

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Grineski, Kuester, Hamann, Miller and Stefl via telephone. Absent: None.

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

Steff moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held June 4, 2018; approval for Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue to close 8th Street from G Avenue north to the corner of restaurant for Felix Grundy Days, July 6-7, 2018; approval for a liquor license for Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue for greenspace west of restaurant for Felix Grundy Days; approval for a liquor license for Crystal Bowl, 1602 G Avenue. Approval to close H Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street on Saturday, July 7th 2018 from 7a-5pm for fire fighters water fights during Felix Grundy Days brought discussion from public. Mayor Kiewiet addressed Michael Redenius, 606 H Avenue, to explain a letter that was received from the Felix Grundy Committee. Redenius expressed concerns regarding having the street closed for this event when both neighbors, himself and wife all have medical issues and may need to have the ability to leave their driveway. Miller address Nathan Kappel, Fire Chief, to explain how the these fights run, how was this particular location chosen, are there better locations that could be used, etc. Miller than moved and Hamann seconded action to amend the motion to close 7th Street from E to F Avenue for these water fights. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Stefl opened the public forum at 6:43 p.m. Jerry Schmidt, 316 C Avenue, presented a request for the Council to consider vacating 3rd Street from C to D Avenue. This street is platted however has not been constructed. Schmidt and surrounding neighbors would like to have this vacated. An easement would still be needed for utilities. Brian Buhrow, 304 4th Street, commented about D Avenue being constructed by the City however, no storm water intake was ever install on D Avenue to assist with water runoff in that area. Buhrow also thanked the council members for their service. Lisa Bienfang, MSGC Director, gave an update on events. Main Street Clean up event was successful with about 20 volunteers; September 14-23rd is Restaurant Week and Fall Sip & Shop are upcoming events. Public forum closed at 6:40pm.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to open a public hearing on Ordinance 539 – Sanitary Sewer Rates. Motion carried five ayes. No public comments. Kuester moved and Hamann seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:01pm. Motion carried five ayes. Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on First Reading of Ordinance 539, an ordinance to increase the sanitary sewer rates. Motion carried five ayes. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action so suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading of Ordinance 539 at next regular meeting. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2018-37, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Dave Loftus, 605-609 G Avenue for additional plumbing, electrical and HVAC updates. No discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2018-38, a resolution setting the wage rates for appointed officers and employees. No discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion on the city hall copier/printer lease with Advanced Systems, Inc. Sawyer gave an update that the current copier and lease will be coming due November 2018. This machine current cost is \$186.43 monthly. Troy Belmer, Advanced Systems, Inc., created four options for us to update the copier and/or the HP 2050 Laserjet printer that is used to print checks. The options given in the quote were for an updated all in one color machine only for \$154.22 monthly; a color copier and black/white Lexmark printer for \$178.00 monthly; a black/white copier and color printer for \$233.20 monthly or a new black/white all in one machine only for \$159.65. Sawyer explained that the ability to have a backup printer is nice but not a necessity and would rather use money saved elsewhere. A promotion is currently being ran where we have the option to save funds for the City. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to proceed with option A with the new color Canon IRC 325 Copier for \$154.22 monthly. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion about a request for a stop sign to be placed at Creekside Lane and Nickel Avenue. Bangasser commented that Alliant Energy is taking care of the street lighting for this intersection. Currently there is no stop sign at this intersection. Stefl commented that he makes several trips through that intersection and agrees a stop sign is needed. Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action to add a stop sign at Creekside Lane and Nickel Avenue intersection. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee made no comment.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee commented that majority of the sand has been hauled in for sand volleyball courts; will be street painting on G Avenue next week; and a water main will need to be moved off of Heartland Co-op property along A Avenue.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:33pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk