

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, and McDonald. Absent: Rasmussen. Visitors: Rachelle Thompson, CPA, Sean Riley and family, Officer Natvig. 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/151695197> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 151-695-197 United States: +1 (224) 501-3412.

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

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, March 4, 2024, No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Rachelle Thompson, CPA, to present the fiscal year 2023 Annual Audit for the City of Grundy Center. Thompson commented that while completing onsite fieldwork she tested accounts payable, cash receipts, utility billing, and payroll. Copies of the entire audit are available at City Hall or Kling Memorial Library if residents wish to review. A news release is also printed in the Grundy Register. Thompson provided the City with an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion that can be given. Thompson commented that the few findings within the audit and how the City could make corrections. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-19, a resolution to accept lowest estimate for a 2024 Dodge Durango with John Jones Police Pursuit for the Police Department. Officer Natvig, available via online meeting, reviewed three estimates received for a new squad car. 1. John Jones Police Pursuit: \$65,258 complete package including outfitting. 2. Rouse Motors: \$40,500 vehicle only plus outfitting. 3. Galena Chrysler: \$42,351 plus outfitting. Additional outfit costs from 10-33 Vehicle Services, Inc were \$26,938. Items discussed were timeframe for delivery and service after purchase. Kuester commented on finding a used 2022 Ford Police vehicle with 13,000 miles for much less than purchasing new. Discussion on this was idle hours on it and concerns on most other EMS vehicles purchased by the City are new and why would the police department to deal with used one. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (McDonald, Lamp and Smith) and one nay (Kuester).

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2024-20, a resolution to extend the completion date for the comprehensive plan to be completed by INRCOG. Sawyer explained this agreement is to update the completion to June 30, 2024, from 2023. Nothing further has changed. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-21, a resolution to accept the estimate from Reliance Matrix for group life, AD&D, short- and long-term disability policies for the city employees. Sawyer explained this change is to save the City in premium costs and allow employees to get the short- or long-term disability policy at the employee's expense. Reliance Matrix has lower premiums and requires a smaller number of employees to elect to provide the policies. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-22, a resolution to approve the hire for a part-time Police Officer and set the wage. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on a cigarette license request for Tobacco & Vape, 620 G Avenue. Eberline commented that with the discussions in the work session with the City Attorney answered lots of questions previously. Encouragement given to contact state legislators to proceed with necessary laws to govern some products that may be being sold in businesses. Discussion was held that the cigarette and tobacco license we received appeared incomplete. Kuester moved and Smith seconded a motion to reject the cigarette and vape application until it is complete. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector position. Jerry Smith has turned in his letter of retirement effective June 1, 2024. Sawyer presented the job description and commented that now would be the best time to implement changes to the job description and duties as Council feels fit. Kuester commented that inspections for BIG Grants should be added. Eberline commented that assistance with nuisance properties should be considered as well. No formal action taken;

Council will assist City Clerk to update the job description with more discussion at next meeting.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:16pm. No public comments made. Public forum closed at 7:17pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented public hearing for FY2025 property tax levy is April 1, 2025, at 6pm; lease with school district for the Sports Complex needs to be renewed; interest received for the concessions manager position; and working on fiscal year 2025 budget.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented City Hall/Community Center roof project has started; street repairs for 2024 have been quoted; and Tree Board has received recognition from Tree City USA and invitation for a luncheon and recognition on April 4, 2023.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor