

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Protem Stefl. Present: via online meeting Kuester, McDonald, Smith, and Stefl. Absent: Hamann. 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/859611717> Residents may also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 859-611-717.

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

Stefl moved and Smith seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, December 7, 2020. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet (arrived 6:35pm) opened the public forum at 6:36pm. No public comments, forum closed at 6:37pm.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion Fox Engineering regarding the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. Kiewiet explained that the discussion was left after the last meeting to consider adding sidewalks to the either the east or west side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from K Avenue south to the Grundy County Fairgrounds entrance and the need to decide on an incentive/penalty to be added to construction bid documents. Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director, commented that he had received call from four property owners, none of which were against the sidewalk installation. Del Jungling, 1102 4<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on the slope of his driveway being so steep that if a sidewalk is added, no vehicles can get in without scrapping bottom. John Gaede, Fox Engineering, commented that the City would need to consider working with Jungling to correct the slope if the sidewalk is installed. Smith commented that the City does not want to make it worse, the City would need to make it right. Bob Eisenmann, 1205 4<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on the crown of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street once the sewer project is completed. Gaede responded with the current crown in the street will be flattened due to the sealcoats will be removed however the curb and gutters will not change. Kiewiet commented on the incentive and penalty amount that could be added to the construction bid documents. At last meeting, Gaede recommended a \$1000 per day incentive and same for penalty if contractors either complete the job ahead of schedule or miss the completion date with a maximum up to \$30,000. Smith commented that this amount was acceptable to him and the City should consider doing this for the residents in these areas to ensure they are not compromised by our project for longer than necessary. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to approve the incentive and penalty amount of \$1000 per day up to \$30,000 maximum to be added to the construction bid documents and also proceed with the addition of sidewalks to the east side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from K Avenue to the entrance of the Grundy County Fairgrounds. No further discussion held, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2020-92, a resolution to increase the pay incentive the Public Works – Streets Superintendent position. Kiewiet commented that the resolution reads the incentive would increase by \$.50 per hour. Stefl commented if this amount would change the moral in the department. Kuester asked if more employees have shown interest in the position. Bangasser commented he was unsure if this increase would change moral and that one employee has inquired about the position. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee made no comments.

Public Safety Committee made no comments. Kiewiet acknowledged Dennis Sealman, whom shared concerns about parking on 7<sup>th</sup> Street from J to K Avenue.

Public Works Committee made no further comments.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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Al Kiewiet, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk