

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, Lamp, McDonald and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Jeff Carson, Brenda Birke, Chris Fleshner. 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/801829421> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 801-829-421 United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412).

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

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, February 19, 2024; approval of the February 2024 bills; and approval of the February 2024 Treasurers Report; and approval of the annual liquor license for the Community Center, 705 F Avenue; and a five-day license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife to set up in front of 703 G Avenue on May 9, 2024; and approval of the 2023 Certified Local Government annual report and be submitted to State Historic Preservation Office. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
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| ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS | PARTIAL SELF FUND | 2581.96 |
| AFLAC | AFLAC- PRE-TAX | 500.00 |
| AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES | SERVICES | 1811.00 |
| ALLIANT ENERGY | UTILITIES | 470.43 |
| AQUA-AEROBIC SYSTEMS INC | PARTS | 1378.95 |
| AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF | VISION | 186.52 |
| AXA EQUITABLE | DEFERRED COMP | 300.00 |
| DANIEL BANGASSER | CELL PHONE | 39.95 |
| BILL COLWELL FORD INC | PARTS | 255.58 |
| BLACK HILLS ENERGY | UTILITIES | 4046.72 |
| BMC AGGREGATES L.C. | SAND/SALT | 2481.00 |
| BOULDER CONTRACTING, LLC | SERVICES | 4620.00 |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC | MEDS | 1236.59 |
| JESSICA BRADLEY | REIMBURSEMENT | 364.95 |
| BROTHERS MARKET | SUPPLIES | 10.42 |
| WELLMARK DENTAL | DENTAL INSURANC | 745.32 |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | FED/FICA TAX | 19743.79 |
| ESRI | SOFTWARE | 460.00 |
| FELIX GRUNDY COMMITTEE | DONATION | 2000.00 |
| FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW | TIRES | 6506.00 |
| ALEX FUNKE | CATALYST GRANT | 1000.00 |
| GNB BANK | SUPPLIES | 3685.49 |
| GORDON FLESCH COMPANY | SERVICES | 259.81 |
| GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS | TELEPHONES | 311.36 |
| GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES | CITY UTILITIES | 7843.64 |
| GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL | MEDS | 428.72 |
| GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER | FEES | 57.00 |
| HEARTLAND CO-OP | FUEL | 6959.23 |
| HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH | HEALTH SAVING | 276.92 |
| HSA - BANGASSER, DAN | HEALTH SAVING | 138.46 |
| HSA - BOWEN, MEL | HEALTH SAVING | 150.00 |
| HSA - FLATER, BRAD | HEALTH SAVING | 100.00 |
| HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT | HEALTH SAVING | 276.92 |

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| HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA | HEALTH SAVING | 292.30 |
| HSA - MULLER, MICHAEL | HEALTH SAVING | 100.00 |
| HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A | HEALTH SAVING | 192.00 |
| HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY | HEALTH SAVING | 267.70 |
| HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY | HEALTH SAVING | 291.70 |
| HSA - WILSON, JASON | HEALTH SAVING | 100.00 |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER | GARNISHMENT | 463.42 |
| IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL | PERMITS | 260.00 |
| IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM | SERVICES | 726.89 |
| IOWA ONE CALL | E-MAILS | 100.90 |
| IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES | WATER | 32148.00 |
| IPERS | IPERS REGULAR | 13725.84 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | SUPPLIES | 206.54 |
| KLOCKE'S EMERGENCY VEHICLES | CHASSIS | 69595.00 |
| DALE LAUNSTEIN | REIMBURSEMENT | 1375.00 |
| KATIE LEWIS | BIG GRANT | 812.15 |
| ALISSA TWYFORD | REIMBURSEMENT | 8.02 |
| KENDRA LUFKIN | JANITORIAL | 425.00 |
| MAROON & WHITE, INC | RENT | 3757.00 |
| MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC | SERVICES | 52.50 |
| MIDWEST BREATHING AIR SYS, LLC | SERVICES | 783.65 |
| NAPA AUTO PARTS | PARTS | 72.06 |
| NORTHERN BALANCE AND SCALE, INC | SERVICES | 192.00 |
| PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO | SERVICES | 2720.70 |
| PLASTIC RECYCLING OF IOWA | BENCHES | 642.72 |
| PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL | SERVICES | 39.93 |
| PRECISION LAWN CARE | SERVICES | 5334.17 |
| REC GRUNDY COUNTY | UTILITIES | 176.47 |
| RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC | SERVICES | 24925.87 |
| ROUSE MOTOR | SERVICES | 228.02 |
| SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL | SERVICES | 81.75 |
| SHIELD PEST CONTROL | SERVICES | 78.00 |
| STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC | SUPPLIES | 59.00 |
| STANDARD INSURANCE CO | PREMIUMS | 454.23 |
| JOSEPH STANLEY JR | REIMBURSEMENT | 870.00 |
| INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE | STATE TAX | 2853.39 |
| STRAIT'S AUTO BODY | SERVICES | 127.50 |
| SUMMERS' ENTERPRISE INC | WATER PROJECT | 6109.45 |
| SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO. | OXYGEN | 154.87 |
| T & T COMPUTERS | SERVICES | 302.50 |
| TITAN MACHINERY - CENTER POINT | SUPPLIES | 242.25 |
| TREASURER-STATE OF IA | WET TAX | 3650.62 |
| UNIFIRST CORPORATION | RUGS | 64.21 |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL | SERVICES | 42.00 |
| US CELLULAR | CELL PHONES | 204.81 |
| UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO. | PARTS | 1398.24 |

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| UTILITY SERVICE CO INC. | PEDISPHERE | 5223.49 |
| VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR | SERVICES | 21000.68 |
| VAN WALL EQUIPMENT | SUPPLIES | 1214.32 |
| VERIZON | SERVICES | 80.02 |
| WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S | HEALTH INS | 21809.77 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | 306890.11 |
| Payroll Checks | | 64192.66 |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** | | 371082.77 |

February 2024 Expenditures per fund: General: \$78617; Road Use Tax: \$18300; Employee Benefits: \$22603; Local Option Sales Tax: \$30849; Community Betterment Fund: \$3869; Library Gift Trust: \$1456; Park Board Gift Trust: \$321; Continuing Projects Fund: \$6109; Water Fund: \$58073; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$20779; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$28230; Ambulance Fund: \$38395; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$90596; Storm Sewer Fund: \$704; Total: \$419351.

February 2024 Revenues per fund: General: \$42597; Road Use Tax: \$28794; Employee Benefits Fund: \$1763; Emergency Fund: \$128; Local Option Sales Tax: \$30849; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$6579; TIF Fund: \$58; Community Betterment Fund: \$15425; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$6970; Library Gift Trust: \$433; Debt Service Fund: \$1119; Water Fund: \$50095; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$40860; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$31123; Ambulance Fund: \$42554; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$903; Storm Sewer: \$4246; Total: \$324945.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jeff Carson, GCMU Director, for an annual update. Carson commented on changes to retransmission agreements; looking for potential partnership for telephone dial tone & SIP services; new large sixty-nine line coming into town this summer; looking to add another generator engine and focus on replacing switch gear and bad breaker; fiber to home project is currently on hold. Mayor Eberline asked if there is a succession plan for future. Rasmussen asked questions from a concerned citizen regarding accountability for GCMU employees; City vehicles being used for personal business; feasibility of board meetings at 7am. Smith asked if current year audit is completed. Carson answered with Iowa Utility Board gave insight on other municipal utility boards hold their meetings between 6a-9a and 4p-7p; and current year audit will be reviewed by Board and released this month. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mcdonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-14, a resolution to approve Change Orders 2 & 3 for the Water Main Improvements Project with Summers' Enterprise, Inc. John Gade, Fox Strand Associates, Inc., gave update on change orders stating #2 was mostly H Avenue and Mill Street adding \$9289 to the project and order #3 was to adjust final project quantities for supplies/parts not used which decreased the entire project by \$61507. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2024-15, a resolution accepting work covering the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project with Summers' Enterprises, Inc. Gade commented that June 7, 2023, is date for two-year maintenance/warranty started and final cost for the entire project was \$1,071,901 roughly \$175,000 below budget. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-16, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline the 2024 Power of Trees Program Agreement for a grant received by the Parks & Rec Board. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-17, a resolution approving the hire of Melvin Bowen for the Public Works Streets Supervisor position and setting his wage. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-18, a resolution approving the hire of Tanner Appel for the Public Works Department position and setting his wage. Eberline commented that sixty applications were received, and committee interviewed top five. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-19, a resolution to accept an estimate for a 2024 Dodge Durango for the Police Department. Discussion on new vehicle and equipment and need for a second estimate from a different dealership. Motion failed with two nays (Kuester, Lamp), two ayes (Smith, Mcdonald) and one abstain (Rasmussen). Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to

table Resolution 2024-19, a resolution to accept an estimate for a 2024 Dodge Durango for the Police Department pending an estimate from a dealership in Galena, IL. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:17pm. Brenda Birke, 1203 5th Street, presenting photos taken of parking issues along Mill Street where semi parking is located. The pictures showed a skid loader and lawn tractor parked far away from curb making it difficult for a semi to back up to the trailer to pull out of parking spot. Chris Fleshner commented on upcoming Pony Express fundraiser for Easter Seals, on Saturday, March 30, 2024, 8-10am. Fleshner asked for the G Avenue stoplight to be flashing and stop signs be placed for safety of Pony Express volunteers. Kuester moved and McDonald seconded a motion to approve the request for Pony Express Fundraiser. No further comments, motion carried five ayes. Public forum closed at 7:35pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented city auditor will present fiscal year 2023 annual audit at next meeting; comprehensive plan draft is available to review, summer recreation registrations, community center roof project starting, insurance premiums and dividends, and more fiscal year 2025 budget discussions.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented on DOT approved detour information for bridge construction project for 2025; computer glitches with sewer plant software; and looking forward to new employee starting.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor