

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Hamann & Grineski Absent: Vacant. 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 our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Kuester moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interests noted. Motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, September 14, 2020; approval of Trick or Treating for Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5-7pm; approval to publish notice for open burning from Monday, October 5, 2020 through Monday, November 30, 2020; and approval of an annual liquor license for Brothers Market, 1400 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

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

Grineski moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-59, a previously tabled resolution to award a BIG Grant to Vern Folkedahl, owner of Sweet Tooth Icy Treats, 1309 G Avenue digital static display signage. Grineski moved and Kuester seconded to amend the previous motion to award the BIG Grant pending Iowa Department of Transportation approval. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Kuester, Grineski and Hamann) and one abstain (Stefl).

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-61, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to the Grundy County Fair Board for fairgrounds lighting project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2020-62, a resolution to authorize the hire of Matt Lauver for Public Works Department and setting a starting wage. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2020-63, a resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa Covid-19 Local Government Relief Fund. Sawyer explained the reimbursement is based on \$23.77 per capital for a city government, therefore the maximum reimbursement the City could see is \$63,456.73. Sawyer completed the request application with all wages paid from March through September 2020 for both Police Department and Ambulance Department. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2020-64, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kiewiet to accept the quotes from Gametime, Cunningham Recreation for updated park equipment for Belpre, Liberty and Orion Parks. Kiewiet acknowledged Jamie Sadler, Park Board Commissioner, who then explained the process the Park Board went through to get to the quotes. Gametime, Cunningham Recreation is offering a dollar for dollar match grant, which allows the City to replace the park recreational equipment all at one time instead of phases. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action to approve to publish a notice to bidders for the current park equipment at Belpre, Orion and Liberty Parks. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Grineski moved and Kuester seconded action to publish a public notice to fill a vacant seat for City Council due to the resignation by Janetta Miller-Buck by appointment on October 19, 2020. Grineski opened discussion explaining that the tentative date for her own resignation will be October 9, 2020 pending the sale of her property within the City limits. Grineski questioned whether to publish for both

vacant seats at once. Mayor Kiewiet advised to do them separately. Kiewiet also commented if anyone is interested in filling one of the open seats to contact him or City Hall. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on the hotel/motel tax ordinance. Kiewiet commented that the official canvas from the election has now been received and an ordinance now needs to be reviewed. Sawyer presented a draft version of the ordinance and will forward to City Attorney for more review.

Finance Committee commented on development agreements for Spartanfreeze, owners Jim & Terri Severance, and for Grundy Center Development Corporation for housing development; update on Norby's easement for signage; and recycling survey.

Public Safety Committee commented that there have been recent thefts and damages to vehicles and interviews are scheduled with people involved and Chief Frost will be out on vacation.

Public Works Committee commented that new hire for Streets Department and current employee COVID issues.

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk