

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Ammerman, Stefl, Miller, Hamann and Kiewiet. Absent: none.

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

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held March 6, 2017; approval of open burning from Saturday, April 1, 2017 through Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 6a-6p; approval to renew CD#15 with Greenbelt Bank for a 60 month CD; and approval to close 7th Street and 8th Street from G to H Avenue; H Avenue from 7th to 8th Street on June 24, 2017 for Grundy County Courthouse Celebration from 6a-2p. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. Pat Brown Jr, Tender Lawn Care, commented about the sports complex property management contract. He expressed that no one understand the work needed to run the Sports Complex any better than his family does. They were involved in the construction and it's more than just a lawn mower and line trimmer. Pat Brown Sr. commented that they are willing to make any necessary changes the City feels are needed. Chris Fleshner, Pony Express member, requested that on April 15, 2017 that the Pony Express will be riding through Grundy Center, and they would like to have the stop lights flashing red in both directions from 8-10am for safety purposes. This Pony Express ride raises money for Easter Seals of Iowa.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:49pm on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and estimated cost of demolition of 801 7th Street. Motion carried five ayes. No public comments. Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:50pm. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2017-20, a resolution to award the bid for the Historical Preservation Commission "Planning for Preservation" project. Three bids received: Wapsi Valley Archaeology: \$ 6,973.36; AKAY Consulting: \$7000.00; and Jennifer A Price, Ph.D.: \$ 7620.00. Joan Schuller, Chairman of Historical Preservation Commission, commented that the first choice for the commission was Wapsi Valley Archaeology however upon further discussion with them, they learned Wapsi Valley Historian had resigned from the company and they are in the process of rehiring. The Commission then chose AKAY Consulting. Alexa McDowell, owner of AKAY Consulting, has worked with the Historical Society in the past. Miller then moved and Kiewiet seconded action to award the bid to AKAY Consulting for \$7,000. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2017-15, a resolution to adopt the Public Purpose Policy. No further comments. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2017-16, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Dave Brown, Dave's Heating and Cooling, 310 G Avenue for \$5,219. No comments. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2017-17, a resolution to close certain streets as described for the Felix Grundy Festival, July 6-9, 2017. Kiewiet commented that by adding a beer garden in the Main Street area may take alcohol sales away from any of the current business in that area. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action Resolution 2017-18, a resolution to award the Sports Complex Property Management contract for a three year contract. The City has received three bids:

1. Appel Lawn Care:
 - a. Year 1: \$30,000; Year 2: \$30,000; Year 3: \$30,000 per year
 - b. Hourly rate for incidentals: \$30.00
 - c. Top Dressing by field: baseball: \$3500; softball: \$1200; little league: \$1200; Soccer: \$7500
 - d. Copies of pesticide applicator license and liability insurance included
2. Precision Lawn Care:
 - a. Year 1: \$26,855; Year 2: \$25,043; Year 3: \$25,358 per year
 - b. Hourly rate for incidentals: \$26.00
 - c. Top Dressing by field: baseball: \$2980; softball: \$931; little league: \$945; Soccer: \$8322
 - d. Copies of pesticide applicator license and liability insurance included
3. Tender Lawn Care:
 - a. Year 1: \$23,550; Year 2: \$24,215; Year 3: \$24,900 per year

b: Hourly rate for incidentals: \$15.00

c: Top Dressing by field: baseball: \$570; softball: \$290; little league: \$290; Soccer: \$1700

d: Email from agent on pesticide applicator license and liability insurance included

Kiewiet began discussion about the bids not being comparable due to pesticide and fertilizer applications and schedules. Kiewiet felt it's difficult to award a contract without having clear expectations. Kiewiet suggested that we delay to award this contract until more specifics can be looked at. Kiewiet suggested that a one year contract be awarded with clear specifications and expectation. Clerk mentioned that in order to change the term, the City would need publish for bids again and start the process is over. Stefl addressed all three contractors, Chad VanWechel, owner of Precision Lawn Care, Pat Brown Sr, owner of Tender Lawn Care, and Taylor Appel, owner of Appel Lawn Care. VanWechel commented on the overall look of the Sports Complex is why we are even discussing this contract. VanWechel commented that the bid packet that was very clear and precise and best he's seen from any other cities working on a similar project. Pat Brown Sr. made comment that the costs for top dressing, pesticides and fertilizers including rates of application of products, etc will change the costs. Kiewiet moved to table this resolution, no second was achieved, motion died. Tender Lawn Care received votes from Hamann, Stefl and Kiewiet; Precision Lawn Care received votes from Ammerman and Miller; Appel Lawn Care received no votes.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2019, a resolution to update the depositories and their maximum limits per institution. Kiewiet suggested that both limits be the same. Motion carried four ayes (Stefl, Miller, Kiewiet and Hamann) and one nay (Ammerman).

Finance Committee made no further comment.

Public Safety Committee made comment on DOT meeting regarding REAP study and an award in Des Moines on April 22, 2017.

Public Works Committee commented on UV wastewater system is running and still working with Fox Engineering on more information on wastewater study.

Mayor Buhrow announced that Mike Ammerman resigned as a council member. Buhrow thanked him for his service.

Stefl moved and Ammerman seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk