

Work Session

June 5, 2023

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A work session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, Rasmussen, and McDonald.  
Absent: None.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the BIG Grant policy and procedures. Sawyer explained the Business Innovation Grant program was created in 2012 to provide grant funding for improvements to business properties within city limits. Over the years, the program has allowed several business/property owners to make necessary improvements to their buildings and the main street is thriving. Eberline asked does the program have the same purpose now as it did ten years ago. Eberline expressed concerns on the criteria currently used for the grant program and reestablishing a committee to review the applications. More issues discussed include no cash payments to contractors should be accepted since we are unable to verify; invoices from contractors must be on letterhead; clear definitions of what projects qualify; a bid must be received by a local contractor who is licensed, bonded and insured; applicant must attend City Council meeting to explain project and no grant award is guaranteed. A committee consisting of Mayor Eberline, two council members and Chamber Main Street Director will meet to determine plan to proceed. No formal action was taken during this work session.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 6:20pm. Motion carried five ayes.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor