

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Mcdonald, Kuester, Lamp (left 7:10pm), and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Dwight Gliem, Nathan Kappel, Joel & Morgan Benson, Rich Ahlberg.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with Rasmussen's conflict of interest with item #10. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, December 16, 2024; and approval of the December 2024 bills list; and approval of December 2024 Treasurers Report; and approval of the annual liquor license for Dollar General \$6856, 2009 Commerce Drive. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
CLAIMS REPORT		
ADMIN. PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	46.92
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	SELF FUND PREMIUM	1837.42
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	211.14
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1491.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	268.38
APPEL, TANNER - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
AT&T MOBILITY	SERVICES	127.50
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	PREMIUMS	242.72
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	TRAINING	495.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	2285.36
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	506.23
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	9.99
BUTLER GRUNDY DEVELOPMENT	DUES	7576.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO	PARTS	251.25
CENTER THEATRE	DONATION	3000.00
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS	PUMP	2500.00
CORNFED DESIGNS	SUPPLIES	120.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	PREMIUMS	1117.98
DON'S TRUCK SALES	TRUCK	157378.40
EAST CENTRAL IOWA	DUES	261.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	29293.62
EMBARK IT, INC	SERVICES	3402.00
FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW	TIRE	535.95
G WORKS	FEES	10840.00
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	2017.04
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY LEASING	SERVICES	278.52
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONES	291.80
GRUNDY CENTER FIRE DEPT	SERVICES	6664.00
GRUNDY CENTER HISTORICAL SOCIE	LEVY REQUEST	7000.77
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	6787.95
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	498.91
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4356.27
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	276.92

HSA - BAGENSTOS, BROOKE	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	300.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	150.00
HSA - CONGER, COLLIN	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	276.92
HSA - JAKOUBEK, CASSANDRA	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	292.30
HSA - MEESTER, SHANNON	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - OBERLE, JACOB	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HEALTH SAVING	192.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	267.60
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	291.70
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA-NATVIG, JAMES A	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
IMPACT MARKETING	SERVICES	1840.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	463.42
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	SERVICES	778.19
IOWA ONE CALL	E-MAILS	26.10
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	22432.16
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	18052.01
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	304.20
KLOCKE'S EMERGENCY VEHICLES	AMBULANCE	234038.00
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	425.00
UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	631.00
MIDWEST FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	FIRE TRUCK	209065.00
MN-IOWA ELECTRIC MOTORS &	PARTS	351.32
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES	UNIFORMS	429.90
OFF FIRE, LLC	SERVICES	64.00
SHANE OLTMAN	2024 WAGES	600.00
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	4143.29
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	97.24
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	5466.67
R COMM WIRELESS	PARTS	428.00
RC SYSTEMS	RADIOS	1134.00
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	150.12
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	PREMIUMS	1321.57
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	SERVICES	24237.68
ROB'S HEATING AND COOLING	SERVICES	100.00
SADLER POWER TRAIN INC	PARTS	154.47
SHIELD PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	78.00
DEAN SHUEY	2024 WAGES	600.00
SPEER FINANCIAL INC.	SERVICES	350.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	3995.19

STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPPLIES	68.78
TENDER LAWN CARE	SERVICES	180.00
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	WATER EXCISE TAX	3948.75
UMB BANK NA	FEES	1100.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	70.88
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	180.89
UTILITY SERVICE CO INC.	PEDISPHERE	5223.49
VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK, INC	SERVICES	165.95
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	HEALTH INS	27608.02
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	STONE	788.63
Accounts Payable Total		843530.39
Payroll Checks		94345.30
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		937875.69

December 2024 Expenditures per fund: General: \$122822; Cultural & Scientific Fund: \$7001; Road Use Tax: \$84876; Employee Benefits: \$34846; Local Option Sales Tax: \$24027; Community Betterment Fund: \$3402; PW Equipment Reserve - \$82378; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$209065; Library Gift Trust: \$696; Economic Development Fund: \$3000; Debt Service Fund: \$110; Water Fund: \$42324; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$18934; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$30327; Ambulance Fund: \$61249; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$234038; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1806; Total: \$982312. December 2024 Revenues per fund: General: \$172970; Road Use Tax: \$32083; Employee Benefits Fund: \$12131; Local Option Sales Tax: \$24027; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$271; TIF Fund: \$6; Community Betterment Fund: \$12013; Swimming Pool Reserve Fund: \$3063; Equipment Reserve – PW Fund: \$48111; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$17341; Library Gift Trust: \$1503; Economic Development Fund: \$3000; Debt Service Fund: \$6147; Water Fund: \$52311; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$44012; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$31219; Ambulance Fund: \$44994; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: #4176; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4309; Total: \$534134.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action to approve Mayor appointments for one-year terms ending December 31, 2025, for Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director; Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer; James Natvig, Police Chief; Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief; Seth Schroeder, City Attorney; Dean and Darrel Shuey, Zoning Administrator/Building Inspectors; Rick Smith, Mayor Protem. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the department annual updates and budget requests. Dwight Gliem, EMS Director, commented that his department fielded 1047 calls for service in 2024, which is about average over the last couple of years. Gliem reviewed increases to his fy2026 budget for revenues consisting of GEMT collections, ability to charge supplies and increased mileage per loaded mile; call volume projected to increase twenty-five call over last year; and potentially add another county community for a transport agreement, which may increase the revenues for \$45-50,000 for FY2026. Gliem then discussed changes to his expenses for next fiscal year including a request for a 3% wage increase for medics, collection fees based on amount billed: then decreasing uniform allowances, education, vehicle expense and maintenance, and computer expenses mostly due to new ambulance arriving soon. Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, then presented his department update and next budget requests. Kappel discussed no changes to his previous budget however is planning to use donations and grants to purchase battery operated tools for new truck, new SCBA unit or two, all new helmets which expire July 2025, and start saving funds for next truck pumper truck purchase. James Natvig, Police Chief, then presented his department update and budget requests for new year. Natvig is requesting an increase to uniform expenses per officer; vehicle supplies and maintenance; computer equipment for cars; firearm expenses and increase cash transfer to trust account to \$30,000 annually for next squad purchase. No formal action taken; no motions needed.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2025-01, a resolution approving the appointments of our Fire Department personnel for 2025. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2025-02, a resolution designating The Grundy Register as the official newspaper for 2025. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2025-03, a resolution approving the investment policy for 2025. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes. Lamp exited the meeting at 7:05pm.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2025-04, a resolution naming the financial depositories for 2025 with amending the maximum limit to \$5mil at each bank. Smith explained this is due to already reaching the written limit of \$3.5m at one of the banks already. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Smith, Kuester and Mcdonald) and abstain (Rasmussen) and one absent (Lamp).

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:08pm. Joel and Morgan Benson, 1407 4th Street, expressed much concern with their water being so rusty and consistently needing to flush the hydrant. Rich Ahlberg commented on Chapter 50 & 51 regarding D Avenue property and asked for an update. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:21pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on need for a Youth Recreation Baseball Coordinator for upcoming season; received annual property tax valuation from County Auditor and we increased by 2.04% for FY2026 budget; next department updates will be Park Board, Library, Chamber Main Street and Community Center; and updated wage comparison spreadsheet to be used for budget preparations.

Public Safety Committee made no further comments.

Public Works Committee commented on concern for next year's wages to not be individualized for budget preparations and letter from Rite Environmental, Inc for cost increase for sanitation services.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, January 20, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor