

Grove City Regular Council Meeting

March 13th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT – Martin, Evenson, McCoy, Lokken, and Sordahl

ABSENT – None

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Martin wanted to recognize Gerald Rueckert who was a long-time mayor, business owner, and resident of Grove City who recently passed away, and thank the service that he did for the city.

AGENDA- Council Member Evenson pointed out a correction for the January minutes to change “Council Member Martin to Mayor Martin” and said we shouldn’t approve inaccurate minutes. Council Member Lokken presented minutes from the past clerk and other towns as an example showing no discussion only motions and that Lokken felt if we went back to this structure, it would help better structure the meeting minutes. Mayor Martin made a comment about liking the way the minutes were written. Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve Consent to Agenda with the changes to the January minutes. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Martin and Council Members Evenson, Sordahl, and McCoy voting in favor. Council Member Lokken opposed.

VISITOR RECOGNITION

SHEILA – BOLTON MENK – Sheila came to the council to ask if they wanted to open bids back up for the street project. Council Member Evenson made a motion to rebid the street project. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Bid opening is set for April 6th at 10 am.

SUSAN BARKER- Susan came to the council to ask about the possibility of adding a dog park to town. Council asked Roering to get quotes on 50’x150’ of fencing for the next meeting.

MAE MAUGER-ROGERS- No Show

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMER REC SURVEY RESULTS – Kalkbrenner presented that there were 7 surveys returned for summer rec. With the number of surveys that were received, there were about 16 kids interested so far. Kalkbrenner explained that most will more than likely turn the survey in with their bills on the 15th. Council Member Lokken made a motion to move ahead with offering Summer Rec for Grove City. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

FARM RENTAL AGREEMENTS – Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve the Farm Rental Agreement for Paul Martin at a cost of \$200 per acre. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Evenson, Sordahl, McCoy, and Lokken voting in favor. Mayor Martin abstained. Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve the Farm Rental Agreement for Matt Weseman at a cost of \$240 per acre. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

STARK TOWN ROAD- Council Member Evenson brought concern from a resident on Starktown Road. Council discussed some possibilities to try and help with the washout and get a better foundation. Tabled for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

LMC Liability Coverage Waiver- Council Member McCoy made a motion to accept the LMC Liability Coverage Waiver. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

MN Beer Company Liquor License – Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve the MN Beer Company Liquor License. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Community Center Roof – Kalkbrenner explained to the council that the week prior there had been a couple of leaks in the Community Center Roof and that she had called West Central Roofing to come to take a look and fixed the leak. When West Central Roofing informed Kalkbrenner that there were numerous cracks in the roof they fixed what they could and sent a quote for a full replacement. Roering stated that All Season Roofing was going to be in town tomorrow for South Grove roof and Roering asked All Season Roofing to take a look and get an estimate as well. Kalkbrenner expressed that she did talk with the city’s insurance agent to do a claim from the 2022 May hailstorm.

STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT- Council Member Evenson made a motion to approve the Street Sweeping Contract for 2023 and option #2. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

RUGS FOR GYM- Council Member McCoy made a motion to purchase a 6x8 Waterhog rug for the doors between the hallway and the gym. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP- Council Member McCoy made a motion to approve having Grove City Clean-up days on April 22nd, and flyers to be mailed out with the next utility billing. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

STAFF REPORTS AND COUNCIL

RESCUE- Council discussed that the Lucas bracket that the Rescue department was requesting was not needed at this time and that they would table it until Rescue can come and present it to the council.

SHERIFF- 30 reports for the month of February.

CLERK- Kalkbrenner asked the council to change the April workshop from Wednesday, April 5th to Thursday, April 6th at 10 am. Council discussed that April's workshop can change and then return workshops to Wednesday before the council meeting at 10 am.

Kalkbrenner was asked to bring up the possibility of the Post Office having a contract with the city for snow removal. Mayor Martin stated that maybe the Post Office could help the city with getting mail up to South Grove and we could remove the snow.

Kalkbrenner presented the council with a letter of support from South West Initiative Foundation asking for the city's support of \$100. Council Member McCoy made a motion to donate \$100 to the South West Initiative Foundation. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS- The streets commission would like to get together with Shannon to discuss the plowing procedures in May sometime. Mayor Martin asked Roering what time he normally starts. Roering expressed that he tries to be in around 4 am. He has come in earlier but there are still some cars parked on HWY 12. Roering said he tries to watch the storm and gets to Grove City about the time the storm is done.

MARTIN- Mayor Martin reported to the council that there was a good EDA Meeting with the South Grove tenants to go over the process of the repairs to the building.

Martin expressed that a fire drill has not been had for quite some time with the tenants of South Grove and that the South Grove Committee should work to set up a fire drill with the fire department.

EVENSON- Council Member Evenson brought up that the city really needs to look at the maintenance and street budget and see what the city could put into the funds each year. Mayor Martin asked Kalkbrenner about how much was in the 4M Fund. Kalkbrenner expressed she would look and get back to the council.

MCCOY- Council Member McCoy asked if a building checklist could be put together for the building commission to go over each year with Public Works.

LOKKEN- Council Member Lokken asked about the website and who is back up if Kalkbrenner is not able to update the site. Kalkbrenner expressed that so far no one else has been trained on it but Chris does have access to it.

Lokken asked if Grove City has a reimbursement form. Kalkbrenner expressed that the city has a reimbursement form. Lokken asked for a copy at the next workshop for the council.

Lokken expressed that she was not able to attend the upcoming CARE meeting on Monday, March 27th, 2023 at 5 pm

SORDAHL- Council Member Sordahl asked if there was a list of all city properties. Kalkbrenner expressed she will get him a start-up council packet.

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

Baily Kalkbrenner
Clerk/Treasurer

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