

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Hamann, Stefl, Ammerman, Kiewiet and Miller. Absent: None.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded the approval of the meeting agenda. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Ammerman seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held January 4, 2016; approval of the Treasurers Report for December 2015; approval of a liquor license for Dollar General and Scotty's Saloon; and approval to publish help wanted ad for a sports complex concessions manager. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:37 p.m. No public present.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 523, an ordinance amending Chapter 99.07 to increase the minimum charge for sanitary sewer usage rates to \$10.00 per month and an increase the user charge rate for operation and maintenance to \$1.25 per 100 cubic feet of water as determined in the preceding section. Motion carried five ayes. Miller moved and Hamann seconded to suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading of Ordinance 523. Motion carried five ayes. Hamann moved and Miller seconded action for the Third Reading of Ordinance 523. Motion carried five ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 524, an ordinance amending Chapter 106.08 to increase the fees for recycling materials to \$2.10 per month. Motion carried five ayes. Kiewiet moved and Miller seconded to suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading of Ordinance 524. Motion carried five ayes. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded action for the Third Reading of Ordinance 524. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Hamann seconded action to return Ordinance 525 & 526 to the table, ordinances to amend Chapter 155.02 and Chapter 165.51 for building permit requirements regarding fences, roofs and permit fees. Motion carried four ayes (Hamann, Stefl, Kiewiet, Miller) and one nay (Ammerman). Discussion was started with Jerry Smith, Zoning Administrator, expressing the need to have this permit for fences and re-roofing projects. Smith said there are issues with fences being placed on the neighbor's property and roof projects that need to meet certain standards. Ammerman questioned "how does this protect our homeowners?" Smith explained that only allowing 2 layers of shingles and not more, protects potential new owners from purchasing a residence that may have issues if inspections are not completed at time of purchase. Miller expressed a need to educate and make this information available to all residents. Seth Schroeder, City Attorney, commented that these ordinances are not to adopt a building code, these are only defining the need for a building permit and fees. Ammerman expressed that the \$40 dollar minimum is too much for a fence or roof permit. Mayor Buhrow explained that it is necessary to cover the Zoning Administrators cost. Motion carried three ayes (Kiewiet, Miller and Stefl) to two nays (Ammerman and Hamann).

Hamann moved and Ammerman seconded approval of the Mayor appointments of one year terms ending December 31, 2016 for David Stefl, Mayor Pro Tem and Jeff Latwesen, Ambulance Chief. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded approval of the Mayor appointment of Jason Kuester to the Board of Adjustments for a term ending December 31, 2017 replacing Rick Briggs. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee made comment on preparations for budget amendment; FY2017 budget work has begun; Economic Vitality Committee training on Thursday, January 21, 2016 with Main Street Iowa; and Janis Slater, auditor, had unexpected death in family and will present our FY2015 audit at our next meeting.

Public Safety Committee commented that request for new squad car purchase will be on next agenda and Officer Loew has completed week one of the academy.

Public Works Committee made comment that there was a meeting with Fox Engineering and everything is moving forward; commented on purchasing a used sewer truck; been working on

FY2017 budget worksheets; and needed to purchase a new actuator valve for the wastewater plant.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk