

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Mcdonald, Lamp and Rasmussen (arrived at 6:35pm). Absent: None. The City of Grundy Center held this regular city council meeting in person and electronically via an online meeting or conference call. Join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/741597949> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (312) 757-3121 Access Code: 741-597-949.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with conflict of interest for Kuester for item #10. Motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, November 7, 2022; and approval of an annual liquor license for The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 725 G Avenue; and an annual liquor license for Pancho Villa Mexican Restaurant, 2103 Commerce Drive. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Lindsey Freese, Library Director, for a discussion on increasing staff hours and hourly wages. Freese commented that Kling Memorial Library may be on the verge of a staffing crisis being down one part time employee and potentially losing two more. Current employees are looking for fulltime hours with benefits. Freese distributed a handout showing the services offered at the library and if lose staff many of those programs and services will need to end. Freese and Library Board are asking to increase annual operating budget to increase two current employees to 40 hours per week and increase wages by \$1.00 per hour. No further discussion.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-71, a resolution to approve full-time hours and wage increases for Youth Services Librarian and Youth Services Assistant. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes (Smith, Mcdonald, Lamp, Rasmussen, and Kuester).

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Melanie Kirkpatrick, Felix Grundy Board Chair regarding 2023 Felix Grundy Days. Kirkpatrick discussed no one has stepped forward to Chair or Co-Chair the Felix Grundy Festival. Natalie Kracht, Felix Board Member, spoke that board and past members are willing to help. Eberline asked, if possible, to partner with other organizations in the community and may need to scale back to the basics for a year or two. Eberline commented to keep Council updated and City will help if needed. No further discussion or action taken.

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 567, an ordinance adopting the updated 2022 Code of Ordinances for the City of Grundy Center, Iowa. No comments, motion carried five ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 568, an ordinance amending Chapter 75 – ATV/UTV/Off Road Vehicles for hours of operation, use of the vehicles and penalties. Discussion was difference between ATV and UTV based on seatbelt usage. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2022-72, a resolution to approve the lease agreement with Maroon & White, Inc to lease storage space and gym of the Kids' Campus. Kuester commented that the restriction of twelve uses per year is limiting the City. Sawyer read City Attorney comments about lease agreement having one year term and the restriction of municipally sanctioned events only. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to table Resolution 2022-72 until further clarification and negotiation on these two issues are discussed. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Lamp, Mcdonald, Rasmussen and Smith) and one abstain (Kuester).

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action to publish the request for proposals for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant planning services. Sawyer explained if Phase 1 of the grant is not awarded then planning services may not be needed however, we need to be prepared to proceed in January 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:29pm. Melvin Bowen, 905 2nd Street, asked for possibility of a gun range be added on north edge of City owned property. Bowen presented a draft map for a possible location and asked if City would consider. No further comments or discussion, public forum closed at 7:37pm.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented financial advisor will be speaking on TIF Report at next meeting. Public Safety Committee commented on officers doing well and evidence storage will be compliant soon.

Public Works Committee commented on minimal work done on water main project and leaf pickup will continue another week.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor