

A work session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Stefl, Miller, Hamann and Kuester. Absent: Grineski.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion on the need to do some strategic planning for the City. Each Council Member was to bring three issues to discuss and solutions on how to move forward. Stefl commented that this has been done in the past and has been very successful. Hamann began with need for housing rehab for several residential properties and sidewalks will always be an issue. Stefl mentioned need to kickoff sewer/water infrastructure projects; proceed with sale of Former Baptist Church property; and improve the friendliness of the community. Kuester agreed with the kickoff of needed infrastructure projects; cleanup of town and junk vehicles; and City boards and committees need to have more ownership of their work. Miller commented on need to connect bike trails; infrastructure improvements; and cleanup of properties. Mayor Kiewiet would like to start a housing rehab program; start publicizing council meetings; and do a better job marketing the City.

Mayor Kiewiet then asked to set some goals to be completed before summer season. Bangasser was asked to identify where the problem areas are in the City for infrastructure projects prioritize them moving forward. Discussion then moved to a residential rehab program needed. The need to approach property owners about certain needs; offer to assist in cleanup; advertise the ordinances and bring them back to the community again. Sawyer was asked to speak with INRCOG about potential assistance with a housing rehab program. Lastly, the need to fill the boards, commissions, and committees. There are several vacancies, if anyone is interested please contact any council member, Mayor, or City Hall.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the work session at 6:30pm. Motion carried four ayes.

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Al Kiewiet, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk