

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Lamp, Rasmussen, and McDonald. Absent: Kuester. 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/518534669> Using your telephone. Access Code: 518-534-669 United States: +1 (872) 240-3412.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with a conflict of interest with Rasmussen for item #13. Motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, June 5, 2023; and approval of the liquor license for Crystal Bowl, 1602 G Avenue. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 570 – Art Murals, an ordinance to add definitions, purpose and intent, minimum standards, and registration for art murals to the Code of Ordinances. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 571, an ordinance amending Chapter 92.02 Water Rates for a 2% increase effective July 1, 2023. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 572, an ordinance amending Chapter 99.07 Sewer Rates for a 2% increase effective July 1, 2023. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:34pm on proposed sale of municipal property of 501 I Avenue and 806 L Avenue. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, questioned the cost city has into each property for cleanup. Kent Venenga, 218 K Avenue, explained his plan to build up to a 1200 sq foot single family home on 501 I Avenue. Thomas Shafer, 1201 8th Street, mentioned racoon and dead trees and cleanup of rental property next to 806 L Avenue. No further discussion. McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:45pm. Motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-40, a resolution to authorize the sale of 501 I Avenue to Kent Venenga, North Fork Investments, LLC. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-41, a resolution to authorize Mayor and City Clerk to complete quit claim deed for 501 I Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-42, a resolution to authorize the sale of 806 L Avenue to Lynch Kjormoe Rentals, LLC. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2023-43, a resolution to authorize Mayor and City Clerk to complete quit claim deed for 806 L Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2023-44, a resolution authorizing the vacation and comp time payout and setting annual wages for employees effective July 1, 2023. Eberline acknowledged Rich Ahlberg to ask a question about comp time versus vacation time and necessity to increase wages for Police Chief. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (McDonald, Smith and Lamp) and one abstain (Rasmussen).

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-45, a resolution to approve the FY2023 annual cash transfers. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:58pm. Rich Ahlberg commended work of the police department over the last couple weeks, very visual and positive. Public forum closed at 7:02pm.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded Action to enter into closed session at 7:03pm based on Chapter 21.5 (c) for discussion on potential litigation. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to reenter regular session at 7:52pm. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to request a written plan and timeline on tennis court repairs. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on Community Center Board meeting June 27, 2023; Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting June 29, 2023; and BIG Grant Committee.

Public Safety Committee commented on stats for past weekend; training for Police Chief through ILEA; night

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shift officers have increased patrol duties; discussion on training budget for future and need to advertise for more reserve officers. McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded approval for advertising for additional reserve police officers. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Public Works Committee commented on water main project is complete; working on sink hole at 12th Street and G Avenue; painting lines next week; and removing more dead trees before Felix Grundy Festival.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:10pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor