

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Grineski, Kuester and Miller. Absent: Hamann and Stefl.

Miller moved and Grineski seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with an amendment added to the consent agenda of approval of a police escort and parking spaces coned off for a Suicide Prevention Motorcycle Ride stopping at Scotty's Saloon and Saturday, June 2nd at 10:30am. Motion carried three ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held May 7, 2018; approval of a liquor license for Scotty's Saloon, 806 G Avenue and Casey's #3055, 504 G Avenue; approval to close 7th Street every Thursday beginning May 24, 2018 through September 20, 2018 from 4pm-7pm for Farmers Market from G Avenue to H Avenue; and approval of a police escort and parking spaces coned off for a Suicide Prevention Motorcycle Ride stopping at Scotty's Saloon and Saturday, June 2nd at 10:30am. Motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Stefl opened the public forum at 6:33 p.m. Jerry Schmidt, 316 C Avenue, explained to council that he and his wife are planning to build a new house on their property east of their current home. Schmidt is asking for permission to move one of his current small chicken buildings and chickens closer to the location of the new house. Schmidt was grandfathered in when the Code of Ordinance was written with no livestock within the city limits. No action taken but discussion will occur on next agenda. Jim Copeman commented on the Prairieview residential lots that the Grundy Center Development Corporation are looking to develop into twin homes/condos. These lots currently are constructed with one sewer main to each lot. Copeman discussed that if all was put into the addition covenants and abstracts of the property that if there are ever any sewer problems that each property owner would be required to pay 50% of the costs, which would indemnify the City for any future repairs. No formal action taken on either item. Public forum closed at 6:40pm.

Miller moved and Grineski seconded action to open a public hearing on the proposed urban renewal plan amendment for Heartland Co-op TIF request at 6:41pm. Motion carried three ayes. No public present. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:42pm. Motion carried three ayes. Kuester moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2018-29, a resolution to approve the urban renewal plan amendment for the Grundy Center Urban Renewal Area for Heartland Co-Op. No discussion. Motion carried three ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to open a public hearing on the proposed development agreement with Heartland Co-op at 6:43pm. Motion carried three ayes. No public present. Miller moved and Grineski seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:44pm. Motion carried three ayes. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-30, a resolution approving the development agreement with Heartland Co-op, authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of the agreement. No discussion. Motion carried three ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to open a public hearing on fiscal year 2018 budget amendments – 2 at 6:45pm. Motion carried three ayes. No public present. Miller moved and Grineski seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:46pm. Motion carried three ayes. Kuester moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2018-31, a resolution to approve the FY2018 Budget Amendments-2. Motion carried three ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-32, a resolution to approve the contract for the district evaluation and update site inventory forms for the CDBG Façade Project with Jennifer Price, Impact 7G. No discussion. Motion carried three ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion on the placement of a new baseball/softball field at the Sports Complex. The backstop and fencing that was approved at the last meeting is ready to be installed. Kiewiet asked for input about just adding this field or redesigning the entire Sports Complex with additional soccer field, tennis courts and parking. Kuester mentioned he would be interested in a complete redesign however it will not solve the space issues we are having right now. Miller commented that the clover-leaf shape of fields is the most sensible and by getting the new backstop and fencing installed as soon as possible, tee ball teams could begin using it with a grass infield. Kiewiet commented that on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 there will be a team meeting with soccer, City recreation, GCCSD, maintenance, coaches, etc. for input on a redesign. More discussion to come.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion on the 801 7th Street property, asking for thoughts on how to proceed. Currently, Echo Development has rights to the property. Miller suggested Kiewiet contact Brent Dahlstrom to see if they are still interested, if not, ask for the rights back on the property and we start over with selling the property. No formal decisions made.

Finance Committee made no comment.

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Public Safety Committee gave update that Officer Fox has returned from firearms training and Officer Loew will be attending classes in Reno, NV in June 2018 for the SRO duties through the school district.

Public Works Committee commented that poles and nets for sand volleyball courts have arrived ready to be installed; working at pool installing new equipment and filling it up end of the week; Utility Service Partners will be mailing out letters May 23, 2018; and a discussion on sewer rate increase to fund upcoming projects.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried three ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk