

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 9TH, 2016 @ 7PM

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

AGENDA: Council Member Halterman made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Renne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

BOLLIG: Scott from Bollig stated that Reiner had the lowest bid on the street improvement project bid. He also said that Council Member Nelson would have to abstain from any discussion and or motion because Nelson is an employee of Reiner. Because Reiner's prices were so good, Scott said they will look into having them clean the storm sewers as well. Council Member Peterka made a motion to award the infrastructure improvements contract base bid without alternates to Reiner Contracting, for a contract amount of \$5,170,009.64, contingent on necessary approvals and concurrence from the funding agencies. The motion was seconded by Council Member Renne. Motion carried. Nelson abstained.

A resolution is needed to apply to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for financial assistance in the form of a Wastewater Infrastructure Fund Grant to be used in conjunction with funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the City-wide wastewater system improvements along with drinking water and storm water system repairs and upgrades. Peterka made a motion to approve resolution 2016-03 and Halterman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott explained the situation with MPCA regarding a permit for the ponds and what is causing the delay. He presented information laying out two different courses of action and advised the Council to go with option 2 which will attempt to disqualify the use of the wastewater treatment plant's data for setting pond limits. Halterman made a motion to authorize Bollig to prepare response letter, incorporating option 2 for salty discharge limits. The motion was seconded by Peterka. Motion carried.

Because the bidding and starting of the pond project will be delayed by MPCA and achieving some needed permits, Wesemans are interested in planting the site if possible. A motion was made by Peterka to allow Wesemans to pant the wastewater pond site for a rent price of \$0, with the understanding that no crop damage payments will be made for any reason, and that the wastewater ponds project will not be delayed to allow for harvest. The motion was seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Lambertson: Purchase land by the Water Tower: The Council asked Lambertson how many feet she wanted to purchase. They told her she would have to pay for the surveying costs and depending on how many feet they would need to decide a price to sell the additional land to her and her husband. She said she would look into the cost of having the surveying and get back to the Council.

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NEW BUSINESS

HIRING PART-TIME HELP IN THE CITY OFFICE: Halterman told the council that the Personnel Committee and Clerk interviewed two candidates and made a motion to recommend the Council hire Christine Ransom. The motion was seconded by Renne. Motion carried.

SOUTH GROVE: Peterka said that there was a section of hallway that needs to have a hand rail installed. Also, the sidewalks by a couple of entrances have settled and the City should look into having them grinded down. Peterka made a motion to purchase and install the handrail and grind down the sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Council Member Halterman. Motion carried. Allen Knutson is going to have a flagpole installed at his expense on the south end of South Grove.

RESCUE: Chief Hudec reported that the department had 5 calls during the month. He is working on creating a reserve squad; people in the community trained and able to respond. Ridgewater is increasing their training costs. Hudec is looking for approval to hire an applicant that lives on CSAH 16 for the Reserve Rescue Squad. A motion was made by Mayor Drange and seconded by Halterman to approve the hire. Motion carried. The race track coverage will not continue. Hudec proposed spending \$1470 on cones, portable flag paddles and temp emergency signs and splitting the cost with the fire department. Renne suggested that Hudec apply for funds from the Railroad, Eagles and Legion in Litchfield and explore other avenues to cover some of the spending requests. Renne made a motion to approve spending \$1470 on the cones, flags and signs.

FIRE: Chief Jans reported that there had been two calls during the month. They have three new applicants, all from Rescue, that he would like to have permission to hire. Mayor Drange made a motion to approve hiring Peter Moe, Josh Thomas and Kathy Holland. The motion was seconded by Peterka. Motion carried. Jans also told the council that the work on the bathroom in the fire hall was finished.

DRANGE: The next Augustfest meeting will be on May 25th at 6:30pm.

HALTERMAN: Byler's have not started the driveway and Halterman wanted to make it clear that the council did not approve the new buyer of the property to make the new driveway, only Byler's.

RENNE: Renne asked for a copy of the Lease and Tenant Policy Handbook pertaining to South Grove.

PETERKA: Peterka told the rest of the council that he would like to see the chairs taken out of the Clerk's office so people won't feel the need to sit and visit. The Clerk asked what she should do if an engineer stops in for a meeting and there is no place to sit? Nelson said she could carry a chair back into the office when they are coming. The Clerk told the council that she doesn't always know when they are coming for a meeting. Peterka told her she could bring them back to the community center room in those situations.

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

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