOWER/SNOW BLOWER/SWEEPER: Gaarder and Pratt said that the current mowers and blowers are getting old and they have had several break downs within the past year. The gear box went out on the blower and the cost to fix will be around \$1100. Gaarder said that Cosmos upgrades every year to a new mower. They brought up the possibility of leasing new equipment. Gaarder and Pratt will get information and estimated prices.

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

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