

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Kuester, Smith, Lamp, and Rasmussen via online link. Absent: None. Visitors: Rich Ahlberg and Erik Stensland.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with an amendment of 4(d) and no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, August 4, 2025; approval of the July 2025 Treasurers report; and approval of an amendment of the liquor license for Simply Iowa Candle Co., LLC., moving locations from 711 G Avenue to 612 G Avenue; and approval of the street closure of 7th Street, from G Avenue south to the alley towards H Avenue, on October 9, 2025 from 7A-8P, for the Girls Night Out event; and approval of a 5-day liquor license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife, for October 9, 2025, for Girls Night Out event; and approval to the YMCA to use Belpre Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 1 – 30, 2025 from 5-7pm for soccer program. Discussion was held to amend the minutes to add Erik Stensland as a visitor. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

July 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$189562; Road Use Tax: \$18549; Employee Benefits: \$36749; Local Option Sales Tax: \$35181; Police Reserve Fund: \$33675; Library Gift Trust: \$1190; Park Board Gift Trust: \$900; Economic Development Fund: \$750; Debt Service Fund: \$600; Water Fund: \$58363; Water Reserves Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$22510; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15875; Sanitation Fund: \$33075; Ambulance Fund: \$42628; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1310; Total: \$495606. July 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$69770; Road Use Tax: \$30545; Employee Benefits Fund: \$2552; Local Option Sales Tax: \$35181; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$3379; Community Betterment Fund: \$17590; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$2834; Fire Dept Gift Trust: \$600; Library Gift Trust: \$1280; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$1293; Continuing Projects Fund: \$8000; Water Fund: \$457; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$1027; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15875; Sanitation Fund: \$2623; Ambulance Fund: \$44760; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$6181; Total: \$249147.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2025-40, a resolution to approve the FY2025 Street Finance Report and submit to the Iowa Department of Transportation by December 1, 2025. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion and update on food truck vendors and special event ordinances. Eberline commented. Discussion reviewed the Ordinances 586, to add Chapter 125 Mobile Food Service Vendors, which will add definitions, license requirements fees, association with a special event, city parks, etc. Fees being considered for this permit are \$50 per month or \$150 per calendar year. Discussion to review Ordinance 587, to add Chapter 126 Special Events held within the city limits. This chapter will create a new permit required for events which have one or more of the following: a street closure; restricting private property of other or public property; use of fireworks; use of open flames; sale of merchandise, food or beverages; use of tent or canopy, stage, band shell, truck, trailer, portable building, booth, grandstand or bleachers, portable toilets, placement of temporary signs or banners. Fees being considered for the special event permit were \$250 per calendar year. Mayor Eberline suggested further discussions, and no formal action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:42pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on junk vehicles. No public comments, public forum closed at 6:48pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comments on Iowa Codification legislative changes and Grundy County EMS meeting, August 20, 2025.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented on CIT Sewer cleaning crew completed; crack sealing crew is done; many locates for fiber installation; and potential new business inquiring about wastewater facility capacity and permit requirements.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:30pm.