

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, McDonald, Lamp and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: JR & Michelle Kennedy, Jennifer Schwartz & husband, Jean Garaventa and family, Barbara Smith, Frank Lamp, Gary Meyer, Curt & Pam Mauer, and Kendra Lufkin. Please join my meeting on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/687295037> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 687-295-037 United States: +1 (224) 501-3412.

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

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular and special sessions held Monday, April 15, 2024; and approval of the April 2024 Treasurers Report; and approval of the April 2024 bills list. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PARTIAL SELF FUND	6984.53
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	489.34
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	2011.65
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	553.88
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	342.36
AMVETS - LEGION MEM. FUND	FLAGS	350.00
ASSA ABLOY ENTRANCE SYSTS	SERVICES	868.96
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	VISION	194.30
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	2100.29
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	932.16
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	13.98
CENTER THEATRE	GRANT & REFUND	11461.01
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	1060.04
COOLEY PUMPING, LLC	SERVICES	135.00
CORNFED DESIGNS	REC SHIRTS	2771.00
CUMMINS INC	SERVICES	1978.11
CUSTOM PATCHES	PATCHES	285.99
DAVE BROWN HEATING AND COOLING	SERVICES	189.00
DELTA MCKENZIE TARGETS, LLC	ARCHERY TARGETS	4814.42
WELLMARK DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANCE	778.38
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	21249.91
ELECTRIC PUMP	SERVICES	1275.00
FELD FIRE	SERVICES	2358.98
FILE OF LIFE FOUNDATION, INC	SUPPLIES	503.30
STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC	SERVICES	4053.71
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	3653.91
GNB INSURANCE	PREMIUMS	219755.27
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	SERVICES	243.77
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	304.90
GRUNDY CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIE	LEVY REQUEST	9087.30
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	7995.70
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	221.62
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CORP	SERVICES	1426.00

HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	3439.95
HOLIDAY INN	TRAINING	118.72
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	276.92
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	300.00
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 - 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
HYVEE- JOHNSTON	SUPPLIES	2596.84
IA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	DUES	25.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF	TRAINING	2058.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	463.42
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFE	SERVICES	300.00
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	SERVICES	1405.57
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	29937.12
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	14633.09
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	395.76
RICHARD LINK	REFUND	30.00
KENDRA LUFKIN	REIMBURSEMENT	86.45
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	425.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	632.61
MERLE MANNING	MOWING	1400.00
MAROON & WHITE, INC	RENT	3757.00
TYLER MCCORMACK	REIMBURSEMENT	206.55
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	616.15
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR	PUBLISHING	35.00
MIDWEST SPRAY TEAM	SUPPLIES	447.50
MN-IOWA ELECTRIC MOTORS &	PARTS	867.01
MSC 410526 - DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	17.00
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES	PARTS	319.38
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	13.99
OAKLAND CORPORATION	FEES	1315.66
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	4502.32
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	39.93
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	9190.72
RC SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES	14.55
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	169.02
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	SERVICES	25484.24
ROUSE MOTOR	SERVICES	55.70
SPANGENBURG PLBG, HTG,	PARTS	13.35
STANDARD INSURANCE CO	PREMIUMS	229.56
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY AR	SERVICES	814.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAX	2986.90

T & T COMPUTERS	SERVICES	1737.48
TAC 10.	SOFTWARE	2000.00
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	SUPPLIES	115.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	WATER EXCISE TAX	3764.21
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	64.21
UNITYPOINT HEALTH AT WORK	SERVICES	229.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	200.69
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	239.83
VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK, INC	SERVICES	1161.20
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	7457.58
VERIZON	SERVICES	80.02
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	HEALTH INS	24849.10
WERTJES UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	330.99
WILSON DISTRIBUTOR SERVICE	SUPPLIES	124.00
Accounts Payable Total		470568.31
Payroll Checks		67916.62
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		538484.93

April 2024 Expenditures per fund: General: \$292442; Cultural Scientific Levy Fund: \$9087; Road Use Tax: \$12600; Employee Benefits: \$23606; Local Option Sales Tax: \$28024; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$5935; Library Gift Trust: \$2123; Economic Development Fund: \$9387; Continuing Projects Fund: \$4052; Water Fund: \$45729; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$26631; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$29956; Ambulance Fund: \$68891; Storm Sewer Fund: \$2655; Total: \$581569.

April 2024 Revenues per fund: General: \$401460; Cultural Scientific Levy Fund: \$10548; Road Use Tax: \$31985; Employee Benefits Fund: \$145616; Emergency Fund: \$10548; Local Option Sales Tax: \$28024; TIF Fund: \$83391; Community Betterment Fund: \$14012; Equipment Reserve PW Fund: \$20; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$3862; Library Gift Trust: \$2556; Economic Development Fund: \$9387; Debt Service Fund: \$98382; Water Fund: \$46950; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$41910; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$32435; Ambulance Fund: \$72302; Storm Sewer: \$4303; Total: \$1058143.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jean Garaventa and thanked her for her 26.5 years of service with the Grundy Center Police Department and the City of Grundy Center and congratulated her on her retirement. Chief Twyford spoke on Garaventa's skill and expertise in assisting the department and leading in the right direction.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged and introduced Jennifer Schwartz, owner of Rapha Reins. Schwartz presented a request for use of city streets to host a 5K run as a fundraiser for her nonprofit organization, Rapha Reins. Rapha Reins is an equine therapy center which focuses mostly on mental health therapy for teenagers and adults. Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on approval to use the city streets on June 15, 2024, from 8am – 12noon for the 5K run. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve an annual liquor license for JR Kennedy, Gatsbee's, 404 6th Street, Grundy Center. JR Kennedy, owner of Gatsbee's, explained that his business will have a similar feel as a speakeasy bar from the 1920's era. Hours plan to be Tuesday-Saturday, 4pm-10pm, with occasional special events. Frank Lamp, Gary Meyer, Pam & Curt Mauer, all concerned neighbors spoke of parking, capacity, loud music, etc. E. Lamp commented that the city Code of Ordinances requires one parking space per one hundred sq foot of the business, will this be able to accommodate? No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:57pm on the sale of real property and conveyance of real estate to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Highway 14 Bridge project. Mayor Eberline explained this real property consisting of the very east end of Mill Street ditch close to Manatts, which is city right of way. No public comments. Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded

action to close the public hearing at 6:59pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes. Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2024-34, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline and Clerk Sawyer to sign documents needed to sell real estate property and deliver of conveyance by a quit claim deed to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Highway 14 Bridge project. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-35, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the police department dash cameras. Chief Twyford explained this contract is for two dash cameras, the new squad, and the used Ford SUV squad. Kuester questioned the amount of storage and why only two cameras. Twyford explained the Taurus squad will soon be the back up car and can continue to use what we have for the time being and clarified the storage is unlimited. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Smith, Mcdonald, Lamp and Rasmussen) and one nay (Kuester).

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-36, a resolution to accept a letter of resignation from Alissa Twyford, Police Chief effective July 31, 2024. Mayor Eberline thanked Twyford for her commitment and hard work put into this position. Twyford plans to finish her college education and has been offered an opportunity with the United States Forest Service. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Police Chief position and possible take action to publish help wanted ad. Mcdonald commented for Council to take time to fill this position. Eberline commented, with advice from City Attorney, on splitting the Chief position is unwise due to the Chief duties in the Code of Ordinances. Eberline requested input from Public Safety Committee and Council, however urges the Council to approve the help wanted ad to start the hiring process by collecting applications. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to publish a help wanted ad for the Police Chief position. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the FY2024 budget amendments. Clerk Sawyer explained the amendments to both revenues and expenditures. Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action to approve publishing for the public hearing on Monday, May 20, 2024, for the FY2024 budget amendments. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:18pm. Gary Meyer, 1302 9th Street, commented on parking along M Avenue and 12th Street, many students parking there and public us unable to make a turn from M Avenue to 12th Street. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:20pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on new pool pass procedure.

Public Safety Committee commented on the GTSB Grant as receiving \$5500 towards overtime, education, and new radar unit.

Public Works Committee commented ceiling repairs in City Hall now that roof project is complete; planting thirty-eight new trees from the grant received from Grundy County Community Foundation; and purchasing rescue tubes, freezer, pool pass software, equipment, and cards for passes with grant funds from the 100Women grant.

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor