

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Protem Stefl. Present: Kuester, Smith, Mcdonald, and Hamann. Absent: Mayor Kiewiet. 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.

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Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written and with Smith expressing conflict of interest with Resolution 2021-21. Motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, March 1, 2021; and approval of the February 2021 Treasurers Report; approval of request from The Landmark Bistro to close 8<sup>th</sup> Street from G Avenue to the north to the alley on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 5p-12a. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

February 2021 Expenditures per fund: General: \$89868; Road Use Tax: \$16550; Employee Benefits: \$26705; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$17707; Community Betterment: \$2000; Library Gift Trust: \$1185; Economic Development Gift: \$3000; Water Fund: \$45219; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$16370; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$21607; Ambulance Fund: \$40232; Storm Sewer Fund: \$522; Total: \$287362.

February 2021 Revenues per fund: General : \$33058; Road Use Tax: \$23651; Employee Benefits Fund: \$2272; Emergency Fund: \$214; Local Option Sales Tax: \$17707; TIF Fund: \$5000; Community Betterment Fund: \$8854; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$43; Library Gift Trust: \$5190; Economic Development Gift: \$3000; Debt Service Fund: \$2813; Water Fund: \$41301; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$40424; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6395; Sanitation Fund: \$29863; Ambulance Fund: \$46416; Storm Sewer: \$4273; Total: \$270474.

Mayor Protem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:33pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on speeding issues, U-turn signage for G Avenue, and Tender Lawn Care contract. Pat Brown, Sr. commented on procedure of bidding processes with Park Board, complaints, etc. over 20 years of maintaining the Sports Complex. Barb Henry, 403 B Avenue, commented on rusty water. Leonard Stephens, 309 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, commented on rusty water continuing, increasing tax levy and Sports Complex contract. No further comments, forum closed at 7:05pm.

Mayor Protem Stefl introduced Emma Fleshner with the Pony Express Riders. Fleshner requested that the stop lights be shut off on Saturday, April 3, 2021 for the fundraiser ride through city limits from 8am-10am.

Smith moved and Hamann seconded action to open the public hearing at 7:07pm on the fiscal year 2022 city annual budget. No public comments. Hamann moved and Mcdonald seconded action to close the public hearing. No further discussion, motions carried with five ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2021-18, a resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2022 city annual budget and setting the property tax levy at \$15.88402/\$1000 assessed valuation. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to open the public hearing at 7:08pm on the proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. No public comments. Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:10pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-19, a resolution authorizing and approving a loan and disbursement agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$2,055,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Protem Stefl introduced Mark Kuiper, Ritland Kuiper Landscape Architects, and Lucas Wilson, Clapsaddle Garber Associates, for discussion on Sports Complex Renovation Project. Wilson explained the base bid, which includes addition of four tennis courts, high school size soccer field, storm water drainage work, curb & gutter and sidewalk installation. Wilson also explained there are four alternates which may or may not be added depending how bids come in. Public hearing will be Monday,

March 22, 2021; request for bids will publish immediately; bids due to City Hall on April 16, 2021 and City Council will review bids and award contract on April 19, 2021.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2021-20, a resolution to set a public hearing on Monday, March 22, 2021 on a proposal for the plans, specifications, cost opinion and form of contract for the Sports Complex Renovation Project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2021-21, a resolution to approve the preliminary plat for the Prairie Ridge Housing Addition Phase 1. Stefl acknowledged Paul Eberline, GC Development Corporation, to explain the project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Hamann, Kuester, McDonald and Stet) and one abstain (Smith).

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2021-22, a resolution to extend the rent forgiveness for the Grundy YMCA for the Upper Elementary Building through June 2021. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented summer recreation sign up starting; Chamber Main Street update at next meeting; Rite Environmental, Inc to speak at next meeting; and meeting was held with INRCOG on Planning and Zoning Code of Ordinances.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee made no comments.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion carried five ayes. A special meeting will be held Monday, March 22, 2021 and the next regular meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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David Stefl, Mayor Protem

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk