

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, McDonald and Rasmussen arrived at 6:35pm. Absent: None. Visitors: Rich Ahlberg, Kendra Lufkin, Jacob Oberle and family, Bob Greany. 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/978267629> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 978-267-629 United States: +1 (408) 650-3123.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with striking item #6 and with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, February 5, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline recognized Mike Muller for his retirement from the City of Grundy Center after 27.5 years of service.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-10, a resolution to approve the street closures for Felix Festival, July 11-13, 2024. Kuester questioned the parking spots in the 700 & 800 blocks of G Avenue and commented that the City does not have enough cones to cover all of those spots and all the side streets throughout town during the parade. Committee was encouraged to purchase some of their own. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-11, a resolution to approve the hire for the Police Office position. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes. Mayor Eberline then introduced and swore in Jacob Oberle with the oath of service.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to enter into closed session at 6:42pm based on Chapter 21.5 (i) for discussion on application for potential hire. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to close the closed session, reenter into regular session, and take necessary action at 7:11pm. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-12, a resolution to approve the hire for the Community Center Head Bartender/Co-Director position and set the wage. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-13, a resolution to set a public hearing for April 1, 2024, for the FY2025 proposed property tax levy. Sawyer explained this is public hearing is to discuss the highest levy the City can consider moving forward on the FY2025 annual budget. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes. Lamp left the meeting at 7:25pm.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:21pm. Bob Greany, 1102 13th Street, expressed concerns about residents feeding feral cats throughout town. Rich Ahlberg, 407 G Avenue, commented on update from GCMU was expected. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:29pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no further comments.

Public Safety Committee made no further comments.

Public Works Committee made no further comments.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried. four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor