

A work session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 5:04 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, McDonald, Rasmussen and Lamp. Absent: Kuester.

Mayor Eberline introduced the discussion on golf cart/ATV/UTV ordinances. Eberline discussed the concerns of overloaded golf carts, infants/toddlers riding on laps, safety concerns, etc. Kasey Lyons, owner of KC Power Sports, was acknowledged and asked what other safety precautions should be in the ordinance for the problems we are seeing. Discussion was about mirrors, seat belts, rear facing seats, enforcement and no towing by golf carts allowed. Chief Waugh requested enforcement be first offense a warning, second offense a fine, third offense a hearing with City Council to determine if permit can be issued. No formal action taken, more discussion during regular meeting. Discussion then led to the current ATV/UTV ordinance. Eberline explained our current ordinance needs to be updated due to the new laws the State of Iowa passed last July. Current ordinance reads that City Council may pass a resolution to allow ATV/UTV's on city streets. Smith expressed that if allowed, they should be allowed on all city street only exception being the state highways. However, ordinance should allow usage on Highway 175/14 access to Commerce Drive businesses. Concern was stated that all of these low-speed type vehicles must yield to all auto/truck traffic no matter where they are driven. Seth Schroeder, City Attorney, was given direction to rewrite the ATV/UTV ordinance for updates and further discussion at later meeting to review drafts. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Eberline introduced the discussion on the current Community Center Board Ordinance which states it is a seven member board, including five members from the city and two members may be from either city or county residents.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the golf carts/ATV/UTV ordinances. Chief Waugh commented that the Governor signed new legislation regarding ATV/UTV in July 2022. This legislation states the ATV/UTV vehicles are allowed to be on county roads however city ordinances also need to be followed. Currently the City Ordinance does not allow ATV/UTV vehicles on city streets. Eberline also pointed out there are over 60 golf cart permits issued currently. Safety concerns are being seen and changes need to be made before someone is seriously injured. Chief Waugh commented that more regulations need to be place in the ordinance along with repercussions if not followed. No formal action, further discussions during regular meeting.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 6:25 pm. Motion carried five ayes.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor