

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Lamp, Rasmussen, Kuester 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 at a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://meet.goto.com/160901389> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 160-901-389 United States: +1 (571) 317-3122.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with conflicts of interests with items B and C of the consent agenda. Motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, July 10, 2023. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action on the approval of an annual liquor license for Scotty's Saloon, 806 G Avenue. No discussion, motion carried four ayes (Kuester, McDonald, Smith and Rasmussen) one abstain (Lamp).

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on the approval of a street closure of 7th Street on Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 7 AM-8 PM, blocked with barricades as a majority of the activities will take place on 7th AND closure of H Ave starting at 4 PM – 8 PM for Chamber Main Street Back to School Bash event. No discussion, motion carried three ayes (McDonald, Lamp and Kuester) and two abstain (Smith and Rasmussen).

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve the June 2023 Treasurers Report. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

June 2023 Expenditures per fund: General: \$188047; Road Use Tax: \$31433; Employee Benefits: \$28377; Emergency Fund: \$29000; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26919; TIF Fund: \$88500; Community Betterment Fund: \$14; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$7176; Library Gift Trust: \$1974; Park Board Gift Trust: \$5000; Debt Service Fund: \$500; Continuing Projects: \$76148; Water Fund: \$34471; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$30204; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$17105; Sanitary Sewer Sinking Fund: \$207338; Sanitation Fund: \$28942; Ambulance Fund: \$47817; Storm Sewer Fund: \$18403; Total: \$867369.

June 2023 Revenues per fund: General: \$106227; Road Use Tax: \$58164; Employee Benefits Fund: \$33293; Emergency Fund: \$309; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26919; TIF Fund: \$971; Community Betterment Fund: \$13459; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$25000; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$36232; Police Reserve Fund: \$15100; Library Gift Trust: \$1043; Community Center Gift Trust: \$24000; Debt Service Fund: \$76231; Water Fund: \$52501; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$42809; Sewer Sinking fund: \$39105; Sanitation Fund: \$33573; Ambulance Fund: \$59199; Storm Sewer: \$4342; Total: \$648481.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion with Tyson Albright, T&T Computers, regarding the city information and phone systems. Albright explained the current switch the city uses is eight years old and holds twenty-four ports and we need additional available ports to add access points for the Wilts Room and offices in the Community Center. The estimate Albright submitted is to upgrade to a forty-eight-port switch; add four access points throughout the building and Community Center with licenses and labor in order to add security cameras and telephones in the future with cost of \$10708.34. Albright also commented that the current telephone system at City Hall is four and a half years old and Cisco will no longer be supported due to it being fed by analog phone lines from GCMU. Analog phone systems are becoming obsolete, and we will lose support by September 2023. Albright suggested the City start considering an upgrade to a digital cloud-based phone system however the City would not be able use GCMU since GCMU does not offer the needed phone line to do so. Smith commented he will speak to Jeff Carson, GCMU Manager, on this issue. No further discussion or action taken at this time.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on a sidewalk removal request from Mel and Christine Bowen, 905 2nd Street. Eberline commented that current code Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations reads as the Council is to review the requests on an individual basis. Smith asked what the criteria should be for each request such as does the sidewalk connect to adjacent neighbors, how much is/not being used, and what is the condition of the sidewalk. McDonald mentioned the liability issue if a sidewalk is in bad condition. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to approve the request for Mel and Christine Bowen, 905 2nd Street, to remove the sidewalk portion heading north from the driveway that is not connected to adjacent neighbor. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-49, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign a contract for services with INRCOG to administer the Catalyst Grant for 602 G Avenue.

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Kuester asked if a developer agreement has been discussed or signed. Clerk Sawyer mentioned that will be on next meeting agenda. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to table this resolution until next meeting. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:19pm. No public comments. Public forum closed at 7:20pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on the development agreement with Alex Funke; INRCOG agreement; and training being offered by Chase Babcock, Grundy County EMS.

Public Safety Committee commented on the Rural Mass Casualty and Hazard training and needed follow up; several officers out attending training; no formal applications have come in for reserve officer and chief positions.

Public Works Committee commented on road crew in town finishing on asphalt installation and working on sewer facility road.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:28pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor