

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 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. <https://meet.goto.com/671562821> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 671-562-821 United States: +1 (224) 501-3412

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest and striking out item #11. Motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, July 17, 2023; and approval of the July 2023 bills list; and approval of the FY2023 Outstanding Dept Report to be submitted to State of Iowa by August 31, 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-50, a resolution to approve a development agreement with Alex Funke for 602 G Avenue and IEDA Catalyst Grant. Funke provided an update on plans to create three upper story apartments, façade upgrades, window, and door installations. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith 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. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2023-51, a resolution to promote Alissa Twyford to full-time Chief of Police from the Interim Police Chief. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-52, a resolution to approve the hire of Brooke Bagenstos for the open 24-hour Paramedic position and set her wage. Kuester questioned how hourly wage was figured. Sawyer explained it was based off of 3196 annual hours worked in a 24hr position. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-53, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign a letter of engagement with Rachelle Thompson, CPA PLLC for fiscal year 2023 annual audit. Sawyer commented that fieldwork dates are set for week of October 16, 2023. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2023-54, a resolution to reinstate the Grundy Center Business Innovations Program Steering Committee. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Smith for an update on the telephone line. Smith commented he spoke with Jeff Carson, GCMU Director, regarding telephone line options for City Hall to switch to VOIP. Smith mentioned it will take longer than six months before GCMU may be able to provide the necessary telephone line. No further discussion, no action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:51pm. Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, mentioned there are two new businesses opening downtown. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:55pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on BIG Grant Committee working on changes to the program; Personnel Committee to meet to review a few new policies; and city auditor fieldwork date is October 16, 2023.

Public Safety Committee commented on several upcoming training courses for all officers including TAC-10 software.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor