

MEMBERS PRESENT – Evenson, McCoy, Lokken, and Sordahl

ABSENT – None

Acting Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

AGENDA- Acting Mayor McCoy requested that Old Business Letter A. be moved to the Visitor Recognition and Public Comment section. And striking letter H. under New Business until the May meeting. Council Member Sordahl made a motion to approve consent to agenda pending corrections. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT-

Street Bid Approval: Bolten & Menk – Sheila- City Engineer Sheila presented the four bids that the city received to the council with all the breakdowns and specs from each bidder. A low bid came in with Joe Riley Construction at \$316,136.50. Council Member Evenson made a motion to award Joe Riley Construction the Street Project. Acting Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Emily VanDuinen- Emily came to the council to ask about possibly using the South Grove Gym for the Homeschool Coop. on Wednesdays from 9-12. Emily expressed that as of currently they have seven families involved in the Homeschool Coop. Interim Mayor did inquire if Homeschool Coop held a non-profit status and if not if they were looking to obtain one. McCoy also stated to Emily that a discussion was had at an earlier EDA meeting that the EDA may have some funding to assist in the rental costs.

May Maurer Rogers – Adult Softball practice- May had emailed Clerk Kalkbrenner asking if the council would consider waiving part of the fee for the rental of South Grove Gym. Acting Mayor McCoy mentioned that May should go to the Grove City EDA and ask for their assistance in covering the rental fee.

Linda Nelson (8:07 pm)- Linda came to the council asking if they would be interested in her doing some cleaning for the city again. A discussion was had that the clerk's office will be in contact with Linda if something opens.

OLD BUSINESS

Pond Haying- Council Member Sordahl made a motion to advertise letters of interest for pond haying. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with Acting Mayor McCoy and Council Members Sordahl and Lokken voting in favor. Council Member Evenson opposed.

Broadband- Council Member Lokken made a motion to table broadband decisions until further discussion and more options are explored. Acting Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Community Center Roof- Council Member Evenson made a motion to approve for All Elements to fix the Community Center Roof as they are going to be in town for South Grove Square roof repair already. Acting Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

LTP Well Quote- Council Member Evenson made a motion to approve the pulling of the Well and having it inspected for \$2,030. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Chair Donation- Clerk Kalkbrenner stated that there was a resident's daughter that had come into the office and asked if they could donate a chair to the South Grove guest room. Kalkbrenner presented the council with a picture of the chair and information relating to it. Acting Mayor McCoy made a motion to accept the chair donation for the South Grove guest room. Council member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

A+ Insurance: Pond Insurance – Acting Mayor McCoy made a motion to not purchase additional coverage for the wastewater ponds. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-11: Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy – Mayor – Council Member Sordahl made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-11: Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy – Mayor, striking the third “Whereas” paragraph, stating that interviews will be held, and an appointment would be made at the next council meeting. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Appointment- Council Member Sordahl made a motion to appoint Jason McCoy as the Interim Mayor for the remainder of the term. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Evenson, Lokken, and Sordahl voting in favor. McCoy accepted.

Oath of Office- Kalkbrenner swore in Jason McCoy as the Interim Mayor for the remainder of the 2023-2024 term.

Resolution 2023-16: Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy – Council - Council Member Lokken made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-11: Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy – Council. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Evenson, Lokken, and Sordahl voting in favor. Interim Mayor McCoy abstained.

Resolution 2023-12: Savings and Checking Access- Council Member Lokken made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-12: Savings and Checking Access adding Sheldon Evenson to the account and removing David Martin. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-13: Naming Windmill Days Volunteers as City Volunteers – Interim Mayor McCoy made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13: Naming Windmill Days Volunteers as City Volunteers. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-15 Designating Mayor Pro Tem- Interim Mayor McCoy made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-15: Designating Sheldon Evenson as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor McCoy and Council Members Lokken and Sordahl voting in favor. Council Member Evenson abstained.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORTS

Fire- Chief Jans informed the council that they have a scheduled burn at the end of April.

Jans stated the Turn-Out Gear Quote came back much higher than expected. Jans proposed that the city would purchase three sets now and three sets next year. Jans said that the gear is out about eight months from the date of order. Council Member Evenson made a motion to purchase all six sets right away. Interim Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Jans stated that if he could get a list of the number of people in each apartment and how many apartments, the Fire Department is looking to organize a Fire Drill up at South Grove on the first Monday of May.

Rescue- Chief Thomas asked the council about a Lucas bracket that he had sent over to the clerk’s office. The council expressed that if the Rescue Department was going to request an expensive item that the Rescue Department should come and explain the need to the council. Evenson stated that he had spoken with others about the bracket and that it was not a necessity for the money, Rescue could come up with some straps to hold the Lucas machine in place in the truck.

Thomas stated that he was continuing to look for Rescue rigs and will report back when he finds one.

Sheriff – There were 33 calls reported.

Approved

Clerk- Clerk Kalkbrenner asked the council about getting a folding machine for Deputy Clerk Ransom spends a great deal of time folding materials to be sent out in the mail. Interim Mayor McCoy made a motion to purchase a folding machine for the office. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Evenson- Council Member Evenson informed the council that he will be meeting with Elton Gravel to evaluate Starktown Road.

McCoy- Interim Mayor McCoy informed the council that he was going to look into costs for bug spraying the city this year since it may be a wet year from all the snow.

McCoy presented purchasing a time clock for city employees to clock in and out. In discussion, it was decided to get quotes before making a motion to purchase one. Sordahl was delegated to get quotes and bring them back to the council.

Lokken- Council Member Lokken asked to be involved with any of the Homeschool discussions moving forward.

Lokken suggested Kalkbrenner look into a program called Otter to assist in writing minutes.

Lokken asked if the Council Vacancy seat could be added to the website and the Grove City Lions sign. Kalkbrenner stated she would get it on the website. McCoy stated he would talk to Gordy with the Lions to put it on their sign.

Lokken asked the council about a flower allowance again for the City Hall planters. Interim Mayor McCoy made a motion to spend up to \$100 toward flowers for City Hall planters. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Sordahl- Council Member Sordahl asked the council if they could consider electronic speed signs again for HWY 12 and County Road 25. Sordahl stated that it had been talked about before and feels it should be addressed again and come up with a plan moving forward.

Adjournment- Council Member Evenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.