

GROVE CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2015

PRESENT: DRANGE, HALTERMAN, PETERKA, NELSON

AGENDA: Council member Peterka made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council member Halterman. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Council member Peterka made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14th, 2015. The motion was approved by Council member Halterman. Motion carried.

VISITORS: Mr. and Mrs. Essendorf who live on Lindstrom Ave came to inform the council of the issues they have been having with their neighbor Ralph Hayword. Some of the issues involve their minor children. The council said that they would look into what the City could do about the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

BOLLIG – SANITARY SEWER AND STREET PROJECT UPDATES: Brian Bollig gave a recap of the Public Hearing. He said that residents were concerned about cost but in agreement that the improvements needed to be done. Petitions by the residents were due by the 7th of November. If no one signs the petitions then the council will have to make some decisions regarding proceeding with full reconstructions of some of the streets within town. At that time, they will discuss what to do with the Alley behind the bank and Axel Ave. West off of Highway 4. There was some discussion about deferring empty lots and developing the old football field into lots. The council agreed to meet with Bollig at 5:30pm for a Special Meeting to discuss these issues before the next regular council meeting on November 9th, 2015.

The City is going to need more temporary financing amounting to \$1,604,000 in order to continue the project through bidding and purchasing the land in January 2016. A motion was made by council member Nelson to approve the temporary financing. The motion was seconded by council member Peterka. Motion carried. Resolution 2015-09 for the final design of the project was made by council member Peterka and the motion was seconded by council member Nelson. Motion carried.

Bollig requested to meet once again with Council Member Halterman to discuss the street project. Bollig said they would do some soil boring on Axel and the Alley behind Schmidty's with the council's approval. A motion was made by Council Member Peterka to approve the sampling and boring of the alley behind Schmidty's and Axel Ave West. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried.

COPIER: The Clerk informed the council that she had done more looking into purchasing a new copier. She presented the council with a spreadsheet showing the differences between three different companies. She requested that the council approve the purchase of a 3 year old Ricoh copier at a price of \$3500 instead of the originally approved copier from Marco. A motion was made by Council Member Halterman to purchase the Ricoh copier at a cost of \$3500. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peterka. Motion carried.

FIRE: Chief Jans reported that Jess Housman resigned from the department. They need to purchase a drop tank and the estimates range from \$1800-1535. Council Member Peterka made a motion to approve purchasing a new drop tank. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion carried. Jans reported that the house burn went well. The instructor was happy that the ambulance and rescue departments were there too. The Fire Department is planning on having their annual Santa Train and spaghetti feed with a free will offering in December. The Department's annual Holiday party will be in Paynesville again on the 1st of December. Fire Prevention outing went very well with about 100 people in attendance. The car demo (tear the roof off of a car) and oil fire demo went over well.

SHERIFF: Officer Schutz reported that there were 44 calls during the month. Letters were sent out to residents who had unregistered vehicles parked on their property. **He said to remind people that they can not burn leaves on their properties, they need to bring them to the compost site.** He wanted a letter sent to a resident who has construction equipment all over his yard.

CLERK: The Clerk informed the council that the Lion's Club is still working on getting some "Welcome to Grove City" signs. A lady from MN DOT had been out to work with her and Gaarder on where the signs could be placed.

PUBLIC WORKS: Gaarder informed the council that he had talked with a Colin Borrows who sells equipment for cities on a website. He takes at 7.5% commission. Gaarder said he would like to put the sprayer, the tractor, the old office desk and old printer on the website.

Gaarder told the council that Jans would like to purchase 3 more 3phase meters. The cost would be about \$100 each. A motion was made by Council Member Nelson to purchase the meters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Halterman. Motion carried. He would also like to purchase a heat gun for about \$1500 which would help eliminate faults. The council asked about work order forms and if they were being filled out.

Gaarder said that Mr. Dirt did a good job on tree trimming and filling in rocks on Axel Ave.

DRANGE: Mayor Drange said that Kevin Drange had fixed the back window and bricks on the front of the community center.

HALTERMAN: Council Member Halterman asked about the community center being made handicap accessible. The Clerk said that that will have to happen but the City has two years to do the project and Rural Development was going to help the City find a grant to help with some of the cost. He asked about CIP \$\$\$. A letter was sent to the City about a gentleman wanting to join the Rescue Department and talked about this with Chief's Hudec and Jans to see if there was any way they could use this person within the departments.

PETERKA: Council Member Peterka talked about adding a snowmobile trail that would come into town. He thought this would help the businesses. He would get more information.

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