

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, McDonald, Lamp and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: County Sheriff Kirk Dolleslager, Steph Larson, Mel Strohbahn, Rich Ahlberg, Carson Lutterman, Emory and Brandon Bunkers, Kyle Waugh, Jessica Bradley, James Natvig, Sam Broome, and Seth Schroeder. Please join my meeting on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/416687365>. You can also dial using your phone. Access Code: 416-687-365 United States: +1 (872) 240-3311.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with a conflict of interest with Lamp on Item 4.D. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Kuester seconded action to approve the minutes of the regular and special sessions held Monday, May 20, 2024. No discussion, motion carried five ayes. McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve the May 2024 bills list. No discussion, motion carried five ayes. Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on the approval of an annual liquor license for Casey's #159, 1708 G Avenue. No discussion, motion carried five ayes. McDonald moved and Rasmussen seconded action to approve the annual cigarette licenses for Casey's General Store, 504 G Avenue; Scotty's Saloon, 806 G Avenue; Brothers Market, 1400 G Avenue; Casey's General Store, 1708 G Avenue; Dollar General, 2009 Commerce Drive; and Tobacco & Vape Store, 620 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (McDonald, Rasmussen, Kuester, Smith) and one abstain (Lamp).

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A CUT ABOVE	SERVICES	35.00
ADMIN. PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES	35.93
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PARTIAL SELF FUND	6971.69
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	451.28
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1816.20
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	438.77
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	339.21
APPEL SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	376.60
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	VISION	214.07
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BENTLEY RIDGE TREE FARM &	TREES	7081.00
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT	FEES	150.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	936.30
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	16.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCE.	CHEMICALS	6074.91
CEDAR VALLEY HOSPICE	BIG GRANT	8818.00
RICK CLAASSEN	REIMBURSEMENT	20.45
COOLEY PUMPING, LLC	SERVICES	95.00
DAVE BROWN HEATING AND COOLING	SERVICES	183.00
HOLLY DELANGE	REIMBURSEMENT	406.60
DELTA MCKENZIE TARGETS, LLC	SUPPLIES	359.95
WELLMARK DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANC	891.58
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	32796.40
FAREWAY STORES INC.	CONCESSIONS	250.00
FISCHER BROS. LLC	SERVICES	14632.83
FRANSYL EQUIPMENT CO INC	SERVICES	1029.00
FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW	REPAIR	70.00
ALEX FUNKE	REFUND	438.75
GNB BANK	GO BOND	43148.12

GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	6992.39
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY	SERVICES	243.77
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	297.69
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	7908.32
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	SERVICES	474.32
GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER	FEES	57.00
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CORP	SERVICES	546.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	3017.73
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	415.38
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	450.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	225.00
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	150.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	415.38
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	438.45
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HEALTH SAVING	288.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	401.55
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	437.55
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	150.00
IA NORTHLAND REG. COUNCIL GOV'	SERVICES	660.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	695.13
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFE	SERVICES	300.00
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	SERVICES	702.97
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT	TRAINING	250.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS	230.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	29628.80
IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	38.00
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	22267.39
JESCO WELDING & MACHINE, LLC	REPAIRS	405.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	502.48
L-TRON CORPORATION	PARTS	784.66
LON'S PLUMBING & HEATING	SERVICES	2435.00
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	425.00
MAROON & WHITE, INC	RENT	3757.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	52.50
MID AMERICAN PUBLISHING COR	PUBLISHING	79.75
MSC 410526 - DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	9.00
MYERS-COX CO.	SUPPLIES	3668.12
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	98.66
NORSOLV	SERVICES	271.95
NORTH IA AREA COMM COLLEGE	TRAINING	65.00
PANELESS WINDOWS & MORE	SERVICES	54.75
PEPSIAMERICAS	SUPPLIES	2249.52
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	COLLECTIONS	3463.71
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	6641.17
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	157.32
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	VOL LIFE-AFTER	1163.50
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	SERVICES	27976.88

ROUSE MOTOR	REPAIRS	388.75
KRISTY SAWYER	MILEAGE	144.53
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.52
SERVICE ROOFING COMPANY	ROOF PROJECT	114928.00
SPOTLIGHT	REPAIRS	2445.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	4672.74
T & T COMPUTERS	SERVICES	14277.17
TITAN MACHINERY - CENTER POINT	REPAIRS	493.27
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	PARTS	371.67
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	WET TAX	3664.72
TRI-STATE ADJUSTMENTS INC	SERVICES	14.00
UMB BANK NA	GO BOND DEBT PMTS	309398.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	547.26
UNITYPOINT CLINIC-OCCUPATIONAL	SERVICES	126.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	200.69
UTILITY SERVICE CO INC.	PEDISPHERE	5223.49
VAN WERT COMPANY	PARTS	3424.44
VERIZON	SERVICES	80.02
WELLMARK BLUECROSS B S	HEALTH INS	23421.95
Accounts Payable Total		757740.73
Payroll Checks		102897.20
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		860637.93

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:33pm on Ordinances 575 – Water Rates, 576- Sewer Rates, and 577 – Fireworks. Water and sewer rate increase being considered is the annual 2% increase effective July 1, 2024. Fireworks ordinance is to amend the dates and times they can be exploded to match the State of Iowa Code. No public comments. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:35pm. No discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 575 - Water Rates, an ordinance amending water rates by 2% effective July 1, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 576 – Sewer Rates, an ordinance amending sewer rates by 2% effective July 1, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 577 – Fireworks, an ordinance to amend the allowable dates and times for exploding fireworks within the City limits. This ordinance is to match the City code to the State of Iowa Code. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-40, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real estate property of 401 I Avenue, Grundy Center. Mayor Eberline commented that this property has been deteriorating over the past several years and the property owners came to the City to discuss options. Lamp asked if the City would tear down the house and why does the City need to bail out property owners who do not care for their property themselves. Eberline explained that if the City purchases this property and tears down the house, the property valuations in the area would increase. Rich Ahlberg asked why the City is considering purchasing more properties to continue to lose money on the lots. Smith explained the City is able to clear up a nuisance/D&D property and sell the lot for new development thus recouping costs through higher property tax valuations. Seth Schroeder, City Attorney, explained the City has the ability to enforce the Nuisance and Dangerous Building section in the code of ordinance, however legal fees are charged thus costing the City more overall with the same outcome. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded to amend the motion to counteroffer for the price of the land only at \$8280. No further

discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the future of the city police department and police chief position. Eberline commented that the ability to continue with a local police force has been an ongoing discussion for many years. Local police department versus an agreement with Grundy County Sheriff for police coverage is the option currently being discussed. Eberline asked for input from the current police officers. Discussion was on low salaries, no leadership, working many hours, fatigue, and burn out. County Sheriff Kirk Dolleslager commented that the county coverage could add more stability going forward if current city officers choose to apply and test, salary is much higher with the county and officers are required to live within the county. Mcdonald commented that she is extremely uncomfortable with making this decision without lots of input from the community residents because local coverage could drastically change. Lamp asked the current officers what you feel is missing or needed for a local police department to continue. Eberline commented that a public meeting will be planned for June 24, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Community Center, 705 F Avenue, therefore decisions can also be made on how to proceed. No further discussion, no formal action taken at this time.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:02pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on junk cars in vacant lot on D Avenue and potholes on the state highway. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:06pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no comments.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented that tennis court at the Sports Complex will be sandblasted and resurfaced in the next couple of weeks.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor