

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Grineski, Stefl, Miller, Kuester and Hamann. Absent: None.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held March 5, 2018; Approval of liquor licenses for the Felix Grundy Festival Committee for July 6-7, 2018; and the Grundy County Fair Board for July 17-22, 2018. Motion carried five ayes.

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

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-14, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Dave Loftus, 605-609 G Avenue, for upgrades to two storefronts. Mayor Kiewiet commented that a vote needs to occur as the Council should not table the item because they feel changes need to be made to the BIG Program. This application was submitted as the program reads at this time. Miller commented that the Council should consider awarding grants when applicants are delinquent on their utility bills. Hamann commented that this program has changed and evolved to meet the needs of the Main Street buildings. Miller commented that she was not against awarding this grant however the Council needs more required qualifications. Mayor Kiewiet commented that the City has already awarded \$5,000 on this project for this owner receiving the Challenge Grant award. Kiewiet said that this is considered a \$160,000 project and if the building owner has already been awarded a \$75,000 Challenge Grant from Main Street Iowa and \$5,000 grant from the City, the building owner should have to contribute the remaining to show their "skin in the game". Motion failed with five nays.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-17, a resolution to approve the street closures for Felix Grundy Festival on July 5-7th, 2018. Grineski made comment on the bloody mary and mimosa bar about its location and timeframe. Last year the bar was open from 10a-2p and complaints were heard by business owners about people walking along Main Street with alcoholic drinks. Stefl asked Frost if his department would have any issues with this. Frost commented that the Felix Committee does a great job assisting his department during these events. Stefl moved and Miller seconded action to amend the motion then to only change the length of the bloody mary and mimosa bar to be from 9a-4pm only. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet then opened a discussion on the upper elementary building and the lease the City has with the School District. The last discussion that was had on this, the council moved to continue the lease until June 30, 2018. He proceeded to mention that with the changes in school superintendent, he feels the school is moving forward with several changes as well. Hamann felt the City should continue the lease for one more year. Kuester mentioned that the GCP&CC are in the same place they were two years ago; not much movement from them. Stefl commented that was a frustration that they have not moved forward with campaign, etc. Kiewiet will discuss with school board. Currently the rent amounts are covering the costs, City has not lost money by leasing the building. More discussion at next meeting.

Finance Committee discussed that CD#16 is coming up for renewal. Finance committee has chosen to move this CD for \$339,024.08 to GNB Bank for a 36 month CD for 2.34% interest.

Public Safety Committee commented that Officer Loew graduated the SRO (school resource officer) class this past week.

Public Works Committee commented that bids are due Friday March 30, 2018 for replacement of front loader; would like to start working on sand volleyball courts in April.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk