

GROVE CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 23, 2015 @ 6:30PM

PRESENT: DRANGE, PETERKA, HALTERMAN, WALTHERS

BOLLIG ENGINEERING – INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT: Brian Bollig presented the council with a new map and cost projection sheet showing that the City should be picking up an additional \$700,000 in funding from Rural Development to pay for replacing more old water mains which run parallel with the sewer pipes that need to be replaced. The additional funds will be based on the potential for more federal money being allocated to Rural Development. This new project cost sheet includes the councils additions of reclaiming Axel Avenue West, reconstruction of 5th and 7th street by Grove Height Town Homes and the Alley behind the bank, and milling and overlay on 2nd Street South.

These changes to the project will need to be presented to the residents in another Public Hearing scheduled for December 9th @ 6:30pm. Notices will get sent out by David Drown & Associates. Brian stated that they plan to submit the final plans of the project to Rural Development before Christmas. The project will be split into two different projects when submitting for bids: one for the ponds and the other for the street work. Brian asked the council for a motion to approve the additional engineering amendment agreement for the project. The motion was made by Council Member Peterka and seconded by Council Member Halterman. Motion carried.

Brian also mentioned to the Council that he will be working with the City's Attorney to obtain four easements needed for the existing utilities. A fifth one will be needed regarding the crossing of the railroad tracks. Only a permit will be needed to cross the highway. Brian said he would like to have a Council Person designated to assist in talking with the landowners of the properties where the easements will apply.

Brian presented a resolution from Kevin from Rural Development regarding permanent financing to be at the end of the project when we need it to buy out the City's temporary loans. The amount will be for \$4,834,000. Council Member Halterman made a motion to approve the resolution for permanent financing in the amount of \$4,834,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

Brian mentioned to the Council that the storm sewer will need to be cleaned and this can be done by the City's Public Works Department or they could hire someone to have it done. The Council felt that the City's Public Works Department should be able to accomplish the cleaning. A boundary survey is being done and the City's Attorney will draw up the paperwork. There will be a continuous permanent access to the ponds; no easement will be needed to get to the ponds. The rifle range will need to be closed for the season but the Tuesday night trap shoot should be able to continue as normal.

BMX Track: It was discussed by the Council that possibly more information was needed in regards to building the BMX Track at the old football field. One of the Council Members as well as the Clerk said that people have been complaining about the idea of the track being built in that location; Clifford Hedtke who would be living next to it did not want to have such a track built next to his property. It was discussed that with the sanitary sewer/street project, the streets next to the football field will be tore up and being able to get to and from the football field might not be feasible. The possibility of other locations such as Grove Creek was mentioned. Council Member Halterman made a motion to rescind the previous motion of allowing the BMX Track to be built at the old football field based on letters of intent until more information was acquired, the people living by the football field were informed, and other locations were considered. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

EXIT TIME ON RENTING OF SOUTH GROVE AND COMMUNITY CENTER: After some brief discussion it was decided that people renting out the community center should be out of the building by 2am and people renting out South Grove had to be out by midnight due to the fact that there are residents living there and this might help control some of the late night noise that might disturb the residents living at South Grove.

2016 Budget: The Clerk informed the Council that she was still tweaking on the budget but asked if they had any questions or items to discussion. Bergstrom said she was still trying to look at ways of creating extra revenue and cutting expenses where possible and welcomed any feedback.

UTILITY RATE INCREASES STARTING JANUARY 1, 2016: The Clerk informed the Council that the Utility Committee had met on the 19th to discuss two options of increasing the water and sewer rates sent to her by David Drown, the financial advisor. Bergstrom explained the options to the Council and told them that the committee felt option one was the recommendation to bring before the Council for approval. Option one will increase the water access charge from \$25 per month to \$30 per month and increase the usage rate of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons. This option also recommended increasing the sewer access charge from \$22.00 per month to \$26.50 per month and the usage rate will follow the water going from \$5.55 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve the increases to water and sewer recommended by the utility committee and David Drown. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walthers. Motion carried. The Clerk said notices will go out to the water and sewer customers with next month's bills.

The Utility Committee also recommended increasing the rent of the South Grove residents by \$10 per month starting January 1, 2016 as their increase for water and sewer. A motion was made by Mayor Drange to approve the increase in rent for the residents at South Grove. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

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

UNAPPROVED