

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016, in the City Hall – Council Chambers, by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Hamann, Miller, Kiewiet, and Ammerman. Absent: Stefl.

Kiewiet moved and Miller seconded the approval of the meeting agenda. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Ammerman seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held March 7, 2016; approval of donation to Crisis Intervention Services, Inc.; approval of open burning from April 1 through May 15, 2016 from 6a-6p; approval to close 7<sup>th</sup> Street from G Avenue to H Avenue on Thursdays from May 19 through September 22, 2016 from 4p-7p. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. Larissa Johnson, 103 H Avenue, expressed concern to Council regarding sewer problems. Late summer 2015, they had sewer back up was told they needed to contact own plumber to check their property service line. The City had jetted out from the main hole at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and H Avenue. Two weeks ago, Johnson had sewer problems again. She hired Johnson Plumbing, was told there was no issue in their service line. Plumber also televised their line which has left them with a \$491 bill. Now recently, their neighbor to the south came home from being gone all winter and they had sewer problems again. The City came out to jet out the main again. Johnson is concerned with having to pay for the televising then results showing no issue on their service line. Bangasser commented that the City has scheduled to have the sewer main televised as well. Work is being done to find a solution.

Andrew Peters, Grundy Family YMCA Director, began a presentation regarding the continuation of the City of Grundy Center to rent the Upper Elementary Building from the Grundy Center School District for one more fiscal year. Peters expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Council for allowing them to run their services for this past year, which was a huge help for the YMCA. Peters did update the Council that plans are to rent space (previous REC property) from the Grundy County Memorial Hospital to house the fitness equipment that is currently in the GC High School. This move will be considered phase I, which needs to be completed by June 30, 2016. The YMCA will share the REC property until the construction is completed for REC in the North Business Park. Phase II will then be to move out of the Upper Elementary Building, site yet to be finalized. Peters requested that the Council strongly consider continuing the Upper Elementary Building until June 2017.

Jill May, President of Grundy Center Preschool and Child Care Board, then expressed their appreciation and gratitude to the City for all the time and effort that has been put in to allow them to lease space from the Upper Elementary Building. They are continuing to hold 3-4 year old preschool in those classrooms Monday through Thursday. May placed a formal request to the Council for GCP&CC to continue to lease this space until June 2017. Future long term plans are continuing to be discussed with the school district.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2016-20, a resolution approving the lease agreement with the Grundy Center School District to be renewed until June 30, 2017. Motion carried four ayes.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2016-18, a resolution approving the 28E articles of agreement creating the Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority. Miller felt this is a good thing to have and Kiewiet commented that he completed further research and there is no contractual obligations financially for the City. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Ammerman seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 527 – an ordinance to add Chapter 144 – Building Code to the Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2015 International Building Code. Discussion began with Clerk pointing out the sections that need to be addressed were the building permit requirements, appellant board, and the need to adopt any of the appendices. Council members then read through each appendix and chose to only adopt appendices A, B, C, F & G of the 2015 International Building Code. Unanimously, the Council chose the use our current building permit requirements only and to appoint the Board of

Adjustments as the appellant board. These issues will be correct in the ordinance and we will proceed with the second reading. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the discussion on the request from Main Street Grundy Center regarding the creation of a Task Force to assist in the decision making for the 801 7<sup>th</sup> Street property. Kiewiet felt that it was not needed and that Council needs to stay involved completely in the decisions for this property. Miller asked Sawyer who much was added to her workload since this property has been acquired. Sawyer made comment that now that the Derelict Building Grant application is completed things have slowed down. The grant process and application was very time consuming meeting with contractors, vendors, phone conversations, etc. Discussion amongst council members was that they did not want to get too many committees/persons involved. Miller moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2016-21, a resolution approving the creation of a Task Force for 801 7<sup>th</sup> Street property. Motion failed with four nays.

Finance Committee made comment about receiving request from Dan Huntley, Tri County American Legion Baseball Manager, to use the sport complex and concessions stand for April 2, 3, and 10<sup>th</sup>. This league is also considering our facility for a state tournament in May. Discussion lead to the need of a formal procedure, schedule, etc. as we are also having several other traveling teams requesting to use the facilities as well.

Public Safety Committee made comment that two officers are moving forward through the academy; working with GC High School Art Department to design the graphics for new squad car; and June 4, 2016 a large motorcycle club will be driving through Grundy Center with 300+ cycles.

Public Works Committee made comment that we have received a draft copy of the sewer study from Fox Engineering and will be sending out to all Council Members; the boiler at Upper Elementary has been shut down for now and hoping for no need to turn it back on.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30pm.

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Brian Buhrow, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk