

**GROVE CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 23, 2015 @ 6:00PM**

**PRESENT: DRANGE, PETERKA, NELSON, JOHANNECK**

**BOLLIG ENGINEERING UPDATE ON WATER/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM:** Brian Bollig informed the council that he had been working with Struthers regarding purchasing land for the new sewer pond system but with every conversation the price per acre kept going up. Brian Bollig with help from Councilmember Miller started negotiations with Dale Hoerchler and Hoerchler agreed to sell some of his land to the City at \$12,000 per acre. A purchase agreement has been written to purchase 30.6 acres and an easement requiring \$300 per acre rent per year to use some additional land until the ponds are fully constructed. The purchase option will require a \$100 down payment and it good for four years.

Councilmember Nelson asked Bollig Engineering is they had looking into any land on the east side of Highway 4. Bollig stated that they had but there would be issues with easements and permits needed to drain into the creek and there would be additional costs associated with constructing and piping that additional distance. Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the purchase agreement with Dale Hoerchler for 30.6 acres at \$12,000 per acre. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

Bollig told the Council that they have worked with a David Drown who is a financial consultant and works with Councils to explain their City's financial status and what kind of financing the City needs to complete whatever projects they are trying to accomplish. As discussed before, Bollig talked to the Council about acquiring some temporary financing of up to \$750,000. The City would not make any payments for three years and the interest would be built into the loan amount. This funding is needed to get the PFA funding process started. The cost for hiring Drown Associates would be \$6,000 initially. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to spend \$6,000 and hire Drown Associates to work with the City in putting together a financial model for the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilmember Johanneck to obtain the temporary financing of \$750,000 to start the PFA funding process. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried.

Brian showed the Councilmembers the "Consent to Entry and Construction" form he needed every business person affecting by the water main project to sign. He explained that he had consulted with the City's Attorney, Amy Mace, on some specific language to be used within the form. Brian offered to go with a Councilmember in obtaining the signatures. Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the "Consent to Entry and Construction" form and have a member of Bollig Engineering go with a Councilmember to obtain the signatures from the business owners involved with the project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried.

Bollig talked about needing to hold a pre-bid conference with the contractor and set a date to open for bids. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve the holding a pre-bid conference. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried. Bollig presented the Council with Task Order #7 which is to approve the construction services for moving the water mains from Highway 12 to the alley and make the necessary improvement to the sanitary sewer system within the alley. The motion to approve Task Order #7 was made by Councilmember Johanneck and seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried.

**UNAPPROVED**

Bollig discussed the timeline regarding the bidding process of the water main/sanitary sewer project with the Council. The pre-bid conference with the engineers and the contractor will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m. The bid-opening will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. The awarding of the bid will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. All meeting will be held at the Grove City Community Center and City Council is not required to be present. These meetings are open to the public but not Council Meetings. Councilmember Nelson made a motion to allow Bollig to start advertising for bids in the paper. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried.

**RUDOLFO MORENO:** Mr. Moreno discussed with the Council his utility bill for his personal residence and the apartment next door, which he is now the owner. He also discussed the rates the City of Grove City charges and stated that he had checked into the rates that other towns are charging and claimed that the City of Grove City is the highest. Councilmembers explained to him that Grove City is not the highest and that we need to charge what we are charging due to the up and coming costs of the much needed plans to replace some very old infrastructure within the City. Bergstrom informed the Council that she had been sending Mr. Moreno past due notices but then he doesn't make payments by the set date and always wants to more time. She explained to him that she couldn't do that because the rules have to apply to everyone and if no payment is received she would be instructed to shut off his utilities. Councilmember Nelson discussed having Mr. Moreno come into the City Clerk's office and sign a payment agreement plan agreeing to pay \$100 per week for the next five weeks in hopes of getting his two utility accounts current.

**APPROVING RESIGNATION LETTER OF RESCUE CHIEF:** Ruiz Munoz has resigned from the position of Rescue Chief. Councilmember Peterka made the motion to approve the resignation letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried. Councilmember Johanneck abstained.

**APPROVING THE NEW RESCUE CHIEF:** At the present time, Councilmember Johanneck has been filling in as Rescue Chief since Munoz resigned. Jesse Hudec, a relatively new member of the department came to the Council and introduced himself. He informed them of how long he has been on the department, his background and experience and explained that he wanted approval from the Council to be the new Rescue Chief. He went on to explain what he had been doing to reach out into the community within the department. Hudec told the Council that two members of the Fire Department were looking to come back to Rescue and he had passed out several applications and felt confident that he could get a few more members added to the department. He said he was willing to work hard at building the Rescue Department back up to what it once was in the past. The other members of the department were in attendance of the meeting and informed the Council that they had voted him in as the Chief and now wanted the Council's approval. Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve Jesse Hudec as the new Rescue Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried. Councilmember Johanneck abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilmember Peterka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drange. Motion carried.

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