

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Stefl, Smith, Kuester 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 <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/792774733>; United States: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 792-774-733.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflict of interest. Motion carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held Tuesday, July 19, 2021; approval of the July 2021 bills list; approval to close 7th Street from G to H Avenue and H Avenue from 7th to 8th Street from 12noon to 8:30pm for the next Rock Around the Clock Tower on Thursday, August 19, 2021; and approval of the 2021 Outstanding Debt Report and submittal to the State of Iowa by August 31, 2021. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:33 pm. Matt Lindeman, Grundy Center School District Athletic Director; commented on progress on Sports Complex Renovation project and requested that the inside of the batting cages for both the baseball and softball fields be concrete. This would allow for potential used turf to be installed over the concrete. No further comments, forum closed at 6:39 pm.

Steffl moved and Smith seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:40pm for Ordinance 559 regarding fireworks. No public comments. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:41pm, no further discussions, motions carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 559, an ordinance to amend Chapter 41.13 regarding the sale, use, possession and exploding of fireworks within city limits. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading at next council meeting. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced John Gade, Fox Engineering, Inc. for a presentation on the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Change Order #2 request for site A & C for curb and gutter replacement and a discussion on a potential 2022 Water Main Replacement Project. Gade explained the Sanitary Sewer project was moving along well, a bit slower than anticipated. Site B needs final grading and seeding completed. Site A at 6th Street and M Avenue is the most difficult site for the entire project. At one point, the contractor had dug almost 30 feet down to get to the main pipes to replace. Site Cat G Avenue and 5th Street will require a detour around town to allow the contractor to completely replace a manhole at the intersection. Detour will be in place about two full weeks and anticipating to be closed August 16th, notifications signs will be started 5 days prior. The requested Change Order #2 is to replace curb and gutter along Site A & C in the amount of \$18345.21, which is within the allotted contingency amount for the project. Gade then proceeded to discuss a potential 2022 Water Main Replacement Project. Fox Engineering survey has determined five key areas throughout town that need the mains removed and replaced. Total project cost estimates are roughly \$1,000,000 and the next step is to apply to be on the Iowa DNR Intended Use Plan (IUP) in order to use the City's State Revolving Fund for financing. Gade explained that even if project is added to the IUP, the City is not bound to any specifics of the project.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-42, a resolution to authorize Mayor Kiewiet to sign an agreement with Fox Engineering, Inc to complete the Intended Use Plan application for SRF Funds for a 2022 Water Main Replacement Project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-43, a resolution approving Change Order #2 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project for Site A & C for additional curb and gutter replacements. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion on the BuyIT@OCIO program. Clerk Sawyer explained this is a program from the State of Iowa allowing jurisdictions access to \$9500 in information technology equipment for City departments. This program is funds the State of Iowa has received as part of the CARES Relief federal funds. After assessing the department needs, Sawyer commented the Fire, Ambulance, Police, Community Center and City Hall could use upgrades to current systems that are several years old. Department Heads have submitted a list of their needs which totals \$9480 worth of equipment. This program will help the departments tremendously. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action authorize the order to be placed for the above needs and amount. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

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Finance Committee commented on a CD renewal in August and the FY2021 Annual Audit field work has been scheduled for October 11, 2021.

Public Safety Committee commented on squad car repairs at Highway 57 and receiving estimates/quotes for next new squad car.

Public Works Committee commented Sports Complex Renovations Project update; pool is winding down the season and closes August 15.

Stefl moved and Mcdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk