

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 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 and in person. If you would like to participate, use the call in or webinar information. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/979906317> Can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 979-906-317.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflict of interest concerns. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Mcdonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, April 19, 2021; approval of the April 2021 Treasurers Report; and approval for Chamber Main Street to close 7th Street and H Avenue on June 17, 2021 for Rock Around the Tower event from 12noon through 9pm. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Stefl, Mcdonald, Kuester, Hamann) and one abstain (Smith).

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32 pm. Brittany and Alex Ruskusky, 1204 8th Street, commented on being denied a certificate of occupancy for their home by Jerry Smith, Zoning Administrator, due to unfinished basement. Tom Shafer, 1201 8th Street, commented on the dilapidated property at 804 L Avenue property. No further comments, forum closed at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Dwight Gliem, EMS Director, for a discussion to advertise for part time paramedic help wanted. Gliem explained we have a 24hr full time paramedic out on medical leave for another 12-16 weeks due to an injury that occurred while working for another ambulance department. Gliem commented we currently have 4-5 part time paramedics currently and have been picking up hours, whatever is left Gliem has been filling in. Gliem commented we need to have a couple more part time paramedics to assist the department and cut down on overtime wages. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to approve to publish the help wanted ad for part time paramedics. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Hamann seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:45pm on the FY2021 City budget amendments. No public comments. Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action to close the public hearing. No further comments, motions carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action Resolution 2021-30, a resolution to approve the FY2021 City Budget amendments. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2021-31, a resolution to approve a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc for taser and camera upgrades for the Police Department. Chief Frost explained the contract is to replace our outdated tasers and current cameras, data storage, etc. This contract is for \$43,809.42 to replace all tasers and camera equipment, data storage and maintenance is included for five years. Smith commented this is needed for the safety of our officers. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Mcdonald seconded action to approve the publishing to request bids for the City Hall Janitor. Sawyer commented that current janitor, Kim Boren, has been employed by the City for 20 years. Bids will be accepted until June 2, 2021 at 10am. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented that vacation payout coming June 30, 2021; EMS week; filled vacancy in Historic Preservation Commission; and BIG Grant program and applications.

Public Safety Committee commented that officer testing is May 22, 2021 currently have 9 of 30 applicants have done written testing elsewhere and hoping for large turnout; Officer Walters has not been released from military deployment leave due to injuries and is currently looking for house to purchase within city limits; and Officer Loew's last day is May 21, 2021.

Public Works Committee made comment on water and sewer rate increase for July 1st; gave update on Sewer Improvements Project; aquatic center applications are coming in slowing and currently have 20 applicants; lifeguard training is June 4-6, 2021.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kendra Lufkin, Deputy City Clerk