

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Protem Kuester. Present: Smith via online meeting, Kuester, McDonald, Lamp and Rasmussen. Absent: Mayor Eberline Visitors: None. Please join my meeting on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/984688381> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 984-688-381 United States: +1 (408) 650-3123.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with Lamp having conflict of interest on item #8. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on the consent agenda consisting of approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, May 6, 2024; and approval to the YMCA for use of Belpre Park, T-ball session on every Tuesday & Thursdays, May 28- June 27, 2024, from 5:00PM to 6:00PM; and approval of the street closures request to close 7th Street from G to H Avenue from 7AM- 8PM on Thursday June 6, 2024, and H Avenue from 7th to 8th Street from 4:30PM – 8PM for Chamber Main Street for the Summer Block Party Event; and approval of the annual liquor license for Casey's #3055, 504 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:31pm on the fiscal year 2024 budget amendments. No public comments. Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:32pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-37, a resolution to approve the fiscal year 2024 city budget amendments. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-38, a resolution to amend previous resolution for Felix Grundy Days street closures. Sawyer explained the Kiddie Parade is moving to Saturday morning at 10am, not Friday night. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2024-39, resolution to approve wages for the Aquatic Center and Sports Complex employees for the 2024 summer season. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Rasmussen, McDonald, Kuester and Smith) and one abstain (Lamp).

Mayor Protem Kuester opened the discussion on Ordinance 575 – Water Rates and Ordinance 576– Sewer Rates for the 2% increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup> and possibly publish for a public hearing on June 3, 2024, meeting. Bangasser explained the increase in January 2024 was for water rate only due to rate increase from IRUA. Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to proceed with publishing for a public hearing on Ordinances 575 & 576 for June 3, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Protem Kuester opened the discussion on fireworks code regarding a change in time allowed to shoot off fireworks and possibly publish for a public hearing on June 3, 2024. Chief Twyford explained that the allowed times for fireworks to be exploded currently varies from the City code to the State of Iowa Code. Chief Twyford expressed concern over this with enforcement. McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action to proceed with publishing for a public hearing on Ordinance 577 – Fireworks, to amend the City code to match the State of Iowa code going forward. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded approval for John Doak to care for the landscaping and curation of the Herbert Quick School House with the Historic Preservation Commission. McDonald explained that the GC Historical Society will inventory and maintain the contents in the schoolhouse and requests that John Doak be allowed to continue with caring for the landscaping. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Protem Kuester opened the public forum at 6:46pm. No public present or comments. Public forum closed at 6:47pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on work session on June 3, 2024, at 5:30pm and events starting at the Sports Complex this week.

Public Safety Committee commented on Officer Natvig graduating from the officer academy on Friday, May 24, 2024.

Public Works Committee commented on trees planted from Community Foundation grant and continuing with necessary pool repairs and opening preparations.

Lamp moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:00pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:30pm.