

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, Rasmussen, and McDonald. 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 my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/422267565> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 422-267-565 United States: +1 (408) 650-3123.

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

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, January 9, 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline introduced Darrel Shuey, Park Board Chair, for the annual department update for the Park Board and Sports Complex. Shuey mentioned fencing for Field #4 and a new sound system are not figured into FY2024 budget and other increases are due to contract increases. Dwight Gliem, EMS Director, provided next annual department update. Gliem mentioned the increase in revenues will come from the GEMT program offering further reimbursement from federal funding; wage increases; and increase of collection costs. Gliem mentioned a major expense of a new ambulance to replace a current one, as the last one was purchased in 2015. Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, provided an annual update for her department. Rasmussen provided a recap of 2022 activities; commented on marketing our community at Iowa State Fair in August 2023; working to grow volunteer base; spoke of changes to the accreditation process going forward. Rasmussen commented on a grant opportunity for Chamber Main Street to assist AlleyCats Committee for funding of a mural. No formal action taken at this time.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on the Third Reading of Ordinance 569, an ordinance to amend Chapter 92.02 Water rates for a 2% increase effective immediately. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2023-06, a resolution for a wage adjustment for a police officer and parttime paramedic. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-07, a resolution to approving the public purpose policy for the City of Grundy Center for 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-03, a resolution approving the investment policy for the City of Grundy Center for 2023. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the FY2024 annual budget preparation. Sawyer explained the notice of public hearing for the proposed property tax levy includes property tax valuation increase of 4.5%, property and liability insurance policies, 6% wage increase for all employees, and the 1% health insurance premiums.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to set a public hearing for February 6, 2023, for the proposed property tax levy for FY2024 per State of Iowa Code 384.15A. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:21pm. Shane Hillman, representing owner of 602 G Avenue, requested approval to apply for the Catalyst Grant through Main Street Iowa. Hillman explained plan is add new windows to the entire building, add residential units in upper story and commercial space on main floor. No further comments or discussion, public forum closed at 7:39pm.

Finance Committee/ Clerk made no further comments.

Public Safety Committee commented on the department seeing an uptick in mental health cases.

Public Works Committee commented on department FY2024 budgets.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor