

A work session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Lamp, Kuester and McDonald. Absent: Rasmussen. Visitors: Dan Bangasser, Chief Twyford, Seth Schroeder, City Attorney.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion regarding Chapter 121 – Cigarette and Tobacco Permits. Eberline explained there is a new business opening along G Avenue requesting a permit that plans to sell vape and THC products. Eberline asked Schroeder to explain Chapter 121 and where vape and THC products fall in the Code. Schroeder explained that all vape products are fully covered under Chapter 121 under permits required, legal age is 21 years old to purchase, and violations are all explained and supported in the State of Iowa Codes as well. Schroeder continued to explain that THC, tetrahydrocannabinol, is the component in cannabis and is not covered under a cigarette or tobacco permit. Currently the State of Iowa legislature is working on a bill to add more stringent limits and a legal age limit, however it has not passed fully into law. Therefore, THC has no regulation. Lamp explained her main concern is the THC products are available to anyone at any age. Lamp asked if the City could create an ordinance to set our own limits on THC products. Schroeder explained the City could draft an ordinance with age limits, violations, etc. however once a state law is in place, the state law would supersede a city ordinance. Schroeder commented that contacting our state representatives to strongly encourage them to pass a state bill with necessary limitations sooner rather than later will impact businesses within our City a great deal. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 6:20pm. Motion carried four ayes.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor