

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Mcdonald, Stensland, Smith, Lamp, and Kuester. Absent: None. Visitors: Mel Bowen, Rich Ahlberg, Katie Lang, Crystal Petersen, Brian Sammons, Dean Shuey, Darrel Shuey, Andrea Traeger, Kyle Dudden, Leonard Stephens, Ken Mutch, Jeff Carson, and Julie Purvis.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with 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, February 16, 2026; approval of the February 2026 bills list; and approval of the annual liquor license for the Community Center, 705 F Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

Name	Description	Amount
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	SELF FUND PREMIUMS	6602.94
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	143.92
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING MATERIALS	1996.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	387.75
AT&T MOBILITY	PHONES & DATA CARDS	294.58
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY	PREMIUMS	285.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	5902.97
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	SALT/SAND MIX	540.27
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	AMBULANCE MEDS	743.78
CEDAR BEND HUMANE SOCIETY	SURRENDER DOG	60.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	527.00
CHRISTIE DOOR COMPANY	SERVICES	125.00
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	REPAIRS	10400.00
COAST TO COAST CALIBRATIONS INC	SERVICES	249.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	463.42
CONRAD FIRE	2025 GC FAIR	175.00
COOLEY PUMPING LLC	SERVICES	860.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
DIKE FIRE & EMS	2025 GC FAIR COVERAGE	350.00
ELECTRIC SUPPLY-MARSHALLTOWN	BULBS	351.00
FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW	REPAIRS	1698.50
GALL'S LLC	UNIFORM	74.07
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	3717.35
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC	COPIER EXPENSES	215.20
	ITRON RADIO, MVRS	
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES	10976.70
GRUNDY COUNTY ENGINEER	REPAIRS	310.72
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	AMBULANCE MEDS	406.12
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4279.18
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HSA PREMIUMS	403.82
HSA - APPEL, TANNER	HSA PREMIUMS	100.00
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HSA PREMIUMS	380.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HSA PREMIUMS	250.00
HSA - CARSON, KODI	HSA PREMIUMS	100.00
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HSA PREMIUMS	100.00

HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HSA PREMIUMS	200.00
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HSA PREMIUMS	311.50
HSA - MEESTER, SHANNON	HSA PREMIUMS	100.00
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HSA PREMIUMS	324.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HSA PREMIUMS	320.00
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HSA PREMIUMS	310.00
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HSA PREMIUMS	120.00
HSA-NATVIG, JAMES A	HSA PREMIUMS	40.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAXES	27370.43
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF	TRAININGS	3046.00
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC	DUES	1220.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAININGS	375.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	124.20
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	26440.50
IPERS	CONTRIBUTIONS	17217.48
JESCO WELDING & MACHINE LLC	SERVICES	172.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	512.88
KENDRA LYNK	JANITOR	450.00
KRISTY ALBRIGHT	AMBULANCE REFUND	138.94
LEGACY EMERGENCY VEHICLES	PARTS	174.71
MACQUEEN	SUPPLIES	86.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SERVICES	117.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	759.31
PANELESS WINDOWS & MORE	SERVICES	133.70
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	12381.84
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	80.48
POSTMASTER GRUNDY CENTER	STAMPS	624.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES & CONTRACTS	6641.66
RC SYSTEMS	PARTS	15.84
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	180.62
REINBECK FIRE & AMBULANCE	2025 GC FAIR	350.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	PREMIUMS	1477.40
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	SERVICES	26793.65
ROB'S HEATING AND COOLING	SERVICES	157.50
ROUSE MOTOR	SERVICES	280.02
SAM'S CLUB	BAR PURCHASES & SUPPLIES	4426.38
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC	TESTING MATERIALS	10.00
STATE WITHHOLDING	WITHHOLDING TAX	2773.08
STOREY KENWORTHY	SUPPLIES	774.60
STRAND ASSOCIATES INC	WASTEWATER SYSTEM	15300.00
T&T COMPUTERS	PARTS & SERVICES	432.49
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	PARTS	956.56
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	SALES TAX	3697.48
TYLER MCCORMACK	REIMBURSEMENT	31.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	496.03

UNITYPOINT HEALTH AT WORK	SERVICES	288.18
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UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	16.94
UTILITY SERVICE CO INC.	PEDISPHERE CITY TANK	5798.07
VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK INC	AMBULANCE SERVICES	350.59
WELLMARK BLCRBS OF IOWA	PREMIUMS	28359.15
WELLSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	2025 GC FAIR COVERAGE	375.00
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Mayor Eberline introduced Crystal Petersen, Grundy Center Wellness Committee Chair; Brian Sammons and Katie Lang, Wellness Committee Members, for a discussion on their initiative to establish a Grundy Center Health Week, June 1-7th. The purpose of this community wide initiative is to raise awareness about the health and wellbeing resources we have in Grundy center and to engage citizens of all ages. Petersen presented a proclamation for consideration by City Council. If approved, community entities will be invited to coordinate and lead offerings aligned with the overall purpose. The goal is to highlight what we have, celebrate community strengths, and encourage residents to choose their own path toward better health. Stensland moved and Smith seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline to sign said proclamation. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Dean and Darrel Shuey, City Building Inspectors, for a discussion on the city's building permit and inspection procedures. Da. Shuey explained there are several contractors working within the city limits that are not following the current procedures and requests council support to add to the necessary inspections, fines if not followed, discontinue notices if necessary, updating the building code to the 2027 edition, and increase permit fees due to the increase in needed inspections. Da. Shuey explained that the current policies and procedures have been in place for roughly ten years and it is now time to consider updates and revisions. Kuester commented that previous council put these policies and procedures in place to protect our property owners and potential new buyers and contractors/property owners need to follow or be reprimanded with fees and/or shutdown until they comply. Mayor Eberline commented that Council will consider these changes and return with further action. No further discussion or action taken.

Mayor Eberline introduced Andrea Traeger, Grundy County 4-H & Youth Coordinator, for a discussion on her upcoming Progressive Agriculture Safety Day and Fall Family Fest 4-H & FFA events and how these events will be classified under the new Chapter 126 Special Events. Traeger explained that each of these events bring in over 200 participants, majority being children from school districts in Grundy County to build farm safety awareness, strengthen first responder relations, reduces long-term community risk and encourage leadership. Kuester thanked Traeger for presenting this to the council and encouraged council to waive necessary permit due to the programs providing safety education to children throughout the entire county. Kuester moved and McDonald seconded a motion to waive the special permit fee for these two programs and asked for annual update. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jeff Carson, GC Municipal Utilities Manager, for an annual update. Carson commented on the fire that damaged a generator in the electrical plant last summer, necessary repairs and the upcoming line 69 project that will affect our local residents. Carson mentioned Channel 11 is returning with more functionality as far as the ability to show live-stream events. No further discussions or action taken.

Lamp moved and Kuester seconded action to open the public hearing on Ordinance 590, an ordinance to amend Chapter 18.01 City Clerk and Chapter 21.01 Public Works Director, appointments and term. Mayor Eberline asked for this ordinance to provide these two positions, job security, and stability for the community. This ordinance is to remove the annual appointment by the Mayor and add a continuous term unless deemed by Council via resolution. Stensland explained he felt that by approving this ordinance it could bring increased legal fees if council chose to remove these employees. Smith claimed the necessary steps through proper dismissal would bring on fees either way and asked if there has ever been the need for removal in the past. McDonald commented that many years of education have been acquired by these two employees and are valuable to the community. Mayor Eberline commented he wants these

two positions to be solid and stable; if annual appointment is left in the code the positions could be difficult to fill, with the unknown from year to year. Discussion led to annual evaluations and appointments of Police Chief and Fire Chief positions. Stensland moved and Smith seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:26pm, motion carried five ayes. Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action to table the first reading of Ordinance 590, the ordinance to amend Chapter 18.01 and 21.01 appointment requirement. Smith asked how to treat all appointed positions the same with some supportive data. Stensland commented that a two- or three-year term could also be looked at. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the fiscal year 2027 annual city budget preparations and approval to proceed with the proposed property tax levy notice. Sawyer explained the notice has not changed and asked for approval to proceed with publishing. Stensland moved and Smith seconded action to proceed with the publishing of the fiscal year 2027 proposed property tax levy notice. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:32pm. Rich Ahlberg asked how many snow tickets were issued after last snowstorm. No further comments were made, public forum closed at 7:34pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented that auditor will present fiscal year 2025 audit next meeting; complaints received on lack of snow removal from sidewalks and letters have been mailed; Community Center Board is looking for three board members; summer recreation registrations are open; and GoGov App trainings are set up for week of March 24th.

Public Safety Committee commented February 2026 call stats of 52 traffic stops, 7 charges, 5 accidents and 64 calls for services; second notice letters for unpaid parking tickets have been mailed; and Officer McCormack attending academy in a couple of weeks.

Public Works Committee commented on snow removal comments after the last storm.

Stensland moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor