

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2021 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Stefl, Smith, Kuester, Mcdonald and Hamann. Absent: None. The City of Grundy Center held this regular city council meeting in person and electronically via an online meeting or conference call. Please use the call in or webinar information using your phone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/981512101> United States: +1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 981-512-101

Kuester moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Smith seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, December 6, 2021. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32 pm. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, commented on items stored in City quonset building, asked which employees work 40 hours per week, questioned vacation hours from 2019, asked for 2 hour parking signs to be removed if not enforced and many people making illegal u-turns on G Avenue. Rick Rizzo, 1401 4th Street, requested Butler Avenue be renamed as Hummel Avenue; commented more on water bill; and mentioned insurance claim on sewer back up from years ago. No action taken and forum closed at 6:48 pm.

Mayor Kiewiet swore in Ryan Rasmussen and Pat Brown for their new terms starting January 1, 2022.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded action to open a public hearing for Ordinance 560, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reclassify the Prairie Ridge Housing Phase 1 from A-1 Agricultural District to an R-1, Residential District. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, commented that by rezoning this property the property taxes will increase. Paul Eberline, Chairman of Grundy Center Development Corp, commented that 26 lots are now available for the City with three lots already sold. Stefl moved and Hamann seconded to close the public hearing at 6:56pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 560, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reclassify the Prairie Ridge Housing Phase 1 from A-1 Agricultural District to an R-1, Residential District. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Stefl, Kuester, Hamann and Mcdonald) and one abstain (Smith).

Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2021-62, a resolution to approve an agreement between the rural township and the city due to changes in precinct boundaries for Grundy County. Kiewiet explained that due to growth in Grundy Center, the precinct boundaries for the County Board of Supervisors were being changed. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2021-63, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kiewiet to sign the certificate of substantial completion; the statement of completion; change order #4; and the acceptance of work covering the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements projects. John Gaede, Fox Engineering, gave an update on the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Project. The project is completed except for a little bit of seeding, which will be completed in Spring 2022. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to publish for a public hearing for January 3, 2022 for Ordinance 561, an ordinance repealing previous ordinance for the Planning & Zoning regulations and creating updated zoning regulations for the purpose of protecting health, welfare and public safety with the City of Grundy Center, Iowa. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee/ Clerk asked John Gaede to review notice on 2022 Water Main Replacement project; department heads are working on new budgets and annual updates will be next two meetings; Park Board meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, December 21, 2021; Jeff Kolb, Butler-Grundy Co Development Alliance will be presenting on January 17, 2022.

Public Safety Committee commented on new squad car is completely outfitted with equipment and eight applications received thus far for open officer position.

Public Works Committee commented on two asphalt awards and first snow removal.

Smith moved and Stefl seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30pm.