

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Smith, and Mcdonald. 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. If you would like to participate, use the call in or webinar information below. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/139034157> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212) Access Code: 139-034-157

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

Stefl moved and Mcdonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the special session held Monday, January 4, 2021 and approval of the December 2020 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

December 2020 Expenditures per fund: General: \$131663; Road Use Tax: \$8527; Employee Benefits: \$21615; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$21046; TIF Fund: \$6000; Community Betterment: \$21600; Library Gift Trust: \$712; Economic Development Gift: \$300; Debt Service Fund: \$500; Continuing Projects: \$166426; Water Fund: \$41017; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$20660; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6395; Sewer Sinking Fund: \$7469; Sanitation Fund: \$29099; Ambulance Fund: \$62158; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4377; Total: \$549563.

December 2020 Revenues per fund: General : \$151829; Road Use Tax: \$33186; Employee Benefits Fund: \$15264; Emergency Fund: \$1440; Local Option Sales Tax: \$21046; TIF Fund: \$12231; Community Betterment Fund: \$10523; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$1054; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$9712; Library Gift Trust: \$645; Economic Development Gift: \$300; Debt Service Fund: \$16784; Continuing Projects Fund: \$157947; Water Fund: \$51325; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$41379; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$31595; Ambulance Fund: \$42093; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$284; Storm Sewer: \$4310; Total: \$609343.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:33pm. No public comments, forum closed at 6:34pm.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2021-06, a resolution to approve the 28E Agreement with Gladbrook-Lincoln EMS services. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-07, a resolution to approve the request to change North 1st Street name to Boulder Street. Smith asked what the criteria is to do a name change and what could this lead to in the future. Kuester commented that Boulder Contracting is the only business on the east side of that street at this time but doesn't want to set a precedence for future problems either. Kiewiet commented that the name change could be a good marketing tool. Stefl moved Smith seconded action to table the resolution until Chapter 139 can be amended to add criteria for changing a street name. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-08, a resolution approving the public purpose policy for the City of Grundy Center for 2021. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2021-09, a resolution approving the hire of Katie Rasmussen for Chamber Main Street Director position and setting the salary. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Stefl seconded action to set a public hearing for February 1, 2021 for the proposed property tax levy for FY2022 per the State of Iowa Code 384.15A. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to approve the appointments for three year terms ending December 31, 2023 for Doug Jordan, Linda McMartin and Tiffany Carson. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened up the discussion for Annual Department Updates and new budget requests. Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, commented that there is no increase in the new budget. The department will need to update 11 sets of gear and 20 SCBA air packs by the end of the year in which funds are already saved in the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund. Lindsey Freese, Library

Director, handed out annual statistics and updated on new programs. Kling Memorial Library also processes passports now which has generated nearly \$2,000 since last fall. Freese mentioned several building maintenance projects are planned along with repainting the whole building. Doug Frost, Police Chief, gave update on Police Department and new budget. No special projects/purchases are planned in the next fiscal year budget. Salary increases were discussed to help with the longevity of the officers.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on the City's COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan for Employees policy. Clerk Sawyer explained that the original federal pandemic plan which is tied to the City's plan expired December 31, 2020. As of right now, now extensions have been released. Sawyer explained the City may extend the City policy if felt it was necessary. If the City does not extend and an employee tests positive for COVID-19, the employee would need to use sick time to take the 14 days to recover away from work. Smith commented that since there still is no vaccine available to governmental employees, all staff would still be at risk. Stefl recommended that the policy be extended for four months with hopes a vaccine is available by then. Smith moved and McDonald seconded a motion to extend the City Pandemic Response Plan for City Employees through April 30, 2021. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee commented on TIF work session with Maggie Burger and Jeff Kolb for Wednesday, January 20, 2021; auditor will present the FY2020 Annual Audit at next meeting; and Sports Complex Maintenance Contract will be reviewed by Park Board.

Public Safety Committee commented Officer Walters's possible early return from deployment; yearend stats will be presented at next meeting; and several applications have been received.

Public Works Committee commented new employee ran new snow route for first time; budget review will be at next meeting; January 26, 2021 is prebid meeting for Sanitary Sewer project; and early February GDCDC will have estimates for water, sewer, storm sewer installation for housing addition.

Stefl moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried four ayes. Work Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 and next regular meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk