

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Lamp, McDonald and Rasmussen. Absent: Kuester. Visitors: Isaiah Corbin, Steph Larson, Brian Wegmann, Duane & Jared Vandeeest, Lou Honary, Jill Krausman, Rich Ahlberg. 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 from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/923357477> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 923-357-477 United States: +1 (571) 317-3122.

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 Lamp seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular and special sessions held Monday, April 1, 2024; approval of the March 2024 Treasurers Report; and approval of an eight-month liquor license for the Grundy County Agricultural Society beginning June 1, 2024, for activities at the Grundy County Fairgrounds; and approval to close 7th Street from the alley between G Avenue and H Avenue to H Avenue intersection for the Kling Memorial Library, Summer Reading Program kickoff event on Saturday, May 25, 2024, from 7AM to 2PM. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

March 2024 Expenditures per fund: General: \$103284; Road Use Tax: \$7818; Employee Benefits: \$30454; Local Option Sales Tax: \$18484; Library Gift Trust: \$1676; Continuing Projects Fund: \$53595; Water Fund: \$44424; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$23043; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$31376; Ambulance Fund: \$56722; Storm Sewer Fund: \$2056; Total: \$393382.

March 2024 Revenues per fund: General: \$63906; Cultural Scientific Levy Fund: \$17550; Road Use Tax: \$22798; Employee Benefits Fund: \$12687; Emergency Fund: \$919; Local Option Sales Tax: \$18484; TIF Fund: \$424; Community Betterment Fund: \$9242; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$5; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$394; Library Gift Trust: \$1769; Debt Service Fund: \$8049; Continuing Projects Fund: \$5000; Water Fund: \$50342; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$41454; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$31191; Ambulance Fund: \$81153; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$4140; Storm Sewer: \$4191; Total: \$394150.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action to open the public hearing for the fiscal year 2025 proposed annual budget at 6:31pm. Eberline commented on the proposed tax levy of \$16.12713/\$1000 of assessed property value is an increase. However, with the rollback percentage the State of Iowa has put into law, the residents should see a decrease in the property taxes due. No further comments made. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:33pm. Motions carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-25, a resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2025 annual city budget and set the property tax levy at \$16.12713/\$1000 assessed property tax value. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-26, a resolution to adopt the final 2024 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-27, a resolution to authorize use of the Community Center parking lot to Steph Larson for July 13, 2024, for Felix Grundy Festival. Larson explained her plans to use lot for Saturday are set in stone but still working to confirm activities and usage for Friday, July 12th as well. Discussion held on car show and finding parking for up to 70 car show vehicles. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and Rasmussen seconded action Resolution 2024-28, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$6,017 to Nucara Pharmacy #44, 621 G Avenue, for new handicap accessible front doors. Brian Wegmann commented on remodel project at Nucara Pharmacy, 621 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-29, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$9,891 to Appel Services, LLC, 103 5th Street, for concrete parking lot replacement. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-30, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$9,950 to Grundy Center Auto Parts, LLC, 101 4th Street, for a roof replacement project. Jared Vandeeest, owner, commented on this roof project is final need for the new location. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-31, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$6,600 to Wavetek Process Technology, LLC, 701 A Avenue, for exterior restoration. Lou Honary, owner, gave a pamphlet and description of his business. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-32, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$6,262 to Iowa Landmark Properties, LLC, 803 G Avenue for door and window replacements and repainting exterior concrete garage. Jill Krausman, owner, explained the previous grant awarded was rejected and replaced with this application to include more labor. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-33, a resolution to publish for a public hearing on May 6, 2024, for the sale of real property and conveyance of real estate to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Highway 14 Bridge project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline's appointment of Ken Mutch to the Municipal Utility Board with term ending June 30, 2029, and Kristen Reichert to the Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2026. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:01pm. Steph Larson, building owner of 620 G Avenue, commented on the new business and their signage. Mayor Eberline agreed that even though this business may not be his personal choice, they may end up bringing lots of new customers to our Main Street. Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, commented that the signage was installed without her or anyone with the City's knowledge, and will be using this as a time to education those on the City ordinance and building positive relationships. No formal action taken at this time. Rich Ahlberg commented on a nuisance property and asked if any progress has been made. Public forum closed at 7:13pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on upcoming budget amendments for fiscal year 2024 and six applications have been received for Building Inspector position.

Public Safety Committee commented on a quote received for upgrading dash cameras with Axon and that the current cameras will be noncompliant by end of 2024.

Public Works Committee commented on City Hall/Community Center roof project being 95% completed and the City received the grant through Grundy County 100Women for the aquatic center pool pass system upgrade and more items for the pool.

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor