

**GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

ALL COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

AGENDA: A motion was made by Councilmember Miller to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-17 CANVASSING THE ELECTION RESULTS: Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-18 DONATION TO FIRE DEPARTMENT: A motion was made to approve the donation made to the Fire Department by the Grove City United Fund by Councilmember Peterka. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

RESCUE: Chief Munoz reported that there had been eight calls during the month. The hazardous bins that the department ordered had arrived. The Rescue Department will do some decontamination training with Litchfield's Rescue Department. The next Rescue meeting will be on November 24th at 6:30pm. The Department received an application from a new applicant who lives in Harvey Township and Chief Munoz asked the Council if there were any restrictions on hiring someone living that far from town. After some discussion the Council told Munoz that it was the Chief's decision.

VISITORS - WEST CENTRAL SANITATION: Don Williams from West Central Sanitation came to speak to the Council. The list of outstanding garbage bills was presented to the Council. Williams told the Council that everyone on the list had been notified of the outstanding charges and that these charges would be assessed to property taxes. There was some discussion on getting new recycling cans which would result in a slight increase to everyone's bill for the new can. Williams said he would come back to the Council to discuss this option and the added cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

DUSTIN'S PAY INCREASE FOR LICENSES OBTAINED: The Council discussed and specified that Dustin would get a \$1 raise for obtaining ground training in September, \$1 raise for getting his CDL license which he obtained in October. He took his class D Water license exam and it was decided that if he passed he would get a .50 cent raise and another .50 raise when he passes his Class C Water license. The same raise increases will occur for the Class D and C Sewer licenses when he is eligible to take them. Dustin will bring information to the next meeting about the BioSludge License. Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve the pay increases regarding each license as spelled out above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried.

Dustin told the Council that the City needs to look into getting more back-up part-time lineman hired. The Council said that he could go ahead and talk to the City of Litchfield regarding the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

UTILITY ASSESSMENT LIST: The Council was presented with a list of outstanding garbage and utility bills to be assessed to people's property taxes. Councilmember Peterka made a motion to approve the list. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

2015 BUDGET ITEMS: The Clerk presented the Council with some preliminary budget numbers but really needed to know if there would be changes to the employee's wages and any changes to the benefits for the next year. The Council talked about getting employee reviews done and discuss giving raises to the employees which they would present to the Council at the next Council meeting. The Clerk state that she would like to

meet with the Finance Committee at the end of the month to go over the 2015 budget before the final Budget is approved in December.

UPGRADE TO ITRON RADIO READERS AND WATER METERS: It was discussed that the Radio Reader which reads the meters will be outdated at the end of the year. Councilmember Peterka along with the City Employees had met with a representative from Dakota Supply Group about upgrading the radio reader and purchasing 150 boxes which could replace boxes that are already on the water meters. These new boxes along with the new radio reader and additional software would allow for 40 days worth of history on the water usage of that meter. This information could be passed onto the customer to notify them of when the meter was reading excessive high water usage. This package deal would cost around \$13,500.

Councilmember Nelson talked about finding other bids. Councilmember Miller said he did not see how the tracking of leaks in the past 40 days would stop people from complaining. After further discussion and unanswered questions, Councilmember Peterka made a motion to table the discussion to next month's meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Johanneck. Motion carried.

SOUTH GROVE: The Clerk informed the Council that there will be a new renter moving into South Grove and that now there is only one one-bedroom apartment to be filled.

SHERIFF: Office Schutz reported that there had been 60 calls during the month. Councilmember Nelson mentioned that the snow ordinance takes effect December 1st but maybe should be looked into revising it since we can get moveable snow earlier in the year.

CLERK: The Clerk reminded the Council that the annual meeting with the Townships was scheduled for November 17th at 6:30. The annual "Truth and Taxation" meeting was scheduled for the same night as the December Council meeting so that meeting will start at 6:30pm. She also informed the Council that she had contacted the City Attorney on changing the City Alcohol Ordinance since the Sunday Liquor License had passed in the election.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder told the Council he received a bid for hydrant markers that he would like to order. The bid for 50 markers would cost \$805.50. Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve purchasing the markers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried. Gaarder also asked for permission to have Doug Pratt help with snow removal when needed. The Council approved.

DRANGE: Mayor Drange asked about an ordinance on garbage being stored in a garage. She had received information that someone living on 2nd street was doing this. The officer said he would look into the situation.

NELSON: Councilmember Nelson talked about the website and how things get changed on the website and what he can change and what changes Benson makes to the site.

PETERKA: Councilmember asked Gaarder if he could see to it that the flagpole be put outside the City Office for Veteran's day and if he could look into getting a flag put on the outside of the building permanently.

AJOURNMENT: Councilmember Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peterka. Motion carried.

EVENTS:

December 12 at 5:30pm at the Community Center the Fire Department will be hosting a Pasta Feed and Santa Train. Meal will be a free will donation. "Meet and Greet" with Santa after the Santa Train at 6:15pm.