

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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/924515053> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 924-515-053 United States: +1 (872) 240-3311.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. Motion carried five ayes. Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, May 1, 2023; approval of the April 2023 Treasurers Report; approval of an eight-month liquor license for Grundy County Fair Board; approval of the street closures request to close 7<sup>th</sup> Street from G to H Avenue and H Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street for Chamber Main Street for the Summer Block Party Event on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 7AM TO 8PM; and approval of a street closure request for 7<sup>th</sup> Street from G Avenue to H Avenue for Farmers' Market on Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 4-8pm. Discussion held on H Avenue for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to close in the afternoon instead of 7AM. Kuester explained H Avenue is the only handicap access to the County Courthouse. Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action to amend the closure of H Avenue for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to be from 4-8pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

April 2023 Expenditures per fund: General: \$88345; Road Use Tax: \$9673; Employee Benefits: \$25609; Local Option Sales Tax: \$19468; Community Betterment Fund: \$5088; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$10000; Library Gift Trust: \$2504; Economic Development Gift Trust: \$500; Continuing Projects: \$9403; Water Fund: \$38317; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$78265; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$17105; Sanitation Fund: \$28695; Ambulance Fund: \$43806; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1543; Total: \$378322.

April 2023 Revenues per fund: General: \$406633; Road Use Tax: \$31321; Employee Benefits Fund: \$144334; Emergency Fund: \$10401; Local Option Sales Tax: \$19468; TIF Fund: \$113682; Community Betterment Fund: \$9734; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$5; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$2621; Library Gift Trust: \$1670; Park Board Gift Trust: \$5000; Community Center Gift Trust: \$1000; Economic Development Gift Trust: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$97933; Water Fund: \$49552; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$41212; Sewer Sinking fund: \$17105; Sanitation Fund: \$31877; Ambulance Fund: \$52428; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$1223; Storm Sewer: \$4266; Total: \$1041868.

Mayor Eberline introduced Isaiah Corbin, INRCOG and Gary Taylor, ISU, for a presentation on the WINVEST program. Corbin explained the City did not receive the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant in 2022 and completing an inventory of the selected neighborhood would be helpful for future grant cycles. Corbin introduced Gary Taylor, ISU representative. Taylor explained ISU has received funding from IEDA for student internships for the summer to take inventory of communities throughout the State of Iowa. Grundy Center has been chosen to participate and the inventory would include photos, sidewalks, streets, curb and gutter, park equipment and status, etc. Taylor commented that this inventory and survey is free for the City to participate. No further discussion, approval given to proceed.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:51pm for FY2023 City budget amendments. No public comments. McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:52pm. Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-33, a resolution to approve the fiscal year 2023 city budget amendments. Kuester commented that these will be considered quarterly going forward. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-32, a resolution to approve the contract to Barlea Roots, LLC for the sports complex concession stand. Lamp asked if there were concerns about what is being sold and prices. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-34, a resolution to approve wages for the Aquatic Center employees for the 2023 summer season. Bangasser explained no one has applied for the manager position as of yet. Lamp expressed concern that the pool is an important place, and we need to present a safe and clean place for families and kids. Lamp commented that wages need to be increased. Discussion included the reimbursement of training costs occurs at the end of the season. Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to amend the motion to increase the manager and cleaning starting wage to \$16 per hour; assistant manager position starting wage to \$13 per hour and increase the longevity increase to \$.25 per hour. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-35, a resolution authorizing Mayor Eberline to sign Amendment No. 1 for engineering services by FOX Strand Associates for the Water

Improvement Project. Mayor Eberline acknowledged John Gade, FOX Strand Associates, to discuss Water Main Project. Gade explained Summers Enterprises has completed about 80% complete. The contract says the project is to be completed by June 1, 2023, and Summers Enterprises will be cutting close to this date. Gade expressed concern with not receiving signed documents back from contractor, such as change orders and payment request and agrees that payment will be withheld until all signed documents are received. Due to increase in days to complete the project, engineering fees have increased as well. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 570 – Art Murals and possibly take action to set a public hearing for Monday, June 5, 2023. Sawyer explained that the ordinance was written to go alongside the design guidelines in the planning and zoning code of ordinances. The first mural that was approved with the grant application in Fall 2022 is about to be started on Crystal Bowl building. The artist has been chosen and is ready to begin. This mural is to be completed by June 30, 2023, based on the grant award from IEDA. Discussion was held on administrative duties, registration, final approval, BIG Grant policy, etc all revolving around art murals. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to publish for a public hearing for Monday, June 5, 2023, on Ordinance 570 – Art Murals. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 571 – Water Rates and Ordinance 572 – Sewer Rates for the 2% increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup> and possible publish for a public hearing on June 5, 2023, meeting. Smith commented that the City received a 4% rate increase from IRUA in January 2023 and the City raised rates only 2% at that time with understanding the remaining 2% would occur July 1, 2023, as current Code of Ordinances is written. Last sewer rate increase occurred July 2022. Lamp moved and McDonald moved to publish for the public hearing on Ordinance 571 – Water Rates and Ordinance 572 – Sewer Rates for the 2% increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup> on June 5, 2023, meeting. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on advertising for bids for city owned empty lots at 501 I Avenue and 806 L Avenue and possible take action to publish. Sawyer explained these are the two lots the City purchased in years past to clean up nuisances. Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action to publish for bids by 12:00pm on June 1, 2023, by the City Clerk. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 8:02pm. No public comments. Public forum closed at 8:03pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on mow letters going out, hazard mitigation plan meetings, no application for community center janitor position.

Public Safety Committee commented on old squad car sold on govdeals.com has been picked up and no applications for open position.

Public Works Committee commented on concerns with pool leaking water.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:20pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor