

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Lamp, Rasmussen, Kuester and McDonald. Absent: None. Visitors: Rochelle McGarvey, Lee Koch, Rich Ahlberg and Katie Rasmussen. 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/972966109> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 972-966-109 United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412).

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with Smith and Rasmussen having conflicts of interest with item 4(b) and item 7. Motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, September 11, 2023. No discussion, motion carried five ayes. Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action to approve of a request to close 7<sup>th</sup> Street from G Avenue to H Avenue for the Girls Night Out Event on October 12, 2023, from 7AM – 7PM. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Lamp, McDonald and Kuester) and two abstain (Rasmussen and Smith). Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to approve a request for Grundy Center Schools to have a homecoming parade starting on M Avenue east to 6<sup>th</sup> Street to H Avenue back to 12<sup>th</sup> Street to M Avenue on Friday, September 29, 2023, beginning at 1:45pm. McGarvey was acknowledged and commented that parade route was shortened end on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-62, a resolution to authorize the financing plan for the City Hall/Community Center roof replacement project. Discussion was to fund less from Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue due to upcoming aquatic center repairs. Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action to amend the resolution to read \$60,000 from Community Center fund, \$12,000 from Hotel Motel Tax Fund and remaining will be an interfund loan from the Road Use Tax Fund (110) to the General Fund (001). No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-63, a resolution to approve the changes to the BIG Grant policy and procedures effective January 1, 2024. Smith commented on receiving feedback from property owners which lead to a lengthy discussion on whether one property may only be awarded one grant per 12-month period. Rasmussen commented that more concern about the \$20,000 per property owner may cause more of an issue. Lamp commented on these changes as written may encourage others that may feel intimidated to apply for the grant. Eberline commented that these changes may have a one-year trial, see how it goes. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-64, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign the program continuation agreement for Main Street Iowa for support and financial commitment for the Main Street Program of Grundy Center. Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, reviewed changes to the agreement which consist of accreditation moving to every two years; this program agreement will now be every four years; and a Main Street Director must put in at least 25 hours a week for the Main Street program. Kuester asked for Rasmussen's opinion on these changes. McDonald commented that most businesses would agree that being a Main Street Iowa community is very positive for our community. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Lamp, McDonald and Kuester) and two abstain (Smith and Rasmussen).

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2023-65, a resolution to authorize repairs to the Aquatic Center with Fischer Bros. and financing plan. Bangasser explained the three different options from Fischer Bros., LLC. option 1 \$29,265.68, option 2 \$29,020.68, and option 3 28,570.68. The difference is with the removing and reinstallation of the parts. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to amend the motion to accept option 1 for \$29,265.68 with Fischer Bros, LLC. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened discussion on Chapter 51 – Junk Vehicles and figure 8/race cars. Eberline asked Lamp to address this issue. Lamp commented that she drove through town and did not locate any issues at the moment. Lamp expressed there are many other junk vehicles throughout town that are not racecars that should be addressed first. Lamp said she spoke with the Grundy County Fair Board and was told the racing events generate up to \$60,000 in revenue for the community. Rich Ahlberg was acknowledged, he asked why have a junk car ordinance if it's not going to be enforced. Lee Koch was acknowledged and mentioned that racing season ends beginning of October. Koch explained he's working on getting his racecars under roof with a new building project on his property along 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which is

zoned manufacturing and should be treated differently than a residential property. Smith asked if an exception should be considered in the ordinance. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:30pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on Kuester being on the Landfill Commission and compensation and asked how often the Utility Board can change their scheduled meetings. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:35pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on TIF application received and upcoming budget workshops.

Public Safety Committee commented on assisting Algona community with loss of an officer and calls for services are busy.

Public Works Committee commented on request for a roll off dumpster place along 602 G Avenue.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor