

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 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 on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/992297813> You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 992-297-813.

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

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, March 20, 2023; approval of the March 2023 bills list; approval for to publish for open burning from April 10, 2023, through May 31, 2023 from 6a-6p; and approval to the YMCA for use of Belpre Park, T-ball session on every Tuesday & Thursdays, May 23- June 27, 2023, from 5:30PM to 6:30PM AND for kickball on Thursday 6:30PM-7:30PM; and approval of the Service Line Warranties of America Spring 2023 mailing. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADMIN. PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	59.80
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	SELF FUND PREMIUM	12002.42
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	510.66
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	2114.45
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	278.79
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	359.76
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	VISION	150.98
AXA EQUITABLE	DEFERRED COMP	300.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	5970.13
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	SAND/SALT	3268.48
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	2036.40
BROADCAST MUSIC INC	FEE	421.00
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	26.67
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO	PARTS	118.53
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC	SERVICES	112.22
CATTRON NORTH AMERICA INC	PARTS	56.81
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	412.00
DEARBORN NATIONAL	PREMIUMS	127.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANC	551.98
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	23616.09
ELECTRIC PUMP	SERVICES	804.25
EMERGENCY APPARATUS	SUPPLIES	1711.67
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	PARTS	4535.01
FELIX GRUNDY COMMITTEE	DONATION	2000.00
FRANSYL EQUIPMENT CO INC	SERVICES	10077.75
DWIGHT GLIEM	MILEAGE	233.18
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	1306.53
GNB INSURANCE	PREMIUMS	213508.70
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	SERVICES	242.04
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	308.54
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	7776.07
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	463.85

GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER	FEES	24.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4223.84
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	270.00
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	40.00
HSA - TWYFORD, ALISSA	HEALTH SAVING	38.46
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	200.00
HSA - MARTENS, ERICA	HEALTH SAVING	200.00
HSA - MULLER, MICHAEL	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	200.00
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	200.00
HSA - WAUGH, KYLE	HEALTH SAVING	23.08
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA-BUNKERS, BRANDON	HEALTH SAVING	662.50
IA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	FEE	25.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	6650.00
IA NORTHLAND REG. COUNCIL GOV'	SERVICES	440.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	896.34
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	26437.08
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	15259.94
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	170.09
KONKEN ELECTRIC	SERVICES	272.42
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	400.00
MAROON & WHITE, INC	RENT	4557.28
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	46.50
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR	PUBLISHING	175.05
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	459.22
NORTHERN BALANCE AND SCALE, INC	SERVICES	190.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	FEES	425.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO.	SERVICES	989.98
PATTEN EQUIPMENT	TRAILER	3522.00
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	1705.01
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	39.93
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	5364.58
RACHELLE K. THOMPSON, CPA, PLLC	AUDIT	14600.00
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	167.88
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	SERVICES	25052.90
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	194.26
SHIELD PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	75.00
IRA SOJKA	REIMBURSEMENT	575.00
SPAHN AND ROSE LUMBER CO.	WINDOW	405.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAX	3023.13
STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPPLIES	39.03
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO.	OXYGEN	45.00
T & T COMPUTERS	SERVICES	330.00

TENNIS SERVICES OF IA INC	SUPPLIES	3665.00
TERRY-DURIN CO.	PARTS	730.94
TITAN MACHINERY - CENTER POINT	SERVICES	1405.97
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	SALES TAX	3680.07
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	PARTS	578.50
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	348.54
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	203.37
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	1065.99
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	341.99
VERIZON	SERVICES	80.02
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	HEALTH INS	24046.79
WERTJES UNIFORMS	UNIFORM	44.99
WINDSTREAM IOWA	TELEPHONES	14.60
Accounts Payable Total		457036.62
Payroll Checks		81955.27
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		538991.89

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jeff Kolb, Butler Grundy Development Alliance Director, for an annual update. Kolb commented on board member changes, completed wage survey for Cedar Valley, coordinated and held the high school career fair, and the ongoing revolving loan fund. Kolb mentioned he is assisting Richelieu Foods with hosting a career fair for employees looking for further employment. No discussion or formal action taken.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-14, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign documents to purchase a Quick Attack Fire Truck from Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Co. Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, presented two bids, one from Midwest Fire and one from Toyne, Inc. Kappel mentioned this process has been worked on for about a year by a committee of firefighters reviewing and meeting with each truck company to design a Quick Attack vehicle that will meet our needs. Midwest Fire Equipment Company bid will not exceed \$285,250 and Toyne, Inc. bid will not exceed \$250,274. Kappel is requesting permission to accept the higher bid from Midwest Fire Equipment Co. because they are willing to equip the truck to meet our needs. For example, adding a 500gal water tank, adding seats to fit our SCBA tanks and several other details. Kappel commented that by authorizing this purchase it will allow us to have our name in line for a chassis as they come available, with lead time of several months. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-15, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Natalie Kracht, Natural Grind, 721 G Avenue, for replacement of commercial front door and awning repairs for \$2,200. Smith explained that the City received nine applications for this BIG Grant cycle, the Council tried to fairly award funds to each project. Sawyer explained the BIG Grant Program is funded with the local option sales tax revenue (LOST), which was voter approved to be split 50% to the City General Fund for property tax relief and 50% to the City Community Betterment Fund. The City budgets \$100,000 of the LOST revenue to the BIG Grant program every fiscal year. After the first grant cycle in October 2022, the City had \$52,894 funds remaining to award for this fiscal year. For that reason, each project will be awarded 35% of their project cost. Rasmussen mentioned there will be changes to the program going forward since the State of Iowa legislation is considering removing the LOST revenue. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-16, a resolution to award a BIG Grant of \$20,000 to Alex Funke, owner of 602 G Avenue, for support towards the Catalyst Grant application. This grant will only be awarded if Funke receives a Catalyst Grant through the State of Iowa, if not awarded the funds will stay with the community betterment reserve fund. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-17, a resolution to award a BIG Grant of \$7,558 to JNB Iceberg Development, Inc, owner of 613 G Avenue on behalf of the Grundy Center Historical Society, for sanitary sewer repairs, new front awning, window replacement and façade repairs

with tuckpointing. McDonald mentioned that the Grundy Center Historical Society is moving into this building on April 15th. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Rasmussen, Smith, Kuester, and Lamp) and one abstain (McDonald).

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-18, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$5,310 to Kasey Lyons, KC Power Sports, 102 6th Street, for landscaping and outdoor display area. Lyons explained his project for a hewn stone retaining wall system installed with NCMA standards to create a display area for golf carts. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2023-19, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$8,818 to Cedar Valley Hospice, Inc., 310 East G Avenue, for new entryway and storefront aluminum and glass. Michaela Vandersee, Cedar Valley Hospice Executive Director, and Eric Ware explained that they are renovating the entire building including entryway and storefront, exterior paint, windows, flooring, ceilings, lighting, paint, kitchen area, adding additional offices, a new reception area, back door updates, back sidewalk and furniture throughout. The BIG Grant application request is for the new entryway and storefront aluminum and glass only. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-20, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Stephanie Larson, owner of 620 G Avenue, for doors, windows, framework, all electrical, HVAC and plumbing up to code. Larson presented her project as replacing doors, windows and painting of entire rear of the building, and electrical, HVAC and plumbing for a fourth upper story apartment. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-21, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$4,569 to RSL Enterprises, LLC, owner of 604 8th Street, for exterior painting and window installation. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-22, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Jill Krausman, The Landmark Loft, 803 G Avenue, for door, windows, painting and electrical upgrades. Krausman reviewed the details of the project. Smith commented that after this grant cycle applicants should expect several changes to the BIG Grant Program. Sawyer mentioned that this is the 11th year the BIG Grant Program has been functioning and the City has awarded roughly \$987,000 in grants to help our commercial district thrive. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-25, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$5,031 to Jill Krausman, The Landmark Bistro, LLC 725 G Avenue for kitchen repairs. Discussion was held on multiple awards to the same individual will be strongly discouraged in future program amendments. Kuester commented that the City Inspector will need to see the project before and after completion prior to funds being disbursed. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-23, a resolution authorizing approval for changes to façade at Landmark Lofts, 803 G Avenue. This property was part of the Downtown Revitalization Project and has been under an easement with the City for seven years. The Council must review any changes made to the façade prior to the work being completed. This request is to paint the cream tile on the front façade to match the dark window and door trim. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-24, a resolution to authorize use of the Community Center parking lot to Stephanie Larson for July 8th, 2023, for Felix Grundy Festival. Larson explained the drawing for how the parking lot would be used and discussed her plans to host Dueling Pianos will provide entertainment, with her food truck and beer garden. Discussion on sharing the parking lot for the Kiwanis breakfast also at the Community Center on the same day. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Sports Complex Concessions Manager position. Two local businesses have expressed interest in taking over the concessions stand for the season. Shane Hillman, Chad's Pizza Representative, and Steph Larson, owner of BarLea Roots, both presented their ideas for running the stand. Discussion on staffing, wages for workers, and game schedules. No formal plans or action taken at this time, more discussion to come.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline's appointment of Brian Wallis to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending December 31, 2026. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

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Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 8:11pm. No public comments. Public forum closed at 8:12pm. Finance Committee/Clerk commented on open positions with the Ambulance Department on next agenda; budget amendments for fiscal year 2023; and possibility of internet/wifi to the Sports Complex for live streaming.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor