

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, McDonald and Rasmussen. Absent: Lamp. Visitors: Isaiah Corbin, Nick Fratzke. 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/114381453>. You can also dial using your phone. Access Code: 114-381-453 United States: +1 (872) 240-3212.

Rasmussen moved and Smith 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 Approval of the minutes of the regular and work sessions held Monday, March 18, 2024; approval of the March 2024 bills list; and approval for to publish for open burning from April 15, 2024, through May 31, 2024, from 6a-6p. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

#### CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PARTIAL SELF FUND	6952.94
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	489.34
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1473.20
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	397.40
APPEL SERVICES, LLC	SUPPLIES	180.00
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	VISION	194.30
AXA EQUITABLE	DEFERRED COMP	150.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BCERTS	BCERTS	1406.18
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	2325.26
ANDREW BOLDT	REFUND	35.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	397.55
BROADCAST MUSIC INC	FEE	435.00
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	12.91
CARSON, KODI - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANC	778.38
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	26413.35
ALEX FUNKE	REFUND	292.50
GALL'S LLC	UNIFORM	61.39
GEHRKE QUARRIES INC.	ROCK	604.50
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	1921.04
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	299.44
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	8561.07
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	DIVIDENDS	4485.00
GRUNDY COUNTY AUDITOR	ELECTION FEES	1404.54
GRUNDY COUNTY LANDFILL	FEES	15.00
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	259.91
HACH COMPANY	SUPPLIES	744.13
HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TRAINING	5900.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	3609.15
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	276.92
HSA - BAGENSTOS, BROOKE	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	219.23
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	150.00

HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	276.92
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	292.30
HSA - MULLER, MICHAEL	HEALTH SAVING	50.00
HSA - OBERLE, JACOB	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
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
HSA-BUNKERS, BRANDON	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
HSA-NATVIG, JAMES A	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
IA NORTHLAND REG. COUNCIL GOV'	SERVICES	110.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	463.42
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	230.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS	230.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	26425.28
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	16395.51
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	193.50
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	425.00
MAROON & WHITE, INC	RENT	3757.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	52.50
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR	SUBSCRIPTION	116.00
MAHMEVD MIRIB	REFUND	12.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	207.32
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	FEES	425.00
SHANE OLTMAN	REIMBURSEMENT	177.66
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	6337.58
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	55.11
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	5409.17
RACHELLE K. THOMPSON, CPA, PLLC	AUDIT	15400.00
RC SYSTEMS	PARTS	98.17
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	168.63
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL	SERVICES	24920.26
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	85.60
SPAHN AND ROSE LUMBER CO.	SUPPLIES	109.15
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	PREMIUMS	247.37
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	3425.36
STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPPLIES	426.73
SUMMERS' ENTERPRISE INC	WATER MAIN PROJECT	53595.05
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	22.50
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	FEB WET TAX	3511.43
TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	FREIGHT	287.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	128.42
UNITYPOINT HEALTH AT WORK	SERVICES	229.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	200.82
USABLUBOOK	PARTS	95.63
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	PARTS	37.07

VERIZON	SERVICES	80.02
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	SUPPLIES	2800.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	PREMIUMS	22290.25
Accounts Payable Total		249224.77
Payroll Checks		86134.66
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		335359.43

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Nick Fratzke and Isaiah Corbin, INRCOG, for discussion on the comprehensive plan draft for the City. Mcdonald commented that the Grundy Center Historical Society museum should be listed in the goals for community facilities as this museum is all about the City of Grundy Center. Discussions also on development of solar energy, current and future land use maps. The final Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed to approve at next meeting. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-23, a resolution to authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign lease agreement with the Grundy Center Community School District for usage of the George E Wilhelm Sports Complex for the next three years. Kuester confirmed addition of largest soccer field. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-24, a resolution to authorize the hiring of a Sports Complex Concessions Manager and set the wage. Discussion held on wage. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the approval of the cigarette license request for Tobacco & Vape, 620 G Avenue, previously tabled. Mayor Eberline explained that even though not a favorable solution to a store front for some residents, the City should be encouraging and inviting to new businesses. State of Iowa legislators have taken action to add limitations such as age limits and containment limits to the products being sold. More laws from the State of Iowa and city ordinances are in process. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion on the fiscal year 2025 annual budget, property tax levy and take action to publish for a public hearing on April 15, 2024, to set the property tax levy. Sawyer reviewed three property tax levy options to consider when finalizing the 2025 annual budget. Three options are: 1. Consider setting levy at \$16.12713/\$1000 of assessed property value maximizing the property tax revenue even though the State of Iowa has implemented a 46.3428% rollback on all residential property. 2. Consider setting levy at \$16.08098/\$1000 of assessed property value. 3. Consider setting the levy at \$16.03484/\$1000 of assessed property value, which is the lowest levy to consider keeping a balanced budget with very little margin. All three options include an increase of 3% in employee wages, purchase of a new police squad, fire department grass rig, updating an ambulance and a public works truck. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to publish for a public hearing on April 15, 2024, to further consider the property tax levy at \$16.12713/\$1000 of assessed property value. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion about the Building Inspector position and possible take action to publish for applications. Jerry Smith, current Building Inspector, has presented the City with his letter of retirement effective June 1, 2024. Sawyer presented the job description with added duties to this position such as code enforcement for nuisance properties and inspections necessary for BIG Grant applications. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to proceed with publishing the help wanted ad and job description for the Building Inspector part-time position. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:15pm. No public comments made. Public forum closed at 7:16pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on BIG Grant applications received, peddler permit issues and request for Felix Grundy Days.

Public Safety Committee commented on GTSB grant written for updated radar and camera and DOJ grant for bullet proof vests.

Public Works Committee commented on Iowa DOT request to acquire City property along the ditch on Highway 14 north for the bridge replacement project; bathrooms at the parks and sports complex can not be opened until temperatures overnight stay above freezing; and Tree Board has grant funds to purchase several more trees to be disbursed throughout the City.

Mayor Eberline signed the official proclamation for Friday, April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day in the City of Grundy Center and urges all citizens to celebrate and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Kuester moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor