

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Smith, Mcdonald, Stefl and Hamann (via online meeting). 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. 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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Stefl moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interest concerns. Motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, April 5, 2021. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32 pm. Leonard Stephens, 309 2nd Street, commented on dilapidated houses, junk and garbage. Mayor Kiewiet acknowledged that he did receive Stephens letter about this matter and thanked him for it. No further comments, forum closed at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Jamie Sadler and Jason Wilson from the Park Board for discussion on the Community Build Project for Bel Pre Park and Liberty Park on April 21-24, 2021. Wilson explained the assembly timeline for each park. Sadler commented on how many volunteers they had signed up for each day and the different churches that would be providing meals for the volunteers.

Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2021-26, a resolution to approve the recycling project with Rite Environmental, Inc. Alex Tunland from Rite Environmental explained that they will send out a postcard to all residents to opt in to switching to a 96 gallon recycling container. Residents choosing not to opt in can still use their red recycling bins. Residents will still be allowed to opt in to the 96 gallon recycling container after the initial roll out. Tunland also commented that Rite Environmental offered to help recycle the red containers. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Mark Kuiper, Ritland Kuiper Landscape Architects, and Lucas Wilson, Clapsaddle Garber Associates. Kuiper and Wilson explained four bids were received for construction renovations at the 2021 George Wilhelm Sports Complex: Boulder Contracting - \$458,882.25; JB Holland Construction - \$618,719.05; Gerhke, Inc - \$641,686.75; Peterson Contractors, Inc - \$749,835.75. Kuiper and Wilson both recommended to award the base bid, Alternate Bid 1 Subsurface Drain Tile, Alternate Bid 2 Concession Stand Paving and Alternate Bid 3 Soccer Irrigation System to Boulder Contracting. Mayor Kiewiet commented on alternate ways that the soccer fields could be irrigated. Stefl questioned if the new concrete would have to be torn up later if the City decided to do the work in Alternate Bid 4 Utilities To Future Restrooms and was told that part of it would be. Wilson commented that they could ask Boulder for a bid to do the conduit work and the Council could approve that later as a change order. Smith motioned and Stefl seconded to award the base bid, Alternate Bid 1 and Alternate Bid 2 to Boulder Contracting for a total cost of \$538,622.25. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented that City Clerk Sawyer would be out for at least another 2 weeks.

Public Safety Committee commented that Officer Walters has made it back to Iowa and Chief Frost was going to reach out to him this week. Frost also commented that the body camera contract was up and he is trying to find a package deal that includes body cameras and tasers.

Public Works Committee made comments on the 4th Street sewer project that is underway and all but one portion of the sidewalk had been poured. Gehrke started working on the Butler to M Avenue portion of the project.

Stefl moved and Macdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kendra Lufkin, Deputy City Clerk