

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Hamann, McDonald and Smith. Absent: None. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Grundy Center will be holding this regular city council meeting electronically via a conference call. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/257783117> United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122) Access Code: 257-783-117.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interests noted. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and McDonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, November 2, 2020 and approval of the October 2020 Treasurers Report; and approval of an annual liquor license for The Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue and Pancho Villa Mexican Rest, 2103 Commerce Drive. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

October 2020 Expenditures per fund: General: \$65744; Road Use Tax: \$7013; Employee Benefits: \$20380; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$20683; TIF Fund: \$10535; Community Betterment: \$1013; Library Gift Trust: \$878; Park Board Gift Trust Fund: \$3718; Continuing Projects: \$13955; Water Fund: \$38821; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$19547; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$23557; Ambulance Fund: \$31499; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1331; Total: \$265069.

October 2020 Revenues per fund: General: \$420920; Road Use Tax: \$23402; Employee Benefits Fund: \$107195; Emergency Fund: \$10112; Local Option Sales Tax: \$20683; TIF Fund: \$76854; Community Betterment Fund: \$10341; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$5228; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$4285; Fire Department Gift Trust: \$100; Library Gift Trust: \$758; Ambulance Gift Trust Fund: \$450; Debt Service Fund: \$116575; Continuing Projects Fund: \$40473; Water Fund: \$57744; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$44556; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$30480; Ambulance Fund: \$61884; Storm Sewer: \$4311; Total: \$1042746.

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

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Eric Willis, Midwest Group Partners benefit consultant. Willis explained we are approaching the January 1, 2021 renewal deadline for Wellmark contract and open enrollment time is here. The City of Grundy Center will see a 10.26% increase in premium from Wellmark, however the buffering of the self-funding package the City will actually see only a 6.64% increase in rates. Willis explained that even with the rate increase, the City will still be saving roughly \$35,000 over 2019 rates. Willis proposed the City accept the rate increase and keep the policy and the health savings account amounts the same. Willis did request a change of the third party administrator back to Advantage Administrators, Waverly, IA due to several issues that arose over the past year with current administrator.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded action to table Resolution 2020-76, a resolution to approve the contract for services with Wellmark for calendar year 2021. Stefl requested time for more research and discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action to table Resolution 20220-80, a resolution approving the engagement agreement with Advantage Administrators as the third party administrator for the self-funding portion of the health insurance package. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action Third and final Reading of Ordinance 554, an ordinance on the creation of Chapter 124 – Hotel Motel Tax. No discussion, motion carried five ayes

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2020-77, a resolution approving Change Order #1 for the Mill Street Reconstruction Project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2020-78, a resolution approving the final pay application with retainage for the Mill Street Reconstruction Project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2020-79, a resolution approving the engineer's statement of completion and accepting the Mill Street Reconstruction Project. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2020-81, a resolution approving Mayor Kiewiet to sign amendment #1 agreement with Ritland Kuiper Landscape Architects for the

George Wilhelm Sports Complex project. Kiewiet commented that this includes four tennis courts, full size soccer field, upgraded storm sewer and drainage, concrete sidewalks and to make completely handicap accessible. Kuester commented that it is necessary to meet with School District to discuss revisions to the 28E Agreement for use of the complex. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2020-82, a resolution setting the date for a public meeting for December 7, 2020 at which it is proposed to approve a development agreement with Grundy Center Development Corporation, including annual appropriation tax increment payments. Stefl asked if further funding was found to assist with this housing project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on the fiscal year 2021 budget amendment #1 for further BIG Grant funding. Kiewiet explained the State of Iowa estimates local option sales tax receipts for fiscal year 2021 to be \$240,000. Of these receipts, 50% is for the General Fund and 50% is Community Betterment Fund. Currently, the BIG Grants, Main Street contribution and GCDC annual contributions are funded by the revenues deposited into the Community Betterment Fund. Kiewiet commented the City has the ability to pay the Main Street and GCDC annual contributions out of the General Fund Economic Development line items instead of the Community Betterment Fund. This change will lower the expenditures in the Community Betterment Fund. Stefl and Kuester commented that the BIG Grants help with economic development and business growth. Kiewiet explained this is why we are able to keep most of our Main Street building/business full. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to publish for a public hearing on December 7, 2020 for Budget Amendment #1 to allow for Main Street and GCDC annual contributions to be paid out of the General Fund. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented on Christmas Lights on Kling Memorial Library; city employee retirement; and TIF certifications to County Auditor by December 1, 2020.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee commented on welcome sign on 4<sup>th</sup> Street is almost completed and a meeting with Fox Engineering on Wednesday at 10am.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:21 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30pm.

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Al Kiewiet, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk