

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 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.

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

Smith moved and McDonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, April 4, 2022; approval of the March 2022 Treasurers Report; and approval to the Grundy YMCA to use Belpre Park on Monday and Wednesday, May 23 – July 6, 2022 from 5:30-7pm for their tee ball program; and approval to Chamber Main Street to close 7th Street from G to H Avenue and H Avenue from 7th to 8th Street on June 2, 2022 for the Summer Block Party event from 4-8pm. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

March 2022 Expenditures per fund: General: \$97536; Road Use Tax: \$10865; Employee Benefits: \$24929; Local Option Sales Tax: \$44345; Library Gift Trust: \$706; Community Center Gift Trust: \$4064; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$500; Continuing Projects: \$49052; Water Fund: \$48807; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$19950; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$24987; Ambulance Fund: \$49508; Storm Sewer Fund: \$793; Total: \$392127.

March 2022 Revenues per fund: General: \$59356; Road Use Tax: \$17462; Employee Benefits Fund: \$5760; Emergency Fund: \$497; Local Option Sales Tax: \$44345; TIF Fund: \$2505; Community Betterment Fund: \$22172; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$33; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$638; Library Gift Trust: \$1031; Economic Development Fund: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$6173; Water Fund: \$55684; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$42731; Sewer Sinking fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$29979; Ambulance Fund: \$45558; Storm Sewer: \$4226; Total: \$354735.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:33pm on the proposed 2022-23 Water Main Improvement project. Lennard Stephens, 309 2nd Street, asked if after the water project is completed with the residents it effects be assessed any additional costs. Bangasser confirmed that will not occur unless additional repairs are needed from the main to a private residence. No further comments were made. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:34pm. No further discussions, motions carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2022-21, a resolution for the 2021 Water Main Improvements Project approval of project and authorizing easement acquisition. John Gade, FOX-Strand, Inc., was acknowledged and discussed plans and easements. Bangasser mentioned two of the needed three easements have been signed and received back. Final easement is for Richelieu Foods and once the project is approved by DNR, process with then proceed with their easement. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2022-22, a resolution to approve and confirm final plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project. Gade explained the approval of the plans and specs were for areas 1-5 and once final environmental review by DNR was completed then area 6 will be confirmed. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-23, a resolution awarding contract for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project. Gade explained only one bid was received from Summers Enterprises, Inc., Masonville, Iowa for \$1,142,265 including bid alternate #1. Fox-Strand, Inc issued a recommendation of award based on bid lower than engineer estimate of costs by \$105,326. McDonald asked if incentives/penalties were in the contract. Gade confirmed they are. Kuester asked for start date, Gade commented that Summers Enterprise plans are to complete areas 1, 2 and 4 by November 25, 2022 and weather permitting they plan to complete all the projects this calendar year. Smith commented that project areas would not start until all materials are here. Comment made if project was disapproved and rebid City could potentially see higher inflation in costs. No further discussion, motion carried to award the contract to Summers Enterprises, Inc with five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:46pm for FY2022 city budget amendments. No public comments. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:47pm. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2022-24, a resolution to approve the FY2022 City budget amendments. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-25, a resolution to approve the hire of Jessica Bradley for full time police officer to and set her wage. Chief Waugh introduced Bradley. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes. Chief Waugh then swore in Jessica Bradley.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2022-26, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign a contract with Lexipol for law enforcement policy manual and training services. Chief Waugh explained this is same company that Grundy County Sheriff offices used to update policy manual and training services. Cost of the agreement is \$655.81 for May & June 2022, then fiscal year 2023 cost will be \$3,934.90 annually. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2022-27, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Natalie Kracht, owner of Natural Grind, 721 G Avenue, for window replacement project for \$5729. Lamp questioned the approval for windows in upper story apartment. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2022-28, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Matt & Tara Bockes, The Lovely Castle Co., 703 G Avenue first floor renovations. Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action to amend the motion to increase the award amount to \$17,500. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to approve the original motion with the amount of \$17,500. No further discussions, all motions carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2022-29, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Stephanie Larson, 620 G Avenue, for a roof replacement for \$17,500. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2022-30 a resolution to not award a BIG Grant to Stephanie Larson, 620 G Avenue, for door and window replacements to south side of building. Kuester commented this application is not completed correctly. Smith commented that the BIG Grant policy states only one award per fiscal year per property address. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes to not award.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2022-31, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Tyson Albright, TC, LLC, 617-619 G Avenue, for a roof replacement for \$18,800. Kuester commented that building owner wants to move quickly on this as an apartment is being damaged by leaking roof. 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 and possible action taken. Eberline commented that corrected agreement was received from City Attorney and forwarded to School District. Smith and Kuester commented that the term is too long. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to amend the agreement term to two years. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the Park Board & Recreation Commission ordinance changes. Update from City Attorney was discussed about the length of term for the seats. City Attorney working on this. No formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on additional semi parking location request and Butler Avenue name change request. Chief Waugh present Council with image of the City rock yard property. This is potentially the only City owned property that may be large enough for a semi to turn around. Bangasser stressed if rock yard is used it should be for overflow only and not as first choice. Public Works does need access to the space in the rock yard for upcoming water main project materials and supplies for street repairs. More discussions in the future on this, no formal action taken. Mayor Eberline then mentioned the request to change the name of Butler Avenue. Becky Bonnett and Dennis Sealman, current property owners present were against the name change. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:37 pm. Dennis Sealman, 1402 6th Street, commented on whole in 6th Street where gas company removed service for a property and have yet to repair the street with patch and/or rock. Robert Nazario, candidate running for Iowa House, introduced himself and spoke on campaign issues. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:48pm.

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Finance Committee/ Clerk commented water project contract and lack of application for concession stand workers.

Public Safety Committee commented on one open full time officer position available and Officer Loew attending training in June.

Public Works Committee commented on tennis court project, seeding, and dirt work to finish, bleachers, parking at Complex and very short on applications for Pool employees and lifeguards.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor