

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, and Rasmussen. Absent: McDonald. Visitors: Darrel Shuey, Nathan Kappel 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. Please join my meeting on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/569074189> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 569-074-189 United States: +1 (571) 317-3122.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular and special session held Monday, January 8, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, for his department update. Kappel commented on new fire truck that has been ordered and quote received for damaged 6x6 Polaris UTV. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded approval to proceed with repairs to the damage UTV without starting an insurance claim. Motion carried four ayes. Darrel Shuey, Park Board Chair, provided an annual update on the Parks & Rec Board accomplishments and needs for Parks and Sports Complex for next fiscal year budget. Accomplishments include Eagle project and bathroom door replaced at Orion Park, merry-go-round repaired at Liberty Park and pickleball courts at Belpre Park. Shuey mentioned the needs include sounds system, topdressing and grants have been written for trees and outfield fence at Sports Complex; and bathrooms at all three city parks are starting to have sewer problems and building structures showing age. Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, presented her annual department update. Rasmussen discussed four new businesses in 2023, two awarded grants for buildings, google trainings and held ten community events. Rasmussen stated for goals 2024 are to partner with local Historical Society to assist with storytelling of our downtown buildings, business recruitment and economic development for empty buildings and strengthen relationships with businesses outside the Main Street district. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 574, an ordinance amending Chapter 92.02, water rate increase by effective as soon as possible. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamo seconded action on Resolution 2024-08, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign the memorandum of understanding with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Forestry – Fire Department 2023 grant. Kappel explained this grant was written to assist with purchasing light weight grass/field fires. Fire Department was awarded this grant for \$4080 to purchase 8 sets of wildland fire personal protective equipment (shirts, pants, coveralls, and brush coats). No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-09, a resolution to approve the public purpose policy for the City for 2024. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded the Mayors appointment of Butch Kuester to Mayor Protem for one-year terms ending December 31, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion on the city council committees for 2024. Eberline asked if any member wishes to change committees. No changes made for 2024.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:11pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 7:12pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented that more annual budget discussions will be in February and March.

Public Safety Committee commented on storm weekend, AED being used often recently, candidate testing; current officer meeting discussion was had to host a "Meet the Officers event" and police trading cards for kids.

Public Works Committee commented on water main repairs will continue along G Avenue and 11th Street tomorrow. Council thanked the Public Works Department for the fantastic job done for plowing streets during the storm and battling the weather today for water main repair.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:30pm.