

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Mcdonald, Kuester, Lamp, and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Shirley Luwe.

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

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, January 20, 2025; and approval of the January 2025 bills list. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PARTIAL SELF FUND	4299.66
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	211.14
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING	1107.90
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	505.89
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	415.98
TANNER APPEL	BOOTS	150.00
APPEL, TANNER - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	127.50
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	PREMIUMS	388.71
CHASE BABCOCK	TRAINING	59.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS INC	INV 2038758405 & 2038777685	149.74
DANIEL BANGASSER	TELEPHONE	39.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	4517.80
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	SAND/SALT MIX	4002.00
THE BOOK FARM LLC	KLING MEM LIBRARY BOOKS	22.95
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	206.49
EMERY BUNKERS	PROGRAM SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	50.29
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO	PARTS	46.87
CARSON, KODI - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	30.00
CCG SAFETY GEAR, LLC	VEST	308.11
RICK CLAASSEN	SERVICES	180.00
CORNFED DESIGNS	UNIFORMS	753.00
CRAIGS VAC SHOP	REPAIRS	119.00
CUMMINS INC	TRANSFER SWITCH	8620.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	PREMIUMS	1023.82
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	24678.84
ELECTRIC SUPPLY-MARSHALLTOWN	BULBS	450.00
ENERGY SALES INC.	FILTERS	404.00
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	3975.28
GNB INSURANCE	PREMIUMS	1201.00
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY		
LEASING	COPIER EXPENSES	254.77
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	392.27
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	8247.39
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	112.84
GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING FEES	57.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4187.67
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	4810.00

HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	4880.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - FREESE, LINDSEY	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	4600.00
HSA - FROST, DOUG	HEALTH SAVING	2250.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	4700.00
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	4811.50
HSA - MEESTER, SHANNON	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - MULLER, MICHAEL	HEALTH SAVING	2250.00
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HEALTH SAVING	4810.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	4800.00
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	4810.00
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	4620.00
HSA-BUNKERS, BRANDON	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA-LAUVER, MATT	HEALTH SAVING	4500.00
HSA-NATVIG, JAMES A	HEALTH SAVING	4540.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF	TRAINING	1486.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	463.42
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	DUES	1220.00
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	COLLECTION COSTS	786.42
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	UNIFORMS	230.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	23183.66
IPERS	CONTRIBUTIONS	17191.60
JESCO WELDING & MACHINE, LLC	SERVICES	528.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	426.78
KENDRA LUFKIN	PURCHASE	50.41
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITOR	425.00
UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SEWER TESTING	362.50
MN-IOWA ELECTRIC MOTORS &	CAPACITOR	14.58
JANE MORGAN	TRAINING	150.00
NAGLE SIGN INC	SIGN REPAIRS	692.17
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	385.52
OVERHEAD DOOR CO., INC.	SERVICE CALLS	2097.62
PRECISION LAWN CARE	CONTRACTS	6579.47
PREMIER	KLING LIBRARY COPIER CONTRACT	49.27
QUILL	SUPPLIES	81.67
RC SYSTEMS	RADIO SUPPLIES	61.03
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	179.71
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	PREMIUMS	1308.44
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	GARBAGE & RECYCLING	25343.24
ROUSE MOTOR	MAINTENANCE	559.11
RSW PROPERTIES, LLC	BIG GRANT	20000.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	2691.43
T & T COMPUTERS	SERVICES	550.00
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	PARTS	1071.75
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	TAXES	3840.40

TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	SUPPLIES	414.89
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	382.61
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	181.88
VAN WALL EQUIPMENT	PARTS	387.93
WARNER PLASTICS & LINERS, INC	PARTS	790.00
WATERLOO MEDICAL CENTER	SERVICES	160.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	PREMIUMS	27844.46
ZOLL MEDICALCORPORATION	MAINTENANCE PLAN	680.00
Accounts Payable Total		292258.57
Payroll Checks		78143.76
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		370402.33

Mayor Eberline introduced Jeff Kolb, Butler Grundy Development Alliance Director, to give an update on what is being worked on at the county level. Kolb commented that their board has three new members, have concentrated on local workforce development and attraction, completed a wage and benefit survey with Cedar Valley region, returning to trade shows and site visits, and started a childcare initiative for all centers in the two counties to assist in increasing wages for their employees.

Mayor Eberline opened the department annual updates and budget requests. Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director, reviewed revenues and expenditures for the Road Use Tax, Streets, Aquatic Center, water, wastewater, storm water, sanitations departments. Bangasser explained that this fiscal year will mostly pay down debt, build reserves and start planning for next projects. Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk then reviewed the remaining departments for annual updates and next fiscal year budget requests for the administration, clerk and city hall departments. Sawyer explained largest budget requests are for printing costs, municipal financial computer software, and janitor wages. No formal action taken.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2025-05, a resolution to approve the public purpose policy for 2025. Sawyer commented on this is a policy that the auditor requires the annual review. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 580, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106.08 to increase the monthly residential solid waste servicing fee by \$1 per month based on the increase from Rite Environmental, Inc. Bangasser commented on this increase coming three years after the last increase from the contractor. This ordinance will raise the residential garbage and recycling to \$15 per month, an increase of \$1 per month. Smith moved and Mcdonald second motion to publish for a public hearing on February 17, 2025 on Ordinance 580. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2025-06, a resolution to accept the rate increase from Rite Environmental, Inc. for residential and commercial tip fees, residential dumpster delivery fees and set new commercial dumpster utility rates. Sawyer explained residential garbage collection rates will be set with Ordinance 580; commercial dumpster rental rates will increase \$1 each size (\$8.75 per month - 2yd dumpster; \$14.75 per month – 4yd dumpster; \$20.75 per month – 6yd dumpster); commercial dumpster tip rate will increase \$1 to \$15 per tip and residential dumpster rentals will increase \$5 for each size (\$65.00 - 2yd dumpster per rental; \$85.00 – 4yd dumpster per rental; \$105.00 – 6yd dumpster per rental). No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2025-07, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign a contract with Civic Systems, LLC for updated municipal financial software. Sawyer explained the cost, functionality, new features, and familiarity to the State of Iowa reporting requirements of the three vendors who bet met our needs. The three estimates are Civic Systems – Cloud - \$19,200 software & \$14,830 annual support (price locked for 5 years); Tyler Technologies – Cloud - \$37,945 software & \$17,601 annual support; and Edmunds GovTech – Cloud - \$24,500 software & \$11,500 annual support. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the fiscal year 2026 annual city budget preparations. Sawyer explained the five options given to the Council to set a maximum proposed property tax levy for the next budget. Based on department requests and necessary projections the most the current property tax levy could potentially increase by \$0.33776/\$1000 of assessed property tax valuation. This increase is based on wage increases, increased health, liability, property and self insurance rates and the large decrease in the residential property rollback set by the State of

lowa. Council will now determine each acceptable increase to each department budget and balancing the budget as a whole. No further discussion.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2025-08, a resolution to set a public hearing for March 3, 2025, for the FY2026 proposed maximum property tax levy set at \$16.46489/\$1000 assessed property valuation. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:39pm. Shelby Luwe, 1105 M Avenue, expressed much concern about extreme parking on 12th Street and M Avenue by the high school students. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:47pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no further comments.

Public Safety Committee made no further comments.

Public Works Committee made no further comments.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:48pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor