

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Rasmussen, Kuester, Lamp, and Mcdonald. Absent: None Visitors: Ray Spangenburg. 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. Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/921790301> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 921-790-301 United States: +1 (571) 317-3112.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with a conflict of interest for item #7 for Rasmussen. Motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, November 20, 2023; approval of an annual liquor licenses for Chad's Pizza, 2201 Commerce Drive; The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 725 G Avenue; and Pancho Villo Mexican Restaurant, 2103 Commerce Drive. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to enter into closed session based on Chapter 21.5 (c) for discussion on potential litigation at 6:31pm. No discussion, motion carried five ayes. Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to close the closed session at 6:55pm and reenter into regular session. Motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-81, a resolution to offer short term and long-term disability policies through The Standard to full-time city employees. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Mcdonald, Smith, Lamp and Kuester) and one abstain (Rasmussen).

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2023-82, a resolution approving the hire of Ryan Dehl as a Part Time Reserve Police Officer and set the wage. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action to approve to publish a help wanted ad for the Community Center Co-Director/Head Bartender position. Sawyer explained that Pam Mackie has submitted a resignation from this position. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened discussion on Ordinance 573, an ordinance to amend Chapter 148 – Trees of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Grundy Center and possible take action to publish for a public hearing. Bangasser explained this ordinance is to update the species of street trees allowable to be planted within the city limits. The Tree Board has approved and is also recommending the changes. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to proceed with publishing for a public hearing on December 18, 2023, on Ordinance 573 – Trees. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:03pm. Ray Spangenburg, IRUA, spoke on behalf of Taylor and Randy Runge, 19595 235th Street, Grundy Center, with a request to hook up to city forced sewer main from their property. No formal discussion or action taken. Public forum closed at 7:07pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on work session for TIF training with Maggie Burger, Speer Financial, on Monday, November 27, 2023 and TIF certifications due to the County Auditor by December 1, 2023.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented on leaf pickup continuing and then trimming trees.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor