

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Kuester, McDonald, Lamp and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Seth Schroeder, Rich Ahlberg, John Jensen. Please join my meeting on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/704662973> You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 704-662-973 United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 .

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

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to approval of the minutes of the regular and work sessions held Monday, August 2, 2024. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-52, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign an estimate for a pool painting/sand blasting project. Bangasser collected three bids: Dreyer Painting - \$46,900 (power wash and paint only); Mongan Painting & Sandblasting - \$81,756.69 (sandblast and paint); and Iowa Blaster - \$79,000 (sandblast and paint but withdrew bid). Bangasser suggested to wait on the sand filters project for another year. Discussion was held on this project being funded by hotel motel tax revenues. No discussions held; motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline introduced and congratulated Officer Jacob Oberle for his graduation from the ILEA police academy and welcoming him back to the community.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the definition of conflict of interest according to the Iowa Code with Seth Schroeder, City Attorney. Schroeder pointed out Chapter 5.07 Conflict of Interest for a city officer or employee. A City officer or employee shall not have an interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or job of work or material or the profits thereof or services to be furnished or performed for the City, unless expressly permitted by law. Schroeder explained that if an officer/employee has concern about an issue that would affect their judgement on another issue, the officer/employee should state their conflict and abstain. Schroeder also explained that the perception of the issue is the key. No further discussion, no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:40pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on nuisance abatement and junk vehicle codes. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:45pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comment on delayed closing on 401 I Ave property and city auditor will be completing fieldwork for next annual audit the week of September 30, 2024.

Public Safety Committee made comment on new squad car has been paid for and should arrive in the next couple of weeks and interviews for the vacant officer position are scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2024.

Public Works Committee commented CIT Sewer Solutions crew completed their work last week; tennis courts at the Sports Complex are being surfaced this week; and pool attendance numbers were presented.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor