

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Hamann & Grineski 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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Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interests noted. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Grineski seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held August 3, 2020; approval of the July 2020 Treasurers Report; approval of the 2020 Outstanding Debt Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

July 2020 Expenditures per fund: General: \$129831; Road Use Tax: \$227603; Employee Benefits: \$22618; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$20036; Community Betterment: \$18051; Library Gift Trust: \$1123; Continuing Projects: \$213310; Water Fund: \$218191; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$29147; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$25477; Ambulance Fund: \$47758; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$7125; Storm Sewer Fund: \$2383; Total: \$969048.

July 2020 Revenues per fund: General : \$46615; Road Use Tax: \$45496; Employee Benefits Fund: \$3226; Emergency Fund: \$294; Local Option Sales Tax: \$20036; TIF Fund: \$4102; Community Betterment Fund: \$10018; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$143; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$6033; Library Gift Trust: \$78; Park Board Gift Trust: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$3244; Continuing Projects Fund: \$623325; Water Fund: \$51270; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$39118; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$30067; Ambulance Fund: \$42232; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$6839; Storm Sewer: \$4415; Total: \$943444.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32pm. No public comments, forum closed at 6:33pm.

Doug Frost, Police Chief, presented Officer Loew with a promotion to Senior Patrol Officer. Officer Loew is a great asset to the local police department and does a great job in the School Resource Officer position as well.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Alex Tunland, Rite Environmental, Inc. for a presentation on recycling canisters. Tunland recommended the City change to recycling canisters, exactly like the current garbage canisters just red in color. Tunland explained the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP), which is intended to provide financial assistance to aid in reducing the amount of solid waste generated. Benefits to switching to recycling canisters are to modernize collection method; increased recycling capacity; easier for residents to transport to the curb; and safer operation and no contact for drivers. By applying for the SWAP grant, would decrease the purchase cost for the City and potentially decrease landfill costs. No formal action taken at this time, will be on next agenda for discussion.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:47pm for a proposed sale of the Upper Elementary Building, 1001 8th Street. No public comments. Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:48pm. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-54, a resolution to sell 1001 8th Street municipal property (Upper Elementary Building) to Maroon & White, Inc. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2020-55, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kiewiet and City Clerk to execute deeds necessary for the sale of 1001 8th Street municipal property to Maroon & White, Inc. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2020-56, a resolution to authorize Mayor Kiewiet to sign a lease agreement between the City and Maroon & White, Inc. Kiewiet explained this allows the City to keep control of the building until the renovations beginning. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-52, a resolution to approve the 2020 Street Finance Report for submittal to the Iowa Department of Transportation. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2020-53, a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on an Urban Renewal Plan Amendments. Kiewiet explained these amendments are for the housing development, TIF agreements and City Parks. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee commented on new city website is live; Main Street Board will need a City liaison for their Board; Board of Adjustments issues and Hotel/Motel Tax election is September 8, 2020.

Public Safety Committee commented on Officer Waugh is back on duty; Officer Broome has six weeks of academy remaining and provided additional security at Senator Ernst visit.

Public Works Committee commented that the Mills Street Reconstruction Project is finishing up; pool is closed for the season and storm clean up.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk