

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Protem Stefl. Present: Stefl, Smith, Kuester and McDonald. Absent: Hamann and 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. Please use the call in or webinar information <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/662746469>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 662-746-469.

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

Smith moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, October 4, 2021. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Protem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:32 pm. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, thanked the police department for all they have done being fully staffed; asked for explanation on how police department is staffed and hours worked with pay scale; necessity of stop sign at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and M Avenue; commented on A Avenue pot holes and when will be fixed; and asked for further explanation on planned water main project. No further comments, forum closed at 6:47 pm.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2021-56, a resolution to approve the fire of Samantha Martin for the open Paramedic – 24 hour shift position and set the wage. Stefl addressed Dwight Gliem, EMS Director, to confirm this was for the vacant position. Gliem commented that call numbers have increased and looking to potentially see 1100 call for service this calendar year. Stefl asked for thoughts on continuing as a regional service versus just a Grundy Center service. Gliem commented at this time we will continue to help all our neighbors however under no circumstances are the City of Grundy Center residents left without coverage. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2021-57, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to KC Power Sports, 102 6<sup>th</sup> Street, for concrete, curb and gutter replacement. Clerk Sawyer explained the amount of funds remaining to be awarded for FY2022. Stefl questioned how to proceed with an amount to award. Smith explained need to not get too restrictive in the policy. Kuester commented that business owner has also hired an additional employee as well. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to amend the motion to award the BIG Grant to KC Power Sports for \$10,000. No further comments, motions carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded action to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Shafer to the Community Center Board with a term ending June 30, 2024. Clerk Sawyer explained that Shafer approached us to become involved. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented city auditor has rescheduled field work dates until Nov 1-5<sup>th</sup>; Park Board is meeting this week to discuss the parks maintenance contract which expires March 31, 2022; mentioned Municipal Leadership Academy (MLA) training dates; and IMFOA Fall conference is this week.

Public Safety Committee made comment that Officer Luck graduates from the academy this week and will be worked into the officer rotation; and calls for services have increased with lots of telephone scams right now.

Public Works Committee commented on Sewer Improvements Project having about 8 days of digging left to complete.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

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David Stefl, Mayor Protem

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk