

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2015 @ 7PM

PRESENT: DRANGE, JOHANNECK, MILLER, PETERKA

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Miller to approve the minutes from April 7th and 8th. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Jonathan Johanneck spoke to the Council about redoing the baseball field located on the east end of the old football field. He would like to see some repairs to the concrete, fence and sanded areas. No ATV's or 3 wheelers should be allowed to drive on the field. His estimate on the cost was around \$4-5,000 and wanted permission to get donations and volunteers to start the project. He also wanted to see some repairs done to the basketball court and parks. Council Member Peterka requested that he get a break down of the costs on the various repairs and come back to the Council with that information.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTIONS: The City Clerk informed the Council that she had not received all of the copies of the job descriptions with changes therefore there was nothing for the Council to approve. She also asked if when she gets all of the job descriptions updated if she could send them out via email, with the exception of Council Member Peterka, instead of printing out all of the descriptions times five. She felt the cost of paper and ink in regards to that is high and unnecessary. The Council was in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

BOLLIG-PROJECT UPDATES: Scott from Bollig was present to inform the Council that Grove City was awarded the Small Cities Grant of \$600,000. These funds will be used towards the new sanitary sewer project. Kevin from Rural Development will be working this grant money into the overall funding we will be receiving from them. On Thursday, May 21st in the afternoon Bollig will be meeting with Kraemer Trucking and Excavating in regards to plans for the water main project. This is not a Council Meeting and so no Council Members are required to attend.

Resolution 2015-02 Providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of a \$750,000 general obligation water and sewer revenue bond, series 2015A (Temporary) was presented to the Council for approval. The funds are to help pay for the costs of the water main project until the grant and funding from RD becomes available to the City. A motion to approve resolution 2015-02 was made by Council Member Peterka. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

APPROVE CHANGES TO THE WATER/SEWER CONNECTIONS BILLED TO COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS: The Clerk presented to the Council the proposed changes to some of the commercial customers based on their water usage for 2014. The proposal was to increase Carlson Meats, Schmitdy's and the Car Wash by one access charge of water and one access charge of sewer per month. The proposal also stated to lower Precision Fiberglass, Midwest Metal and the Roadhouse Bar & Grill by one access charge of water and one access charge of sewer per month. A motion was made by Council Member Miller to approve the recommended changes to the monthly billing of access charges. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

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SOUTH GROVE: The City Clerk informed the Council that there had been a request to once again pay \$100 to Lucille Pautzke for the purchase of flowers to be planted around the outside of the South Grove building. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried. Gaarder informed the Council that there had been leaks in the roof over the dining room at South Grove. West Central Roofing was out and they were not able to determine where the leaks were coming from right away. They did say that the roof is nearly 20 years old and that is the life of a roof. Council Member Peterka asked that Gaarder get prices and the Council will discuss the roofing issue next month.

RESOLUTION 2015-03 DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL: As of May 16th, 2015 there will be a vacancy on the City Council as Terry Miller has resigned as of May 15th, 2015. The Resolution was approved by Council Member Peterka. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: Council Member Peterka made a motion to hold off filling the vacancy since there was only one application to see if anyone else might be interested. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johanneck. Motion carried.

OTHER: The City Clerk informed the Council that there were cracks in the glass on the west side entry door of South Grove. The door will need to be repaired.

FIRE: Chief Jans reported that the department had six calls during the month. The Fire and Rescue Departments have training on May 12th for weather watching. The Fire Department is going to host a fishing tournament once again as a fund raiser the last Saturday in August on Koronis Lake. The department has been hauling many gallons of water to the turkey barns in the past month and Jans wanted clarification as to what to charge the state. Jans thought they hauled approximately 280,000 gallons. The Clerk stated that the rate sheet says \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons. Jans felt that with labor and supplies the costs are around \$9,500-\$9,600 which will also be billed to the state for reimbursement to the City. There was also a question as to where the state should send to the check. The Clerk said the check should come to the City office and she will apply the funds to the various accounts and people. Gaarder said the contractor who will be working on the Highway 12 project will need about 20,000 gallons of water this summer as well.

RESCUE: Chief Hudec reported that the department had five calls during the month. Hudec requested approval to upgrade the lights on the Rescue Rig. The cost would be \$1,137.59. These new lights are not a requirement just a recommendation. Council Member Peterka stated that with the upcoming major expenses facing the City, the Council can't approve every request and some things will have to wait until sometime in the future. Hudec requested reimbursement for some hazardous boot covers that were purchased to be used while working with the turkey barns north of town. He also told the Council that the department had pictures taken of the new squad members. The picture was submitted to the paper for EMS week. The total cost for both the boot covers and the pictures was \$79.41. Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried. While doing a truck check, Hudec informed the Council that some of the supplies were beyond the expiration date. He provided the Council with a list. Council Member asked how the department was coming with their fundraising and donation requests. Hudec responded that they were doing well; nearing approximately \$1600. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve paying up to \$300 and the department use money from their fundraising to pay for the rest. Mayor Drange seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hudec reported that the cost of a new generator would be \$349.99 from

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Runnings in Litchfield. The generator that the Fire Department has is from the 90's and is leaking oil. Hudec asked for approval to hire Gwen Cristel onto the Rescue Department. She is new to town and passed the background check. A motion was made by Council Member Miller to hire Gwen Cristel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: Officer Schutz reported that there had been 50 calls during the month. A letter will be sent out to the owner of the jeeps that are unlicensed and parked in a resident's yard. Also, a letter will go to AJ Walther's towing to remove the car that has been parked in the City's parking lot since last year. Schutz said he will check the ordinance regarding whether or not trailers or RV's can be parked on the street overnight.

CLERK: Bergstrom informed that Council that the Auditors were coming out the first week in June. The building inspector had been out and said at the beginning of June he would help with the notification process informing residents that they need to clean up their yards and the outside of their houses. Bergstrom went on to say that she had not had time to read the proposed rental ordinance that the Attorney's written for the City but would be looking into it as soon as possible. She informed the Council that the City of Litchfield has been working on a rental ordinance and she wants to look into what their ordinance says versus the one Grove City's Attorney wrote.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder explained to the Council that there were new OSHA requirements. The new requirements would include new clothing, an ARCH flash helmet, fuse coordination and an ARCH flash study. Terry Miller said that he could get the Council prices is he was given a listing of the clothing items needed and the quantity of each item. Gaarder told the Council that Jans would need to contact the electrical engineer to help with the John Slinden project. The price to purchase some fault indicators would be \$249 each and Jans feels we should have three of them. Gaarder told the Council he needs to call Gerald Whitcomb to work on a curb stop that is leaking. He wants to get some hot mix for pot holes. He asked the Council what they want to do with the old Christmas decorations? After a brief discussion it was decided to just throw them away.

DRANGE: Mayor Drange asked about the phone number for South Grove that is listed. Bergstrom explained that the City has to keep a phone line in that building because the security system is connected into it. She also said there should be a message on that phone that tells people to call the City Office. Drange asked about the welcome to Grove City signs. Peterka said he contacted someone from the railroad and they are okay with signs as long as they are at least 25 feet away from the tracks. Bergstrom said the Lions Club is looking into working on welcome signs as a community project. Drange asked about signs to hang on the light poles on mainstreet. Miller said he could get prices as long as the Council told him what they want and how many. Maintenance on the windmill was mentioned. Estimates are needed as to what the maintenance and painting would cost.

JOHANNECK: Johanneck explained that she and the Mayor had gone around town inspecting all of the playgrounds and park equipment. She provided a detailed list to the Council and explained what they felt the priorities were as far as repairs in each park, the basketball court and walking ramp north of the basketball court.

PETERKA: Peterka talked about finding someone to monitor the renting of the gym and birds rooms at South Grove. He said he would look into finding someone.

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

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*****UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE BACK*****

EVENTS:

JUNE 8th @ 7pm next regular City Council Meeting

JUNE 24th @ 6pm next Augustfest planning meeting at the Community Center. Anyone who would like to participate, please come to the meeting or call the City Office for more information.

JUNE 28th @ 11:00am the Grove City C.A.R.E. Annual Auction will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church. Lunch will be served along with rootbeer floats. If you have items to donate, bring them to the C.A.R.E. office or call 857-2274.