

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Miller and Hamann. Absent: Grineski.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest noted. Motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held March 2, 2020; and approval of the February 2020 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

February 2020 Expenditures per fund: General: \$93485; Road Use Tax: \$37613; Employee Benefits: \$15704; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$17056; Community Betterment: \$15660; Library Gift Trust: \$670; Continuing Projects: \$26857; Water Fund: \$48873; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$38947; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6360; Sanitation Fund: \$29015; Ambulance Fund: \$29375; Storm Sewer Fund: \$517; Total: \$360133.

February 2020 Revenues per fund: General : \$41771; Road Use Tax: \$33384; Employee Benefits Fund: \$9116; Emergency Fund: \$84; Local Option Sales Tax: \$17056; TIF Fund: \$1320; Community Betterment Fund: \$8528; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$5499; Police Reserve: \$10; Library Gift Trust: \$673; Debt Service Fund: \$978; Continuing Projects Fund: \$15367; Water Fund: \$48309; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$38368; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6360; Sanitation Fund: \$23572; Ambulance Fund: \$40747; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$724; Storm Sewer: \$4159; Total: \$287826.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:31pm. No further discussion, forum closed at 6:32pm.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Rachelle Thompson, CPA, for a presentation on the City Fiscal Year 2019. No further discussion or action taken.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:39pm on the fiscal year 2021 city budget. No public comments. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to close the public hearing. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-18, a resolution to adopt the city budget and certification of City Taxes for Fiscal Year 2021 with the property tax levy set at \$15.26734/\$1000 in valuation. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-19, a resolution to enter into a general obligation for the Mill Street Improvement Loan Agreement and providing for a levy of taxes to pay general obligation street improvement bonds for notes. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on COVID-19 (coronavirus) emergency preparedness plans for the City Hall, Police Department, Fire/Ambulance Department and Public Works. Policies were reviewed. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to adopt the emergency preparedness plans as written. Stefl commented on concern to stagger employees work hours to limit exposure if needed. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. Miller moved and Stefl seconded action to declare there is a need to activate and will the emergency preparedness plans will supersede any conflicting policies already in place and motion includes to close all City Hall, Kling Memorial Library, Fire/Ambulance Station, Community Center and the Upper Elementary (except for the YMCA for child care purposes and TriCounty Headstart) until further notice is given. No further discussion held, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee commented on current year budget amendments will be needed and Community Foundation Grants just announced.

Public Safety Committee commented Officer Walters started the academy and still proceeding even though Hawkeye Community College in closed and department was asked where supplies could be dropped off for people in need.

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Public Works Committee commented DOT reimbursement for Highway 14 project from last summer was submitted; report from Utility Services Partners currently have 89 enrollees in 165 policies and received a Community Foundation Grant for pool repairs.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk