

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Kuester, Smith, and Lamp. Absent: Rasmussen. Visitors: Jeff Kolb, James Martindale, Erik Stensland, and Lee Koch.

Kuester moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, September 8, 2025; and approval of the annual liquor license for South Porch Cider Co., 625-627 G Avenue; and approval to publish the FY2025 Annual Financial Report and submit to the State of Iowa by December 1, 2025; and approval of open burning notice from Monday, October 13, 2025, through Sunday, November 30, 2025, for yard waste only. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

August 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$152548; Road Use Tax: \$197111; Employee Benefits: \$32410; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26388; Fire Dept Gift Trust: \$100; Library Gift Trust: \$806; Economic Development Fund: \$4725; Water Fund: \$62927; Water Reserves Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$23413; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15875; Sanitation Fund: \$38095; Ambulance Fund: \$53890; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4504; Total: \$617494. August 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$39717; Road Use Tax: \$31975; Employee Benefits Fund: \$1; Local Option Sales Tax: \$26388; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$5359; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$9228; Library Gift Trust: \$1235; Ambulance Gift Trust Fund: \$500; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$4725; Water Fund: \$119125; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$86911; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15875; Sanitation Fund: \$68115; Ambulance Fund: \$50303; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$1368; Storm Sewer Fund: \$8534; Total: \$489044.

Mayor Eberline introduced Rochelle McGarvey, GCHS school representative, regarding the closure of streets for the upcoming homecoming parade for Friday, October 3, 2025, from 1:45pm – 2:30pm. Route for the parade will be M Ave to H Ave to 7 St back to M Ave to the school. Smith moved and Lamp seconded motion to approve the street closures for the homecoming parade. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:33pm on Ordinance 586 – Mobile Food Service Vendor & Ordinance 587 – Special Events. These ordinances will add Chapter 125, Mobile Food Service Vendor and Chapter 126, Special Events regarding policy and procedures for both. No public comments were made. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:35pm. No further discussions, motions carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 586, an ordinance adding Chapter 125 – Mobile Food Service Vendors regarding the licensing, rules, and regulations. Sawyer commented that updates were made to the draft regarding alcoholic beverages, LP gas, and generator usage. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 587, an ordinance adding Chapter 126 – Special Events regarding the licensing, rules, and regulations. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion with Jeff Kolb, Butler-Grundy Development Alliance Director. Kolb explained his organization participated in a strategic planning activity for the Highway 20 – Cedar Valley corridor and during this activity it was learned that our area is lacking many services for trucking and semi tractor trailers, such as truck wash, parts store, truck mechanics, etc. Kolb introduced James Martindale, owner of Martinson Trucking, who expressed interest in a feasibility study and a potential wastewater agreement with the City and Iowa Regional Utilities Association. Eberline expressed encouragement to proceed with the study and answers to many questions; however, primarily the needs of our immediate community will come first. No further discussion or action taken at this time.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:10pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 7:11pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented that annual audit fieldwork is now complete and BIG grant applications are due October 1st.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented that there are many unanswered questions that a feasibility study should answer before any formal decisions are made regarding a future truck wash sending wastewater to our facility.

Council member Kuester commented about a sidewalk being installed heading west towards the Borden Business Park.

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