

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor ProTem Stefl. Present: Kuester and via telephone were Stefl, Grineski, and Hamann. Absent: Miller. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Grundy Center will be holding this regular city council meeting electronically via a conference call. If you would like to participate, use the call in or webinar information below. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Hamann moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. Motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held June 1, 2020; approval of May 2020 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor ProTem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:34pm. No public comments, forum closed at 6:35pm.

Mayor Kiewiet arrived at 6:35pm and introduced Rick Smith and Natalie Kracht, Chamber Main Street Board Members. Smith discussed updated 2020 Budget for Chamber Main Street. Kracht discussed achievements, events held and upcoming activities. Request was made to continue funding from the City to Chamber Main Street. No further action taken at this time, resolution will be on next agenda.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-37, a resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the sale and issuance of General Obligation for Mill Street Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, gave update on sale. Five bids were received during the sale: United Bankers' Bank – 1.1090%; Country Club Bank – 1.2378%; Bankers' Bank – 1.2559%; UMB Bank – 1.4098% and DA Davidson & Co – 1.7100%. Speer Financial recommend to accept the lowest bidder. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2020-38, a resolution authorizing and approving a contract with INRCOG for assistance in updating the Planning and Zoning Code of Ordinances. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2020-39, a resolution approving the advertisement for bid documents for Upper Story Housing CDBG project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-40, a resolution authorizing Mayor and Clerk to sign a document for the City to guarantee a loan for Maroon & White, Inc. Kiewiet explained Maroon & White, Inc is working on fundraising for the Upper Elementary renovation project. Application for both state and federal historical tax credits has been submitted, award announcement in July. Grants have been received from McElroy Trust, Lincoln Savings Bank, Grundy County Memorial Hospital to cover costs to tuck point the exterior. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion and possible action on BIG Grant Program funding. Kiewiet explained several feel the BIG Grant Program may have ran its course and these funds may be used on other projects throughout the City such as parks, residential housing rehab, rental housing rehab, etc. Grineski commented that clarifications of the guidelines on how funds can be used and that grant applications need to come to Council for approval only, not run through a Committee. Kuester agreed, feels applications are being turned down without Council knowing. Kuester commented that funds need to be allocated to parks or pool reserves. Kiewiet asked how Council would like to proceed. Work session scheduled for July 6, 2020 for further discussion.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on opening the Aquatic Center for pubic swim. Chris Bangasser was acknowledged and commented that no governing body to make rules for us. Bangasser

commented policies for physical space distancing, sanitizing, keeping employees safe need to be determined. Kiewiet mentioned number one goal is to keep the pool employees and kids attending all safe versus not having the pool open at all. D Bangasser commented full capacity is 435 people and nowhere near willing to open with full capacity. Kiewiet commented easier to start low numbers then increase later if all feel comfortable. Kuester commented we do not want to push employees into a situation they are not comfortable with. Final decision is charge \$4/day per person, no passes will be sold, limit capacity to 100 people, public swim open 1-4pm & 5-8pm daily, extra sanitizing between 4-5pm daily, liability waiver posted on front, no lounge chairs, no concessions, public may bring in personal plastic water bottles only, no bus/passenger vans or organized transportation with large groups, masks are optional and no pool parties allowed. If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, pool will be closed for the season.

Finance Committee commented on large item pick up, fireworks permits and jake brake signage request.

Public Safety Committee commented on no issues with local protest, audit with State of Iowa went smoothly, Officer Broome has started academy classes, Office Waugh out for medical issue and part time officers helping out.

Public Works Committee commented Mill Street Reconstruction Project has started and moving along; semi parking has been moved temporarily to rock yard along A Avenue and concrete dump is still open.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:50pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk