

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Stensland, Smith, Lamp, and Kuester via telephone. Absent: None. Visitors: Mel & Chris Bowen, Katie Rasmussen, Leonard Stephens, Rich Ahlberg, Frank Lamp, Kelly & David Brown, Ryan Bingman, Dwight Gliem and Erik Freese.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with conflicts of interest by Smith on Items 9-11. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, April 20, 2026; and approval of the April 2026 bills list; and approval of the annual cigarette licenses for 2026-2027: Casey's General Store, 504 G Avenue; Brothers Market, 1400 G Avenue; Casey's General Store, 1708 G Avenue; Dollar General, 2009 Commerce Drive; and Tobacco & Vape Store, 620 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS LIST

Name	Description	Amount
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PREMIUMS	3834.28
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	143.92
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1582.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	350.83
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	311.73
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY	PREMIUMS	277.68
BASIL REPPAS	REFUND	385.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	2053.70
BOULDER CONTRACTING LLC	REPAIRS	6037.36
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	1081.32
CENTER THEATRE	2026 COMM FOUN GRANT	7250.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	463.42
COOLEY PUMPING LLC	SERVICES	110.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
ELECTRIC PUMP	AGREEMENT	1275.00
GLOBAL SOFTWARE	TAC 10 UPGRADES	4530.00
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	2757.31
GNB INSURANCE	PREMIUMS	221870.91
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC	COPIER EXPENSES	544.62
GRUNDY CENTER AUTO BODY	VEHICLE REPAIRS	530.00
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	8838.08
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	221.92
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CORP	SERVICES	600.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	5770.15
HEIRLOOM BLOOMS FARM	SERVICES	75.00
HILLARY PETERSEN	REFUND	55.00
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HSA PREMIUMS	403.82
HSA - APPEL, TANNER	HSA PREMIUMS	100.00
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 - LYNK, 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
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	YEARLY TRAINING	50.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAXES	28603.89
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL	TRAINING	1560.00
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	COLLECTIONS	871.96
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSN	WATER	29776.58
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	CLAIM	240.21
IPERS	CONTRIBUTIONS	18706.65
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	410.62
KENDRA LYNK	JANITORIAL	450.00
KRISTY SAWYER	MILEAGE & TRAINING	436.38
MEL BOWEN	RAGBRAI TRAINING	13.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SERVICES	58.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	7.94
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	4818.22
PRA PLUNKETT RAYSICH ARCHITECTS LLC	SERVICES	725.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	7445.00
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	158.10
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	PREMIUMS	1388.41
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	SERVICES 04/2026	28274.71
ROUSE MOTOR	REPAIRS	1456.31
SANDY NOBLE	AMBULANCE REFUND	1.58
STATE WITHHOLDING	STATE W/H TAXES	3002.44
STRAIT'S AUTO BODY	EXPLORER SQUAD REPAIRS	2751.44
	WORKSTATION &	
T&T COMPUTERS	MONITORS	1993.76
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	PARTS	3634.45
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	SALES & WET TAX	3777.39
TYLER MCCORMACK	REIMBURSEMENT	220.09
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	CITY HALL	519.00
UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	92.42
VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK INC	SERVICES	345.59
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BS	PREMIUMS	28359.15
WESTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	MCCORMACK ACADEMY	6681.29
		454255.73

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action on the Second 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 five ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:33pm on Ordinances 593 – Chapter 51 Junk, Hobby Vehicles and Junk Vehicles. Stephens offered supported of the ordinance

and asked about enforcement and complaint procedures. Ahlberg asked what enforcement has been done in the last four years. Smith moved and Stensland seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:39pm. No further discussions, motions carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on the First Reading on Ordinance 593, an ordinance to amend Chapter 51 Junk, Hobby Vehicles and Junk Vehicles. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:40pm on a proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement for Phase 2 of the Prairie Ridge Housing addition. Mayor Eberline explained this is a portion of an upcoming general obligation bond the city is considering soon. This essential purpose is to construct the streets, water system, storm water drainage, sanitary sewer, lighting, and signage improvements. Ryan Bingman, GCDC member, said that this addition will include 21 additional residential lots. Smith moved and Lamp seconded to close the public hearing at 6:45pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Stensland seconded action on Resolution 2016-19, a resolution taking additional action to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes and one abstain (Smith).

Lamp moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-20, a resolution setting the date for public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$550,000 for June 1, 2026. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes and one abstain (Smith).

Stensland moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2026-21, a resolution to accept the engagement letter from Speer Financial Inc for the issuance of general obligation bonds for the essential purpose and general-purpose bond. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes and one abstain (Smith).

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-22, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign the Laboratory Services Agreement with Grundy County Memorial Hospital for drug screen testing. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2026-23, a resolution creating a policy for Ragbrai regulations and permits within the City for July 23, 2026, pass-through event. Discussion included explanation of vendor fees at \$300 for non-local commercial vendors and \$100 for local and non-profit local vendors for a 20ft by 10ft vendor space; proof of insurance; alcoholic beverage regulations; state licensing requirements; street closures; and budget. Katie Rasmussen spoke on the courthouse grounds usage discussion held with the Grundy County Board of Supervisors. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:04pm. Frank Lamp asked about the drug screening tests; cost for Farmers Market vendors; city costs for new electrical utility line project; and transmission/delivery fees on utility bills. Ryan Bingman spoke on behalf of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital about necessity of generator usage over the past couple of weeks and necessity for prior notifications when outages are planned. Rich Ahlberg asked about potholes. No further comments made, public forum closed at 7:20pm.

Mayor Eberline commented Jeff Carson, Grundy Center Municipal Utilities Manager, reached out to meet to discuss the power outage that occurred. Carson explained to accommodate upgrades to loop 69 Cornebelt, GCMU was required to transition the city to self-generated power. During the transition, unexpected technical failures with the automated generation system led to the implementation of rolling blackouts. With dozens of contracted linemen already on-site and waiting, a further postponement would result in thousands of dollars of additional labor costs, GCMU made the decision to move to rolling blackouts. Eberline expressed communication and notification policies must be a "worst-case scenario" approach to ensure residents are fully prepared. Carson stated future updates will be distributed via the GCMU website, Facebook and the new Grundy Center Connect app. Eberline and Smith asked for regularly scheduled "cutovers" to verify the generators are functioning properly before further emergency outages occur. Carson explained to resolve current automation issues, GCMU has several specialists arriving to diagnose the load-balancing failures and will utilize specialized equipment to simulate a full-load "cutover" to troubleshoot the system without risking a live outage. Carson commented the final phase of the feeder line work on A Avenue will require an estimated one hour of down time, which will occur overnight,

for the quickest transition. No official date/time for this downtime has been set.

Council Member Kuester commented that the Community Center as a public building needs to have a generator installed since the building is considered the storm shelter for residents in need. Those with oxygen or refrigeration needs could use the facility during emergency power outages if needed. No formal action taken at this time.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no comments.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee made no comments.

Stensland moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor