

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 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 join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

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Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with conflict of interest with item 4 for Lamp. Motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, July 11, 2022; approval of the July 2022 Treasurers Report; and approval of an annual liquor license for Scotty's Saloon, 806 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Kuester, Rasmussen, Smith and McDonald) and one abstain (Lamp).

June 2022 Expenditures per fund: General: \$159724; Road Use Tax: \$15732; Employee Benefits: \$31028; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26084; Community Betterment Fund: \$6635; Library Gift Trust: \$3091; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$500; Continuing Projects: \$46922; Water Fund: \$49483; Water Reserves Fund: \$31156; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$28032; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$36147; Ambulance Fund: \$64924; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1729; Total: \$517772.

June 2022 Revenues per fund: General: \$110906; Road Use Tax: \$49030; Employee Benefits Fund: \$4722; Emergency Fund: \$407; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26084; TIF Fund: \$1595; Community Betterment Fund: \$13042; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$534; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$45; Library Gift Trust: \$1180; Ambulance Gift Trust: \$200; Economic Development Fund: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$5012; Water Fund: \$49017; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$43337; Sewer Sinking fund: \$16085; Sanitation Fund: \$32454; Ambulance Fund: \$73207; Storm Sewer: \$4275; Total: \$431630.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Sheryl Wilson, Concessions Manager for the Sports Complex. Wilson gave brief explanation how the season went and felt working with the kids in the concession stand worked well this year. Wilson thanked council for new freezer and said the refrigerator may not last much longer either. Mayor thanked Wilson for running a great concession stand there for our community, lots of great compliments. No further discussion or action taken.

Mayor Eberline introduced Robert Hughes, GCCSD Superintendent, for a discussion regarding a no parking request for the north side of J Avenue from 8th Street to 9th Street M-F 7am-4pm on school days. Hughes mentioned the increase of traffic with the Kids Campus along J Avenue, need to have less parked vehicles to keep the traffic moving through. Discussion was held on new gravel parking lot being installed on school property on J Avenue. Hughes commented school board has approved it pending engineered plans. Chief Waugh commented he would not support three lanes of moving traffic. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to publish for a public hearing on this ordinance change for August 1, 2022. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-52 a resolution to approve the hiring of Emery Sommay-Bunkers as Youth Services Assistant and set the wage for Kling Memorial Library. Lindsey Freese, Library Director, was acknowledged and explained the Library Board is recommending this hire due to the resignation of Lenah Oltman and Kaitlyn Freese. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action to publish a help wanted ad for the Youth Services Librarian for Kling Memorial Library. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline appointments to the Tree Board: Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director, with term ending June 30, 2025; Mike Muller, term ending June 30, 2025; Chad VanWechel, term ending June 30, 2024; and Steve Ralston, term ending June 30, 2023. One more member will be appointed at next meeting. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action to approve the appointment of Dan Davie to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the additional seat with term ending December 31, 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened discussion on two city owned properties at 501 I Avenue. Bangasser explained two bids were received to remove the house and garage on this property. 1. Cooley Pumping \$9,617.50 2. ECI, Inc

\$8,300 verbal. Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action to accept bid from Cooley Pumping for quoted price. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:08pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 7:09pm.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented on Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting dates are August 23, September 13, and October 12, 2022; meeting with Felix Board and Committee and working on another dilapidated property.

Public Safety Committee commented meeting with Fair Board following weekend issues and Officer Bradley and Bunkers will both be at the academy this Fall.

Public Works Committee commented on water tower will be offline next week due to wash out and inspection.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged a citizen complaint regarding the 10-minute parking spot in front of 721-725 G Avenue. No formal action taken.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor