

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Pro Tem Stefl. Present: Grineski, Kuester and Hamann by speakerphone. Absent: Kiewiet and Miller.

Kuester moved and Grineski seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held April 2, 2018; approval of the March 2018 Treasurers Report; and approval of open burning from April 24 through May 31, 2018 from 6a-6p. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:31 p.m. Lisa Bienfang, Main Street Grundy Center Director, presented an update. Program agreement needs to be reviewed by council in a council meeting; four new businesses coming to Grundy Center; working with Grundy Center Community Schools with Service Learning Day working on a promotional video; and next board meeting is 3rd Monday of each month at 5:15pm. Public forum closed at 6:36pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Stefl introduced Dave Loftus, owner of 605-609 G Avenue building. Loftus commented that three new businesses have rented out his open commercial spaces. With bringing in these three businesses, there is additional work needing to be completed to split the large commercial space into two smaller spaces. The estimates he received total about \$18,000 in additional work to these spaces including new bathroom installation, new entrance doors, and HVAC system. Loftus is requesting the ability to complete a BIG Grant application to assist with this project. Loftus also explained the residential remodeling that is happening on the second story of this building. Four of the six apartments will be remodeled completely to open floor plan loft type living quarters. No formal action was taken at this time.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-20, a resolution to approve a bid for the roofing project at the Sports Complex. Bids were received from Wical Construction for \$18,700 and Freed Construction for \$22542.32 for labor and materials. Bangasser commented that a third contractor did not respond with an updated bid. Hamann asked if Wical Construction had done work within the city limits, which Bangasser confirmed. Kuester moved to amend the motion and Stefl seconded to award the bid to Wical Construction for the roofing project at the Sports Complex. Motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2018-21, a resolution to set a public hearing for May 21, 2018 on the urban renewal plan amendment for Heartland Co-op TIF request. No discussion. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to approval a donation the Grundy County Fair Board for their July 2018 County Fair. Stefl asked what amount was discussed, Sawyer mentioned that at last council meeting \$2000 was discussed as that is the same amount donated to the Felix Grundy Festival as well. Grineski and Kuester felt it was necessary to keep the amount the same. Stefl commented that it is appropriate to donate the same amount as well, however, he is very displeased at the way the Grundy County Fair Board has treated the local Kiwanis chapter with the running of the concessions stand for 2018. Stefl feels it was a poor decision made by the Fair Board. Motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee updated Council on the CDBG Façade grant and Upper Story Housing grant according to the need of a full historic review; Council has received a request from a local Eagle to complete a project; and discussion on the need for more fields at the Sports Complex.

Public Safety Committee gave update on Officer Loew will be attending classes in Reno, NV in June 2018 for the SRO duties through the school district. Donations are being requested to help cover costs.

Public Works Committee distributed an email from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. with some explanation on their bid for the front end loader; meeting was held with Fox Engineering to move forward on discussion on needed sewer improvements; and Bangasser discussed the current rates for cities our size and within our county.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:36pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk