

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2019 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Miller, and Stefl. Absent: Grineski and Hamann.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflicts of interest noted. Motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held January 7, 2019. Motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:33 p.m. No public comment.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:33pm on Ordinance 545, an ordinance amending Chapter 106-08 1(A) Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Fees. No public comments. Kuester moved and Miller seconded action to close the public hearing, motions carried three ayes. Stefl moved and Miller seconded action on the First Reading on Ordinance 545, an ordinance amending the Chapter 106-08 1(A) Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Fees. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes. Miller moved and Stefl seconded action suspend the rules to move to the Third Reading at next council meeting. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2019-04, a resolution to approve the Investment Policy for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2019-05, a resolution approving the depositories for the City of Grundy Center. No further comments, motion carried three ayes.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolutions 2019-06, a resolution approving the Credit Card Policy and procedures for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Kuester moved and Miller seconded action on Resolutions 2019-07, a resolution authorizing Mayor Kiewiet to enter into a preconstruction agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for intakes repairs. Bangasser explained this is for two intakes on East G Avenue along Highway 175. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet began a discussion on the Road Diet presentation that we received from the Iowa Department of Transportation. This means that G Avenue may be converted from a four lane road down to three lanes. A video was shown explaining the conversion. Lengthy discussion about the positives and negatives of this type of conversion. Iowa DOT says many cities have already converted to this. Stefl commented that a concern would be parallel parking and how much traffic would get back up. Miller suggested that visiting some communities our size that already have this. Lisa Bienfang, GC Chamber-Main Street Director, commented that a meeting was recently held with Cody Leseman, Transportation Planner with INRCOG, and suggested the Council speak with Leseman regarding his experience with this type of conversion. Katie Lewis, Main Street Grundy Center representative and business owner, commented on potential issues with large deliveries from semis. No formal action was taken on this project. A decision must be given to Iowa DOT if the City wishes to apply for a grant for this project by May 2019.

Finance Committee commented budget amendment will be discussed at next meeting; FY2020 budget requests have been turned in; Design Guideline Ordinance is with City Attorney for review; City Attorney also proceeding with Development Agreement for 801 8th Street; and travel baseball team requesting to use the Sports Complex on May 4-5, 2019 for tournament.

Public Safety Committee commented on yearly stat packet of information; discussion on parking on G Avenue from 2a-6a and will proceed with ordinance; discussion on one-way driving on 9th Street from I to J Avenue in front of Elementary School and need for updated signage.

Public Works Committee commented that sidewalk maintenance for snow removal needs to be address; and streets were being blown shut with winds today by Creekside.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried three ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Al Kiewiet, Mayor