

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Stensland, Smith, Lamp, and Kuester. Absent: None. Visitors: Leonard Stephens, Mel Bowen, Dwight Gliem, Gabriel Barnett, Tina McDivitt, Brooke Fairbanks, Kelly & David Brown, Katie Lewis, Katie Rasmussen, and Kirbee Bridges.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with a conflict of interest with Smith for item 12. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Kuester seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, June 1, 2026; approval of the May 2026 Treasurers Report; and approval to Crystal Davis, owner of South Porch Cider Co., 62 G Avenue to add outdoor service area to their liquor license for Ragbrai Event on Thursday, July 23, 2026. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

May 2026 Expenditures per fund: General: \$117014; Road Use Tax: \$10897; Employee Benefits: \$31335; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$31674; Community Betterment Fund: \$12; Library Gift Trust: \$25458; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$3750; Debt Service Fund: \$374795; Water Fund: \$49015; Water Reserves Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$20298; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15875; Sanitary Sewer Sinking Fund: \$169441; Sanitation Fund: \$33699; Ambulance Fund: \$42120; Storm Sewer Fund: \$3443. Total: \$880357. May 2026 Revenues per fund: General: \$83543; Road Use Tax: \$37239; Employee Benefits Fund: \$16451; Local Option Sales Tax: \$31674; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$4266; TIF Fund: \$5178; Community Betterment Fund: \$15837; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$17986; Library Gift Trust: \$44766; Economic Development Gift Fund: \$3750; Debt Service Fund: \$6257; Water Fund: \$52015; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4700; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$42664; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15875; Sanitation Fund: \$33322; Ambulance Fund: \$20990; Ambulance Equipment Reserve Fund: \$4497; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4185; Total: \$445194.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action on approval to close 7th Street from F Avenue north to the GCMU Power Plant driveway on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 9am-3pm for a car show in conjunction with the vendor show at the Community Center hosted by Brooke Fairbanks. Motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action to approve Jill Krausman, owner of The Landmark Bistro, to close 8th Street from F Avenue to G Avenue from 8am Friday, July 10, 2026, through Saturday, July 11, 2026, for Felix Grundy Days. Discussion was to only close from the alley south towards G Avenue. Kuester moved and Smith seconded a motion to amend the motion to close from the alley south to G Avenue only, not the entire 8th Street for requested time. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Stensland seconded approval to close the southbound parking spots on 1st Street from I Avenue to the Grundy County Fairgrounds at 8am Thursday, July 24, 2026, through 8am on Monday, July 27, 2026, for Grundy Center EMS emergency planning. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 594, an ordinance to amend Chapter 92.02 Water Rates for the annual 2% rate increase. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 595, an ordinance to amend Chapter 99.07 Sewer Rates for the annual 2% rate increase. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-29, a resolution to approve the fiscal year 2027 employee hourly wages with the budgeted 3% increase. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

McDonald moved and Lamp seconded action on Resolution 2026-30, a resolution to approve the vacation and comp time payouts effective June 30, 2026. Chief Natvig commented his department has plans to use their time on the books and are not requesting payouts. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2026-31, a resolution to approve an interfund loan from the Ambulance Fund and Sanitary Sewer Fund to cover the engineering expenses for fiscal year 2026. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-32, a resolution to approve the fiscal year 2026 annual cash transfers. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Stensland seconded action on Resolution 2026-33, a resolution to set a public

hearing for July 20, 2026, on an urban renewal plan amendment for the Grundy Center Urban Renewal Area for Phase II of the Prairie Ridge Housing addition. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Kuester, Stensland, Mcdonald and Lamp) and one abstain (Smith).

Stensland moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2026-34, a resolution awarding the general obligation corporate purpose bonds, series 2026 of \$580,000 for infrastructure to Phase II Prairie Ridge Housing addition to Northland Securities, Inc. Eberline acknowledged Maggie Burger, Speer Financial advisor. Bids received from Northland Securities for 3.6896% interest rate; UMB Bank for 3.8231%; Bernardi Securities, Inc for 4.0095%; and United Bankers' Bank for 4.0465%. Speer Financial recommend the city award the bid to the lowest interest rate at Northland Securities for 3.6896%. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Stensland seconded action on Resolution 2026-35, a resolution to approve the hiring of two full-time police officers to fill vacancies. Chief Natvig commented the resolution is an offer to applicants, pending all testing comes back clear. Natvig introduced Gabriel Barnett as one applicant. No further discussions, motion carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline to sign a letter of support for the Chamber Main Street Challenge Grant application for Jordan and Katie Lewis, owners of 602 G Avenue. Katie Rasmussen explained that Chamber Main Street is the applicant for the Challenge Grant and this is different from the previous grant that expired on the property. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mcdonal moved and Smith seconded approval of Mayor Eberline's appointment of Kristen Reichert to the Library Board for a six-year term ending June 30, 3032. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:49pm. Leonard Stephens asked if any junk letters sent out; and presented a request to add a prayer to the agenda. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:51pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented that 230 active pool passes so far; received closing statement on 1208 J Avenue property; working with new software company on conversion error of revenue on budget documents; and Community Center will be posting for a head bartender position soon.

Public Safety Committee commented on request to promote Officer McCormack to Captain of the department.

Public Works Committee commented on pool has been extremely busy and many pool passes were sold to non-local family due to many small towns not opening for the season; pool pump repairs due to low amperage; last storm caused problems with the North Business Park lift station pumps; thanked everyone for the storm clean up; and street line painting will begin next week.

Council Member comments Kuester mentioned attending the 911 Board and new radios will be purchased for different county departments. Smith commented on list of junk properties and pothole repairs submitted by a resident. Stensland commented on furniture placed at curb on 10th Street for a few weeks. Mayor Eberline commented on update from GC Municipal Utilities on next power outage will occur on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, overnight and if necessary, on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, as well and new Channel 11 is up and running.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor