

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Kuester, Smith, and Rasmussen. Absent: Lamp. Visitors: Jay Duncan, Nathan Butler, Heather Greiner, and Rich Ahlberg.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with tabling item 15 due conflict of interests for Smith and Rasmussen. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, June 2, 2025; approval of the May 2025 Treasurers Report. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

May 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$303369; Road Use Tax: \$7300; Employee Benefits: \$30683; Local Option Sales Tax: \$34091; TIF Fund: \$70355; Sports Complex Reserve Fund: \$825; Community Betterment Fund: \$12541; Library Gift Trust: \$1402; Economic Development Fund: \$330; Debt Service Fund: \$310150; Water Fund: \$38364; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$46210; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$21243; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15800; Sanitary Sewer Sinking Fund: \$167963; Sanitation Fund: \$30694; Ambulance Fund: \$60685; Storm Sewer Fund: \$3347; Total: \$1160000. May 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$115922; Road Use Tax: \$31481; Employee Benefits Fund: \$25473; Local Option Sales Tax: \$34091; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$1822; TIF Fund: \$4212; Community Betterment Fund: \$17045; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$16876; Library Gift Trust: \$1643; Economic Development Fund: \$580; Debt Service Fund: \$13154; Water Fund: \$46860; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$41221; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$33772; Ambulance Fund: \$44570; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$3937; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4204; Total: \$457313.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jay Duncan and Nathan Butler from Heart of Iowa for an update on the fiber optics installation project. Duncan presented a map outlining five phases in which they will be installing fiber. They have an engineer locating property pins through the city to ensure they stay within the city right-of-way. Smith questioned a franchise fee; Duncan explained the State of Iowa has deregulated from franchise fees on broadband. Heart of Iowa has an office located at 617 G Avenue with signage also explaining the five phases: planning to send out more information door to door when working in specific neighborhoods. More updates to come. No further discussion.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded action on the Third Reading on Ordinance 582, an ordinance amending Chapter 92.02 Water Rates for a 2% rate increase effective July 1, 2025. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the Third Reading on Ordinance 583, an ordinance amending Chapter 99.07 Sewer Rates for a 2% rate increase effective July 1, 2025. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:40pm on Ordinance 585, an ordinance to amend Chapter 41.14 Fireworks. This amendment will align the city code to the new state laws regarding fireworks for July 3rd, July 4th, and December 31. No public comment. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:41pm, motions carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 585, an ordinance amending Chapter 41.14 Fireworks to match the State of Iowa Code for July 3rd, July 4, and December 31st regulations. Discussion held on including the June 13th – July 2nd as allowing fireworks within the city limits as well. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:48pm for 401 I Avenue property disposition. Rich Ahlberg asked how much the city has in expenses for the property. No further public comments. Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:51pm. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2025-25, a resolution to accept a bid on 401 I Avenue and dispose of real estate property. Kuester asked Heather Greiner what their plans for the property were. Greiner stated future plans are to add larger garage and off-street parking for their adjacent property. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2025-26, a resolution authorizing Mayor Eberline and Clerk Sawyer to complete the necessary quit claim deed for 401 I Avenue. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2025-27, a resolution to approve

the fiscal year 2025 annual cash transfers. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2025-28, a resolution to authorize the annual vacation and comp time payout for the city employees. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2025-29, a resolution to authorize an increase in wages of employees who carry licenses for the Public Works Department. This will increase the employee hourly by \$.30 per hour per license. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:54pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on previous GCMU board meeting where he was asked to leave the public meeting and asked how to proceed. No further discussion, public forum closed at 7:03pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comments on peddler permits and food truck ordinance changes and continued with financial software training.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee made comments on Blacktop Services in town working on Walden, Wilshire, and Windsor streets to mill down and resurface; received a bid for crack sealing some streets this fall; and pool passes are selling and lots of families from surrounding communities.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor