

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Mcdonald, and Lamp. Absent: Rasmussen. 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. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/359762013> or dial in using your phone. United States: [+1 \(408\) 650-3123](tel:+14086503123) Access Code: 359-762-013

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

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, January 17, 2022; approval of the January 2022 bills list; and approval of the January 2022 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	SELF FUND PREMIUM	489.25
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	452.94
AG SOURCE LABORATORIES	SERVICES	1635.00
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	350.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	368.68
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	PREMIUMS	186.60
AXA EQUITABLE	DEFERRED COMP	300.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	PARTS	2091.63
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	7670.47
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	SALT/SAND	910.02
BOULDER CONTRACTING, LLC	SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT	12238.62
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	684.80
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	SERVICES	112.22
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTERCARD	FUEL	334.87
COLLISION TO REVISION	SERVICES	219.41
DEARBORN NATIONAL	PREMIUMS	125.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	PREMIUMS	518.92
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	19160.01
EMS LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER	SERVICES	195.50
FELD FIRE	SERVICES	2200.00
FOX ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	SANITARY SEWER PROJECT	1633.20
GALL'S LLC	UNIFORMS	174.99
GEHRKE, INC.	SANITARY SEWER PROJECT	77675.85
GIBSON SPECIALTY CO	SERVICES	115.40
GNBBANK	CHECKS	300.67
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	SERVICES	228.65
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	300.90
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	7350.77
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4699.48
HERONIMUS, SCHMIDT,SCHOEDER &	2022 RETAINER	1200.00

HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	4538.46
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	4580.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	4600.00
HSA - FREESE, LINDSEY	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	4600.00
HSA - FROST, DOUG	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	4540.00
HSA - ITZEN, WILLIAM	HEALTH SAVING	2250.00
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - MARTENS, ERICA	HEALTH SAVING	4538.46
HSA - MULLER, MICHAEL	HEALTH SAVING	4580.00
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - WAUGH, KYLE	HEALTH SAVING	2350.00
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	4580.00
HSA-LAUVER, MATT	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA-LUCK, CHAD	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA-MARTIN, SAMANTHA	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA-WALTERS, CASEY	HEALTH SAVING	2250.00
IA NORTHLAND REG. COUNCIL GOV'	SERVICES	500.00
INSTAMED	SERVICES	0.03
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF	TRAINING	1225.41
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	896.34
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR SERVICE	SERVICES	40.00
IOWA ONE CALL	SERVICES	51.30
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	22909.26
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	13512.03
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	325.51
KENDRA LUFKIN	SERVICES	400.00
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR	PUBLISHING	599.01
MODERN MARKETING	SUPPLIES	416.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	1299.11
CODY NIEHAUS	REIMBURSEMENT	152.00
NORSOLV	SERVICES	178.95
PD AIR SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES	126.00
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	3453.84
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	86.84
POSTMASTER GRUNDY CENTER	STAMPS	348.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	5824.50
RC SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES	9.00
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	102.34
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	SERVICES	21749.32
KRISTY SAWYER	REIMBURSEMENT	16.98

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	3055.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPPLIES	102.84
TENDER LAWN CARE	SERVICES	920.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	SALES TAX	3722.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	PART	1004.02
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	55.45
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	179.36
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	18.20
VERIZON	SERVICES	80.02
VISA	SUPPLIES	2197.69
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	HEALTH INS	23905.74
WINDSTREAM IOWA	TELEPHONES	14.60
Accounts Payable Total		343931.94
Payroll Checks		62128.47
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		406060.41

January 2022 Expenditures per fund: General: \$73955; Road Use Tax: \$16380; Employee Benefits: \$64458; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$26100; Library Gift Trust: \$255; Continuing Projects: \$91548; Water Fund: \$38413; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$32298; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$24977; Ambulance Fund: \$61934; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1929; Total: \$448331.

January 2022 Revenues per fund: General: \$25137; Road Use Tax: \$31691; Employee Benefits Fund: \$2274; Emergency Fund: \$196; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26100; TIF Fund: \$1050; Community Betterment Fund: \$13050; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$372; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$6502; Library Gift Trust: \$318; Debt Service Fund: \$2444; Water Fund: \$56951; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$33189; Sewer Sinking fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$30988; Ambulance Fund: \$24244; Ambulance Equipment Res: \$848; Storm Sewer: \$4627; Total: \$276067.

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action on the Third Reading of Ordinance 561, an ordinance updating Chapter 165 of the Planning & Zoning Code of Ordinances. Mayor Eberline acknowledged receipt of a letter from Leonard Stephens, 309 2nd Street, stating several recommendations on this ordinance. Mayor Eberline commented a couple items have already been corrected such as page numbers and clerical errors. Stephens was acknowledged for explanation on a few other topics such as wood burning as only heat source for homes. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to table the Third Reading until more review of these issues can be address. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:44pm on the proposed property tax levy for fiscal year 2023 per the State of Iowa Code 384.15A. The maximum tax levy proposed is \$13.37692 per \$1000 on certain levies not including the Debt Service Levy. Leonard Stephens, 309 2nd Street, urged Council to "tread lightly" on spending that increase taxes; spoke of inflation at 7.02% for 2021; spoke of school district, county and city taxes are increase this year; mentioned buying power for Americans is down; and urged Council to economize where possible and prioritize and fund only essential services for the City. No further comments or discussion held. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded motion to close the public hearing at 6:46pm. Motions carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2022-08, a resolution approving the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 budget per State of Iowa Code 384.15A set at \$13.37692 per \$1000 on certain levies not including the Debt Service Levy. Mayor Eberline commented on the State of Iowa having the ability to equalize the tax rates in the future. Smith commented on the need to tax what we need to maintain the levy. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2022-09, a resolution to approve the hire of Alissa Loew for the open position for Police Officer –Captain and setting the wage. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-10, a resolution approving the final plat for Prairie Ridge Housing – Phase 1. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2022-11, a resolution recognizing the dedicated years of service by Doug Frost, Police Chief and approving his retirement and health insurance continuance. Mayor Eberline thanked Frost for his 31+ years of service. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2022-12, a resolution approving the purchase of new scoreboards for the Sports Complex from Daktronics, Inc. Mayor Eberline commented that the current scoreboards are original to the Sports Complex and replacement parts are hard to find. Sawyer explained there are some extra funds from the GO Bond for the renovation project that need to be used at the Sports Complex and will cover the majority of this cost. Eberline mentioned the scoreboard replacement was included in the discussion with the School District on the rental agreement. McDonald requested installation costs. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion with Alex Tunland, Rite Environmental, Inc. on their request for a rate increase for sanitation services. Tunland explained that when the contract was awarded to Rite Environmental, Inc. there was a discussion to revisit the contractor parameters every two years. Tunland explained their costs for fuel, tires, maintenance and labor have all increased drastically due massive inflation that an increase in their contract is necessary. Smith commented that inflation is recognized by all involved. McDonald commented that very few complaints have been received and consistency has been great. Kuester commented that the request is not out of line and everyone has the same issue. Tunland explained Rite Environmental, Inc. is requesting an increase in their fees as follows: new residential trash collection rate: \$6.00 per house per month (\$1,221 increase per month); new residential recycling collection rate: \$5.00 per house per month (\$1,221 increase per month) and new commercial tip rate: \$15.00 per tip (\$400 increase per month). McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2022-13, a resolution to accept the rate increase from Rite Environmental, Inc. effective January 2022. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Chief Frost and Officer Waugh for an annual update for the Police Department and budget requests for fiscal year 2023. Frost explained the budget request is to increase wages, add dispatch costs from the County Sheriff of \$5000 per year and potential for academy costs for fifth officer. Discussion led to starting to set aside funds for equipment replacement in the future. No action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on a notice from Grundy County Sheriff regarding dispatch services for the police and ambulance departments. Eberline explained each department is being asked to pay \$5000 towards dispatch costs for starting fiscal year 2023. Eberline acknowledged Dwight Gliem, EMS Director. Gliem explained he has contacted nonprofit ambulance services in several surrounding counties and no one is charged for dispatching services. Gliem commented that our service takes care of 68% of the EMS calls in Grundy County and 400 transfer calls out of the County Hospital and now our ambulance service is getting penalized for doing this much for Grundy County residents. Chief Frost expressed he was not surprised this came through, expected it a while ago. Kuester expressed if City would need to set up own dispatching services it would cost much more. Mayor Eberline commented that if this charge occurs then expectation for quality dispatch services need to be received. No formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the Sports Complex 28E Agreement with the Grundy Center School District. Eberline met with School District and this 28E agreement was presented. Main topic of concern at their request for more input and having a Board of Trustees to allow for choosing of maintenance contractor and fees; the rental fee was requested at \$20,000 per year; and length of term for the agreement. Eberline explained the City Attorney had reviewed with concerns on the need for Board of Trustees when the City already has given control to the Park Board; the requested type of management gives the City much less control over the City property and costs affecting the City budget; the proposed rental fees is much less than originally offered; and insurance coverage. Kuester asked why not continue with the lease agreement already presented to them, no need to change to a 28E Agreement. McDonald asked if possible to prorate the rental fee based on square footage the School District uses. Smith commented the need to respond with further negotiations. Eberline commented that more discussions will be held with City Attorney on how to proceed. No formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 8:09pm. Leonard Stephens, 309 2nd Street, commented on Ordinance 561, rusty water issue problem and zoning violation of four or more vehicles and racecars. No further comments, public forum closed at 8:20pm.

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Finance Committee/ Clerk commented on budget and committee will meet to review.

Public Safety Committee made no further comment.

Public Works Committee commented on notice received from Service Line Warranties and upcoming meeting with Fox Engineering regarding upcoming water main project.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor