

A special session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2016, in the Grundy Community Center, Wilts Room, by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Hamann, Stefl, and Ammerman. Absent: Miller and Kiewiet.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda. Motion carried three ayes.

Ammerman moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held February 15, 2016. Motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. No public present for comment.

Stefl moved and Ammerman seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinances 525 & 526, an ordinance to amend Chapter 155.02 and Chapter 165.51 for the building permit requirements regarding fences and permit fees. Motion carried three ayes. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded to suspend the rules and move on the Third Reading. Motion carried three ayes. Stefl moved and Ammerman seconded action on the Third and Final Reading of Ordinances 525 & 526, an ordinance to amend Chapter 155.02 and Chapter 165.51 for the building permit requirements regarding fences and permit fees. Motion carried three ayes.

Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk, presented to the Council the City budget for Fiscal Year 2017. Sawyer noted the budget was put together with wage increases, insurance premium changes, and department requests. With these very few increases, the budget is balanced as is with no increase in the levy. The Finance Committee spoke about the possibility of paying off some GO bonds early that currently have higher interest rates. Sawyer also spoke of possible savings on the self-funding portion of the City's health insurance costs. Sawyer mentioned the replacement revenues to cover the residential/commercial rollbacks are scheduled to continue but could end at any time. The Finance Committee expressed to the Council that they were comfortable with the budget as is.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2016-12, approval to publish public hearing for FY2017 budget for March 7, 2016. Motion carried three ayes.

Finance Committee made comment that Derelict Building Grant application is coming together.

Public Safety Committee made comment Loew is moving forward through the academy, currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class. Fox will start the academy March 7, 2016.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried three ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:30pm.

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Brian Buhrow, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk