

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 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 <https://meet.goto.com/926940309> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 926-940-309.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflict 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, May 2, 2022; approval of April 2022 Treasurers Report; approval to close 1st Street from M Avenue south into the Grundy County Fairground on Saturday, July 23, 2022 12noon until 10pm for a music concert; approval to close 7th Street for Kling Memorial Library Summer Reading Program kickoff event on June 11, 2022 from 7am-1pm from the alley south to H Avenue; and approval of an annual liquor license for Casey's #3055, 504 G Avenue and Casey's #1789, 1708 G Avenue and a six month liquor license for Grundy County Fair Board for Summer 2022 events. Jennifer Myers, Fair Board Representative, was acknowledged to discuss the street closure for July 23, 2022. Lindsey Freese, Library Director, was acknowledged to discuss street closure for Kling Memorial Library Summer Reading Program. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

April 2022 Expenditures per fund: General: \$252543; Road Use Tax: \$12431; Employee Benefits: \$26078; Local Option Sales Tax: \$22172; TIF Fund: \$47040; Community Betterment Fund: \$6833; Library Gift Trust: \$1892; Continuing Projects: \$36000; Water Fund: \$52995; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$20771; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$29081; Ambulance Fund: \$42040; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4433; Total: \$570395.

April 2022 Revenues per fund: General: \$385259; Road Use Tax: \$41821; Employee Benefits Fund: \$120400; Emergency Fund: \$10380; Local Option Sales Tax: \$22172; TIF Fund: \$132115; Community Betterment Fund: \$11086; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$23; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$17390; Library Gift Trust: \$13955; Park Board Gift Trust: \$9000; Debt Service Fund: \$137592; Water Fund: \$50857; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$44254; Sewer Sinking fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$31883; Ambulance Fund: \$68501; Ambulance Equipment Res Fund: \$2337; Storm Sewer: \$4192; Total: \$1119301.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2022-36, a resolution to approve wages for Aquatic Center and Sports Complex employees. Starting hourly for the lifeguards was increase by \$1/hour. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2022-37, a resolution to accept proposal for 5-year leases from Gordon Flesch for two all in one copy/printer machines. Sawyer explained the two proposals: Gordon Flesch - Canon IR ADV DX 3826i (\$172.29/month) and a Canon IR ADV DX C257iF(\$ 60.20) and Access Systems – Sharp MX-3071 (\$144.69/month) and a Sharp MC C407F (\$70.31/month). The smaller all in one machine will be placed in the Police Department to replace a current laser printer and fax machine. Sawyer explained the Police Department is spending \$1000 per quarter for toner on their laser printer. By upgrading to a new Canon all in one machine the toner and warranty is included. The upgrade to the Canon IR ADV DX 3826i will replace the current Canon 3525 in City Hall for \$55.62/month less than currently being paid. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the archery range request. Eberline commented that Mel Bowen met with the Park Board to discuss the same request. Park Board was very receptive and voted to give recommend to Council to approve. Kuester asked if City should have the property surveyed to know where exact property lines are so signage can be posted for safety purposes. All members agreed. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to approve the archery range to become a program under the Park Board for insurance purposes and proceed with survey of property lines. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 561 & 562 to announce the 2% rate increase for water and sewer rates for FY2022 and publish for a public hearing for Monday, June 6, 2022. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Comprehensive Plan Update Project and planning a task force team of community members. Sawyer explained the process where a task force is needed, and they will meet three

times to discuss future plans for the city. Mayor Eberline asked each Council Member to email a list of ten individuals they felt may serve on the task force. Invitation will be sent to those to ask to join. Meetings will then be scheduled. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion on the Health Savings Account Policy and how funds are distributed to City employees. Sawyer reached out to Eric Willis, Group Benefit Partners consultant, for guidance. Willis provided four other cities he works with and how they distribute their funds, three deposited full amounts annually, one with biannual and one city is quarterly. Sawyer mentioned it is possible to change our policy to say funds will be distributed quarterly for the first one or two years of employment. Sawyer explained most of the staff turnover recently is between the first and second years of employment. Sawyer was to bring draft of new policy to next meeting. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion on the Parks and Recreation Commission draft ordinance. City Attorney wrote the draft and Park Board has reviewed. Ordinance 563 will increase the Commission to seven members with four-year alternating terms and dissolve the separate Recreation Commission. No further changes to the Park Board. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to publish for a public hearing for Ordinance 563 for Monday, June 6, 2022. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:20pm. Jennifer Myers, Grundy County Fair Board Representative, spoke more on July 23, 2022, concert about parking, traffic, security, etc. No formal action taken and no further comments, public forum closed at 7:23pm.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented on semi parking, personnel committee meeting and mow letters.

Public Safety Committee commented on Officer Bradley firearms training complete; temporary police car parking, certified applicants turned down open position and complaints received for fast driving, loud vehicles need to go through dispatchers.

Public Works Committee commented on scoreboard delivery and installation; punch list of items to complete at Sports Complex and pool lifeguard training.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor