

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Smith, 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/600274845> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 600-274-845

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

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, February 1, 2021; and approval of the February 2021 Treasurers list. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

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

Mcdonald moved and Stefl seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:34pm on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for the Sanitary Sewer Project. No public comments. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:35pm. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-12, a resolution approving and confirming plans specifications, forms of contract and estimate of cost for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2021-13, a resolution awarding the contract for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project the lowest bidder. John Gade, Fox Engineering, explained five bids were received: Gehrke, Inc - \$1,596,029.40; Wunsch Construction, Inc - \$1,626,524.75; Lodge Construction, Inc. - \$2,107,810.00; Con-struct, Inc. - \$2,247,333.00; Boulder Contracting - \$2,320,669.50. Gade confirmed discussions with Gehrke, Inc. and they are confident with numbers and ready to proceed. Fox Engineering, Inc recommends to award the bid to Gehrke, Inc. Stefl confirmed that sidewalk project is included in costs. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action to open the public hearing for Ordinance 555, an ordinance to amend Chapter 139-Naming a City Street. No public present, no further discussion. Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:43pm. Motions carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 555, an ordinance to amend Chapter 139- Naming a City Street to add criteria to allow a street name change. Smith explained email received from residents with concerns. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action to suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading of Ordinance 555 at next meeting. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action to approve the appointment of Jerry Smith, Zoning Administrator with a term ending December 31, 2021. Mayor Kiewiet explained that a few issues have been discussed with Smith and Sawyer will be assisting with better tracking of permits. Discussion led to inspections needing to be done for BIG Grant applications. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on the FY2022 City Annual Budget for the general fund. Sawyer explained that currently the general fund would be short by \$337K if we continued with the 10% increase in wages and 5th officer for the Police Department; increase in wages for the Library Department as approved by Library Board; budgeting \$150K for roof replacement of the Community Center; reclassification of the expenses in the Economic Development Department; purchase of Time & Attendance Software for Clerk Department; and 10-15% increase in insurance package. Kiewiet explained we could remove the \$150K for the roof replacement and fund by an interfund loan or other

ways. Clerk will continue with budget process and present necessary tax levies at next meeting. No formal action taken at this time.

Finance Committee commented on budget amendments for fiscal year 2021; bids due for Sports Complex Maintenance Contract on Monday, February 22, 2021; GCDC has presented a request for final approval of Phase 1 plat of Prairie Ridge Housing Development; and YMCA Director Yoder will present at next meeting.

Public Safety Committee commented on Officer Walters may be mid March 2021 from deployment.

Public Works Committee commented GCDC received bids on Praire Ridge Housing Addition water, sewer main installation project and GCMU has run generator all weekend to assist in any large power outage due to extreme cold temperatures.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk