

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016, in the City Hall – Council Chambers, by Mayor Pro Tem Stefl. Present: Hamann, Kiewiet, and Ammerman. Absent: Miller and Buhrow.

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

Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held April 4, 2016; approval of March 2016 Treasurers Report; approval of liquor license for Pizza Hut and the Felix Grundy Festival; and approval for the YMCA Teeball program to use Bel Pre Park from 6p-9p, Monday June 6th through Monday July 11, 2016. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. Erica Allen, Chairman on Economic Vitality Committee for Main Street Grundy Center, congratulated David Stefl on winning the local “Open for Business” competition and advancing to sub state competition. No further comments made.

John Schuller, Main Street Grundy Center, presented a monthly update. Began by thanking Jim Thompson, Main Street Iowa Specialist, for attending the meeting. Director has moved into new office in Community Center with office hours 8A-2P; Main Street Grundy Center website is up and running at www.mainstreetgrundycenter.com; monthly articles in the Grundy Register; design committee working on benches and bike racks sanding/painting; and planters. MSGC has been offered a \$5,000 Main Street Iowa grant to continue working with private building owners in the district. On May 6, 2016 Jim Thompson, Main Street Iowa, and Ed Bouch, Iowa Economic Development Association Specialist will be here for a work session with Council Members on Downtown Revitalization Block Grant planning. Main Street Grundy Center is planning a volunteer day with the High School students to work on landscaping around the Former Baptist Church property.

Jim Thompson, Main Street Iowa Specialist, opened a discussion with the Council regarding the next stages for the Former Baptist Church for proposed renovation to keep the ball rolling on planning. He was asking for permission to continue first and foremost in order to gain as much momentum and dollars as possible. Council agreed completely that the City wants to proceed cautiously and put no tax revenue towards this project. Thompson suggested the City continuing working through the DNR Grant process and then send out request for proposals to interested developers. All Council Members agreed.

Ammerman moved and Kiewiet seconded action on the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 527 – an ordinance to add Chapter 144 – Building Code to the Code of Ordinances to adopt the 2015 International Building Code. With no discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 528 – an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance for the City of Grundy Center for 704 H Avenue, Grundy Center from an R1 Residential property to C2 Commercial property. Clerk explained that this request is from the Grundy County Board of Supervisors for their property where the current Annex Building is located. Their plan is to demolish the current Annex, once the new Annex is built, and construct a parking lot on this property. Clerk informed council that proper notices was published and all neighbors had been notified. Planning & Zoning Commission met on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 to hold the public hearing and no public objections recorded. This rezoning request was approved and recommend to the City by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to open the Public Hearing for Devries Properties 6, LLC dba Brothers Market development agreement for TIF rebate payments. Motion carried four ayes. No public comment. Hamann moved and Ammerman seconded action to close the public hearing. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2016-27, a resolution approving the development agreement with Devries Properties 6, LLC dba Brothers Market,

authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenue to the payment of the agreement. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2016-25, approval for Mayor to sign an agreement with Iowa Economic Development Authority to continue support and financial commitment for the Main Street Grundy Center program in Grundy Center. Motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2016-26, a resolution to close certain streets as described for the Felix Grundy Festival, July 8-10, 2016.

Finance Committee made comment about Grundy Center Development Corporation will be at our next council meeting to discuss an extension to the funding the City puts towards the Development Corporation.

Public Safety Committee made comment Alissa Loew has graduated from the ILEA.

Public Works Committee made comment that busy flushing hydrants; working with PCI on the Orchard Hill Church project; wastewater draft from Fox Engineering is in the mail; and Johnson sewer bill was partially covered by insurance.

Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:30pm.

David Stefl, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk