

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Stensland, Smith, and Lamp. Absent: Kuester. Visitor: Mel Bowen, Katie Rasmussen, Rich Ahlberg, Leonard Stephens, Lee Koch, Jill Krausman, Jordan & Katie Lewis, Kelly & David Brown.

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

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular sessions held Monday, April 6, 2026; and approval to close 7th Street from H Avenue to the alley could be closed off from 7AM-2PM on Saturday, May 30, 2026, for the Summer Reading Kick Off at Kling Memorial Library. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stensland seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:32pm on the fiscal year 2027 annual city budget. Rich Ahlberg asked about past costs for the city annual audit. Leonard Stephens asked if council felt the city was in good shape financially. No further discussions. Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:37pm. Motions carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Stensland seconded action on Resolution 2026-19, a resolution authorizing the adoption of the FY2027 Annual City Budget. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and Stensland seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:38pm on Ordinance 592, an ordinance to amend Chapter 28.04 Ambulance Chief and Section 35.06 Police Chief positions to three-year appointment terms. Rich Ahlberg asked when the ordinance would be effective. Stensland moved and Lamp seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:40pm. No further discussions, motions carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 592, an ordinance to amend Chapter 28.04 Ambulance Chief and Section 35.06 Police Chief positions to three-year appointment terms. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2026-16, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$16,613 to Katie Lewis, owner of 602 G Avenue, for tuckpointing, repair stucco façade, and electrical & HVAC up to code. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-17, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$5250 to Lon & Carene Larsen, owners of 612 G Avenue, for roof and gutter replacement project. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-18, a resolution to award a BIG Grant for \$9994 to Jill Krausman, owner of 803 G Avenue, for roof and gutter replacement project. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 593, an ordinance to amend Chapter 51 Junk, Hobby and Junk Vehicles and possible action to publish for a public hearing. Smith commented that the discussed changes have been made regarding business with scrap metal and hobby vehicle season April 1- September 30. Stensland asked what the plan of action is once the ordinance is adopted. Stensland moved and Smith seconded a motion to publish for a public hearing on Ordinance 593 for May 4, 2026. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:50pm. Leonard Stephens commented that City Attorney did an excellent job on the ordinance for junk, hobby, and junk vehicles. No further comments were made, and the public forum closed at 6:51pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no comments.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented on completed hydrant flushing and starting work on aquatic center for summer season.

Stensland moved and Smith seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:30pm.