

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, McDonald, Rasmussen and Lamp. 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. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://meet.goto.com/734878669> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122) Access Code: 734-878-669

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

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, March 7, 2022; and approval to close 7th Street from G Ave to H Ave from 4:00pm – 6:30pm for Farmer's Market on May 12 and September 15, 2022. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline introduced Rachelle Thompson, CPA, City Auditor. Thompson distributed the FY2021 annual audit. Thompson expressed an unmodified financial audit for the City. Thompson reviewed the governmental, special and enterprise funds revenue and expenditures. The City currently has about six months of revenues in reserves, which Thompson feel is average amongst cities our size. The City had a 47.4% increase in revenues in FY2021 and 22.8% increase in expenditures over the previous fiscal year, in which these increases are due to bond proceeds and related construction costs for various projects. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to accept the FY2021 City Annual Audit. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the Sports Complex lease agreement with the Grundy Center Community School District. Eberline commented that the difference in the annual lease amount between both parties is \$10,000. Eberline expressed that if both parties could meet in the middle, the agreement may pass. Smith questioned if the one year term is agreed upon, Eberline thought it was. Eberline mentioned a request from the Athletic Director for the high school boy's soccer team to practice at the Sports Complex on Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 6:15pm for their season. Bangasser will give the council approval for this field usage.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:47pm for the 2022-23 Water Main Project for the necessities of easements. John Gaede, engineer from Fox Strand, Inc, commented that this project is to improve water quality, aging water infrastructure and increase water flows for fire protection. There are five areas included in the entire project. Project is \$1.2mil in construction costs. Easements are needed for McIntyre, Bethany Presbyterian Church, and Richelieu Foods. Gaede explained that movement of a fire hydrant will also be moved on the McIntyre property. Majority of the main installation will be drilled underground without much digging. A permanent and a temporary easement is needed from Bethany Presbyterian Church. A final easement is needed from Richelieu Foods if the alternate part of this project is approved by the DNR for the SRF financing. Gaede mentioned a compensation will need to be agreed upon with the property owners. Bid date is set for April 12, 2022 with project award on April 18, 2022 and a start date of August 1, 2022 and potential completion date of June 1, 2023. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:12pm. No further discussions, motions carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-16, a resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2022-23 Water Main Improvements Project, and notice of the taking of bids therefore. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2022-17, a resolution to approve an estimate of costs from T&T Computers, Inc. for setup of own domain and activate to Microsoft 365 Business. Smith questioned fixed costs and extra is labor. Tyson Albright was acknowledged by Smith to discuss the conversion. Lamp asked if these cost will increased annually. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve to publish for a help wanted ad for a full time 24 hour Shift Paramedic position. Kuester mentioned the loss of the HSA funds each time an employee leaves. Eberline commented a discussion with City Attorney to determine how to distribute HSA funds without having to front load for employees as City is loses funds every time an employee resigns. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:26 pm. Andy Lebo, School Board member and coach, expressed thank you for all the improvements and scoreboard purchases at the Sports Complex. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:29pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on need to make decision on concessions at the Sports Complex; budget amendments and proceed for the final reading of the Planning & Zoning Code of Ordinances.

Public Safety Committee commented on Officer Loew designed a community policing questionnaire for all businesses; Officer Luck has resigned effective 03/31/2022 and April 9, 2022 is the testing day.

Public Works Committee commented on advertising for aquatic center positions, Community Foundation Grant for aquatic center slide for zero depth area was received; and a large water main break was located when water tower was almost emptied. Thank you to all Public Works Employees for searching and repairing the large water main break.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor