

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: McDonald, Stensland, Kuester, and Lamp. Absent: Smith. Visitors: Rich Ahlberg, Leonard Stephens, Alexa Hach, Ryan Bingman, Frank Lamp, David and Kelly Brown.

Stensland moved and Lamp seconded the approval of the meeting agenda amending item 5© to Tuesday and striking item 6 with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2026; approval of the open burning notice from Monday, October 12, 2026, through Monday, November 30, 2026, for yard waste only; and approval of an annual liquor license for South Porch Cider, 625 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 598, an ordinance to amending Chapter 47 – Park Regulations to add a section for an off-leash dog park and possible action to schedule a public hearing for October 19, 2026. Lexie Hach and Ryan Bingman, Park Board Members, commented on proposed ordinance, user packet for dog park, rules, regulations, location, budget and fundraising efforts. The proposed ordinance lists rules and regulations for users of the off-leash dog park. User packet explains annual registration will be required with proof of up-to-date vaccines, hours of operations, owner and dog rules, prohibited actions and items, and how to report incidents. Hach explained that the registration fees will be collected to cover maintenance costs, dog tags, waste bags, etc. Bingman reviewed the budget showing cost estimates for fencing, gates, pet waste stations, garbage receptacles, water fountain, signage and dog tags. Estimate total budget is \$22,500, half of which is for fencing and gates. Hach and Bingman requested council to approve a location and proceed with the ordinance for more public input. Lamp moved and Stensland seconded action to publish for a public hearing on October 19, 2026, on Ordinance 598, an ordinance to amend Chapter 47 Park Regulations for an off-leash dog park. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and McDonald seconded action to enter closed session at 7:00p.m. based on Chapter 21.5 (c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. No further discussions, motion carried four ayes.

Stensland moved and Lamp seconded action to close the closed session at 7:23p.m. and reenter into regular session and act if necessary. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. No action taken.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:23pm. Leonard Stephens commented on junk letters; junk cars; and off-leash dog park location. Rich Ahlberg commented on published wages and potholes. Frank Lamp commented on grass clippings on city streets. No further comments, public forum closed at 7:36pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented that BIG Grant applications are due October 1st; sanitation contract bids are due Friday, September 25th; and closing on 1208 J Avenue.

Public Safety Committee commented on officers attending academy in Week 4.

Public Works Committee commented on storm damage at the wastewater facility including computer programming issues.

Stensland moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:40pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 19, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor