

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Stefl, Smith, Kuester, Hamann and McDonald. 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. Please use the call in or webinar information sing your phone. If you wish to join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/309507773>. Can also dial in using your phone. United States: (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 309-507-773.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with Smith noting conflict of interest with Resolution 2021-58. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, October 18, 2021 and approval of the October 2021 bills list. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32 pm. No public comments and forum closed at 6:33 pm.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion with Eric Willis, benefit consultant with Group Benefit Partners. Willis commented that the City has received a 19.91% rate increase for health insurance premiums for calendar year 2022. By using the self-funding program, the City's actual increase is 13.14%. Willis explained his recommendation would be to lower the amount of funds the City provides to employees into their health savings accounts for a single plan from \$2250 to \$2000 and for a family plan from \$4500 to \$4000 annually. Kiewiet commented with this minimal adjustment both the City is not asking employees to take on any more risk than the City is. Kiewiet explained when the City started the HSA accounts, it was stressed to the employees the amounts funded by the City would potentially fluctuate. Willis explained this recommendation still leaves the employees with a very good benefit. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion with Luke Kjormoe, Boulder Contracting, LLC, regarding an update for the Sports Complex Renovation Project. The project has moved right along with the exception of the fencing around the tennis courts. Kjormoe explained the original fencing contractor closed their business during 2021 without any communication with Boulder Contracting. Boulder then reached out to other contractors and the steel shortage left extreme lead times. Temperatures need to be above 55 degrees with no threat of frost for the acrylic surfacing application to cure. The 100% completion date of the project is currently set for December 17, 2021 which will not be met. Kjormoe requested the City consider the project substantially complete without a penalty to finish Spring 2022 with the acrylic surfacing of the tennis courts. Mayor Kiewiet thanked Kjormoe for the work completed. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2021-58, a resolution to authorize Mayor Kiewiet to sign the agreement with Main Street Iowa for support and financial commitment. Kiewiet acknowledged Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director. Rasmussen explained this agreement is twenty four month agreement between the City and the State of Iowa Main Street Iowa to continue support and financial support. Rasmussen commented Main Street Iowa is looking to make some changes to the agreement in the future however the changes should not affect us. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented city auditor has begun the field work for FY2021 City Audit; Park Board published the request for bids for the parks maintenance contract due November 12, 2021; and a meeting is scheduled with Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment members to review the updated Planning & Zoning Code of Ordinances.

Public Safety Committee commented that Chief Frost is attending a training this week to discuss Mental Health Issues in Grundy County.

Public Works Committee commented on Sewer Improvement Project plan to finish concrete and asphalt this week; curbside leaf pickup will begin November 8, 2021; crew fixed a water main today; and blue recycling canisters are being delivered.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30pm.