

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 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. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/158608469> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 158-608-469 United States: +1 (224) 501-3412 .

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

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, January 16, 2023; approval of the January 2023 bills list; and approval of the January 2023 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director, and Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk for the annual department updates. Bangasser spoke on budgets for the aquatic center, airport, water, sewer, sanitary sewer, sanitation. Discussion on prices increases for aquatic center daily admission and pool passes; potential rate increases for sanitation and sanitary sewer. Sawyer spoke on department budgets for the recreation, Herbert Quick School House, Historical Preservation Commission, Clerk, and city hall building budgets. No formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion on a gun range request. Mel Bowen discussed a map for location and need how to create a berm. Justin Fox spoke as the instructor for Grundy County and City officers shooting/rifle certification. Further discussion on insurance coverage and possible partnership with Grundy County. No formal action taken. Rasmussen left the meeting at 7:05pm.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, on a request to publish to accept bids on a 2012 Cargo 16ft utility trailer and a 2010 Bear Track trailer that are no longer used by the Fire Department. Kappel explained these trailers are taking up space and are not usable with the Polaris Ranger. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to publish to accept bids on a 2012 Cargo 16ft utility trailer and a 2010 Bear Track trailer that are no longer used by the Fire Department. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to open the public hearing at 7:13pm on the proposed property tax levy for FY2024 per State of Iowa Code 384.15A. No public comments. Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:14pm. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-08, a resolution for approving the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the City's proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget per State of Iowa Code 384.15A. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action to approve the Mayor's appointments of Dr. Todd Lawrence to the Ambulance Board, term ending December 31, 2025; Mary Doak and Jan Onnen, Historic Preservation Commission, terms ending December 31, 2025; and Taylor Appel, Board of Adjustments, term ending December 31, 2027. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to approve to publish a help wanted ad for the Sports Complex Concessions Manager position. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded action to publish the request for quotes for the FY2023 annual audit contract for services. Sawyer commented that current city auditor has been on contract for the past four years and it's time to go out for bids. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:17pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 7:18pm.

Finance Committee/ Clerk commented on the SF181 regarding FY24 city budget; workshop invitation from Jeff Kolb; additional code update pages.

Public Safety Committee commented officer progressing at ILEA academy and vehicle meeting with Karl Chevrolet.

Public Works Committee commented on upgrade of software at wastewater facility; high water usage for entire city for last month; received reimbursement for detour; and upcoming training.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:30pm.