

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Stensland, Smith, and Kuester arrived at 6:35pm. Absent: Lamp. Visitors: Scott & Lisa Bienfang, Jill Krausman, Katie Rasmussen, Kelly & David Brown, Renee Messmore, Kerri Lynch, Rich Ahlberg, and Lee Koch.

Smith moved and Stensland seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with Smith having conflict of interest for items 7 & 8. No discussion, motion carried three ayes.

McDonald moved and Smith seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held approval of the minutes of the regular meetings held Monday, June 15, 2026; and approval of the June 2026 bills list; and approval of liquor licenses for The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 725 G Avenue, for Felix Grundy Days, Friday, July 10, 2026, through Sunday, July 12, 2026, extended across 8th Street into parking lot; and The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 725 G Avenue, for Ragbrai Event, Thursday, July 23, 2026, extended across 8th Street into parking lot; and The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 602 G Avenue, indoor beer garden for Ragbrai Event, Thursday, July 23, 2026. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Mayor Eberline acknowledged Jill Krausman, owner of The Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue, to discuss previously approved street closure of 8th Street for Felix Grundy Days and the Ragbrai Event. Krausman explained the need to close the entire 8th Street from F to G Avenue due to safety concerns for patrons and stage for live music placed on 8th Street; and no space for vehicles to turn around. Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to amend previous street closure for Krausman to close 8th Street from F to G Avenue for Felix Grundy and Ragbrai Events. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

Name	Description	Amount
ADMIN. PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES	46.85
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	PREMIUMS	5026.12
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	143.92
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1097.10
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	397.52
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	238.97
ASCENDANCE TRUCK CENTERS	TRUCK REPAIR	228.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	313.64
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY	PREMIUMS	277.68
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	4098.48
BENTLEY BEENKEN	UMPIRING	110.00
BLACK HAWK CO HEALTH DEPT	FOOD LICENSE	150.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	782.25
BLACKTOP SERVICE CO.	COLD MIX	2261.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	1252.27
BRAD FLATER	SAFETY BOOTS	97.36
BRNT INC	CONCESSIONS	1725.00
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	368.10
BROTHERS MARKET	FY2026 TIF REBATE	8200.00
CENTER THEATRE	DONATION	8000.00
CHENA VOKES	SUPPLIES	42.54
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	CHILD SUPPORT	463.42
COOLEY PUMPING LLC	SERVICES	938.57
CRAIGS VAC SHOP	REPAIRS	47.50
CRITICAL HIRE	TESTING	400.00
DANIEL BANGASSER	REIMBURSEMENT	138.95
DAVE BROWN HEATING AND COOL	BIG GRANT	20000.00

DELTA MCKENZIE TARGETS LLC	ARCHERY TARGETS	3053.38
DOLL DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	547.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	REPAIRS	11732.90
EMERY BUNKERS	SUPPLIES	96.82
EVAN BLYTHE	UMPIRING	550.00
FAREWAY STORES INC.	CONCESSIONS	700.00
FRONTIER TIRE AND TOW	TIRE	423.00
GNB BANK	SUPPLIES	4453.64
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC	COPIER	466.88
GRACE MAITLAND	REFUND	15.00
	AMER FARM EQT TIF REBATE	
GREENBELT BANK & TRUST	FINAL	7900.00
GRUNDY CENTER DEVELOPMENT C	FY2026 TIF REBATE	7000.00
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	CITY UTILITIES	9315.41
GRUNDY COUNTY ENGINEER	SERVICES	1054.43
GRUNDY COUNTY LANDFILL	APPLIANCE DISPOSAL	15.00
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	411.51
GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER	FEES	57.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	6309.47
HEAVY EQUIPMENT MFG	FY2026 TIF REBATE	10500.00
HERONIMUS LAW FIRM TRUST	PROPERTY	9753.61
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HSA PREMIUMS	403.82
HSA - APPEL, TANNER	HSA PREMIUMS	1225.00
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	662.50
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 FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC	DUES	25.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAXES	32230.27
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY26 4TH QTR DUES	300.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TESTING	300.00
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSN	WATER	48544.26
IPERS	CONTRIBUTIONS	17464.07
JENNA KLEISS	REFUND	180.00
JESCO WELDING & MACHINE LLC	SERVICES & TIF REBATE	10197.55
JIM SEVERENCE	FY2026 TIF REBATE	5000.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	897.66
KENDRA LYNK	COMM CENTER REIMB	502.53

LANDON STEEGE	UMPIRING	550.00
LEGACY EMERGENCY VEHICLES	SERVICES	1547.17
LEVEL PRO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS	SERVICES	902.26
MANATTS	SUPPLIES	533.00
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING	CONCESSIONS	121.02
MEL BOWEN	SAFETY BOOT	150.00
MELINDA REDING	CONCESSIONS	187.38
MES SERVICE COMPANY LLC	GEAR REPAIR	2214.82
MICHAEL NILLES	FEES	104.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	SERVICES	77.00
MILES HUGHSON	UMPIRING	220.00
MSC 410526 - DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	36.65
MYERS-COX CO.	CONCESSIONS	2616.37
PEPSIAMERICAS	CONCESSIONS	3963.81
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	99.53
POSTMASTER GRUNDY CENTER	STAMPS	780.00
	MOW SERVICES; STORM CLEAN	
PRECISION LAWN CARE	UP	11617.28
PROSHIELD FIRE & SECURITY	ANNUAL INSPECTION	855.50
PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP LLC	REIMBURSEMENT	1601.41
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	155.89
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	PREMIUMS	1384.47
RICK WOOD	REFUND	35.00
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	JUNE 2026 SERVICES	27477.82
ROB'S HEATING AND COOLING	WATER FOUNTAIN	3711.41
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	799.66
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	93.70
SHIELD PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	83.00
SPANGENBURG PLBG HTG	PARTS	6.85
SPECTRUM PAINT	PAINT	1967.85
STATE WITHHOLDING	STATE W/H TAXES	2816.29
T&T COMPUTERS	RENEWALS	4280.79
TITAN MACHINERY - GC	PARTS	890.50
T-MOBILE	CELL PHONE	90.62
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	TAXES	4557.03
UMB BANK NA	GO BOND FEES	250.00
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	SERVICES	467.10
UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	1770.68
UTILITY SERVICE CO INC.	PEDISPHERE CITY TANK	5798.07
VAN HAUEN AUTO & TRUCK INC	REPAIRS	2688.31
WALKER MURPHEY	UMPIRING	110.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BS	PREMIUMS	28359.15
WENDLING QUARRIES INC	LIME & ROADSTONE	819.90
WERTJES UNIFORMS	UNIFORMS	162.80

ZIEGLER INC
REPORT TOTALS

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

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

Kuester moved and Stensland seconded action on Resolution 2026-36, a resolution authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$580,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Kuester, Stensland and Mcdonald) and one abstain (Smith).

Mcdonald moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2026-37, a resolution accepting the final plat of The Prairie Ridge Addition (Phase 2) from the Grundy Center Development Corporation. Stensland questioned the flood plain, Bangasser commented the area is no longer in flood plain and engineer models did not express concerns. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Mcdonald, Kuester and Stensland) and one abstain (Smith).

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2026-38, a resolution to approve an additional FY2026 cash transfer. Sawyer explained this transfer is from the TIF Fund to Debt Service to cover the Mill Street debt obligation. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Stensland moved and Kuester seconded action to approve publishing the help wanted ad for the Community Center head bartender position. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline acknowledged Katie Rasmussen, Chamber Main Street Director, for an update on the Ragbrai update. Rasmussen provided maps for festival area, street closures, and vendors. Garbage collection throughout the festival area will be completed by three adults and the football team; barricades will be set out on Wednesday, July 22nd; Chase Babcock, EMA Director, is working on radios for the steering committee during the event; and upcoming alerts/information are scheduled for the Grundy Center Connect App and the city Facebook account. Residential garbage collection for July 23rd has been moved to Wednesday, July 22nd. Any further questions or concerns please call City Hall.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on 102 4th Street property with an update. Eberline stated two different architects and engineers have surveyed the property and stated that the property would need to be elevated to a Risk 4 level to house emergency management department for 24/7 coverage which increases the cost versus building new. Eberline commented that the public safety committee agreed to remove interest and proceed with other options. No further discussion or action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Chapter 126 Special Events code. Eberline explained this chapter was created to assist with communications for large events being held within the city limits. The purpose of this chapter is for local emergency services and public works department to be made aware of large events where staffing can be planned for in advance and add consistency to the mobile food truck vendors that enter the city limits. This chapter requires property owners to obtain a permit and city council approval for events where two hundred or more attendees are expected; street closures; fireworks present; sale of merchandise, food, or beverages; tents/canopies; stage, bandshell, truck, trailer, grandstands, bleachers are needed; portable toilets; temporary signs; or loud music are present. Eberline explained this permit cost of \$250 per event would cover the costs of all mobile food trucks invited in and local law enforcement hours needed. This is also to protect our local brick and mortar businesses who are invested in our community and required to pay their tax revenue. Grundy County Fair Board presented a request to City Council that all their events be exempt from these special events permit based on their tax-exempt status. City Council designated the Grundy County Fair week July 20-25, 2026, an annual community celebration by resolution on January 19, 2026; therefore, no permit is required for said event. Eberline stated there have been two events hosted at the Grundy County Fairgrounds thus far this year that have not been permitted properly based on this code. Smith and Kuester both commented the ordinance was put into effect and should be followed. Sawyer was instructed to send invoice for two unpermitted events to the Grundy County Fair Board. No further discussions or action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened a discussion and possible action to publish a request for bids for 1208 J

Avenue property. Eberline stated the city has received the finalized deed for this property and may proceed with redevelopment of the parcel. Sawyer presented a draft of a request for bids asking for a redevelopment plan and bids for the parcel. Smith requested a formalized timeline for demolition of current structure and a completion deadline for said project. Stensland moved and Smith seconded a motion to proceed with publishing a request for bids adding the demolition of current structure completed within six months of closing date and adding a completion date of three years from the closing date of sale. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:22pm. Lee Koch asked for a timeline for L Avenue property to be redeveloped. Rich Ahlberg asked if letters were sent out on new Junk/Hobby and Junk Vehicle ordinance. Jill Krausman asked who would need to approve the return of the popcorn stand to G Avenue. Scott & Lisa Bienfang and Kerri Lynch commented on county fair events and revenue it brings to the city and garbage collection at the fairgrounds. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:36pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on debt obligation report due August 30; TIF rebate payments completed; urban renewal amendment public hearing next meeting; and Ragbrai volunteer training on July 20th at 5:30pm.

Public Safety Committee presented June stats of 60 traffic stops, 4 accidents, 83 calls for services; two new officers will leave for academy at the end of August; jake breaking discussion and ebikes/scooter ordinances to come.

Public Works Committee commented the DOT will be working on 4th Street on Thursday, July 9 starting at 8pm then proceed to Hwy 14/175 repairs; pool has been extremely busy and passed inspections; trimming trees and street sweeping this week.

Mayor Eberline reported that a citizen's request to add prayer to the meeting agenda and the matter will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor