

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, McDonald, Kuester, Lamp, and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Mel Bowen, Darrel Shuey, Rich Ahlberg.

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

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, November 18, 2024; and approval of the November 2024 bills list. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:31pm for Ordinance 579 – Park Regulations regarding use of nicotine, privately owned animals and driving golf carts in public parks. Kuester asked Shuey for the Park Board Commissioners thoughts on this ordinance. No further public comments. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:34pm. Motions carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 579, an ordinance to amend Chapter 47- Park Regulations regarding use of nicotine, privately owned animals and driving golf carts in public parks. Kuester questions enforcement of the ordinance and Sawyer explained the ordinance is written to follow Chapter 4 Municipal Infractions. No further discussion. Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action to suspend the rules and proceed to the third reading at the next meeting. No further discussions, motions carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:36pm for a fiscal year 2025 budget amendment. Sawyer explained the amendments are for police department wage increases, uniforms, street sweeper and truck purchase, property cleanup, final payment for tennis courts at Sports Complex, pool painting and security camera package. No public comments. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:39pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2024-72, a resolution to approve an amendment to the fiscal year 2025 city budget. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action to table Resolution 2024-73, a resolution to approve a three-year agreement for the Sports Complex Maintenance contract as recommended by the Park Board Commissioners. Rasmussen commented that Council should have conversations with the School District regarding increase in rent to match the rate of increase from the general maintenance contractor. Kuester commented that Cedar Valley Soccer club should have a lease as well or pay for certain upgrades to the soccer fields. Grundy Center residents pay quite a bit for their kids to play soccer, and we are not receiving any of that back towards the fields, maintenance, etc. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:49pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on Chapter 50 & 51 regarding 203 4th Street property and asked for an update on little shed being moved, fence, water runoff, etc. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:56pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on letter from city attorney that title has been cleared for 401 I Ave property.

Mayor Eberline reopened the public forum at 6:58pm, Lee Koch, property owner of 203 4th Street, entered the meeting to answer questions and update on projects. No further discussion, forum closed at 7:04pm.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented that leaf pickup is complete for this year.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:05pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor