

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Hamann and Stefl. Absent: Grineski and Miller.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written. Motion carried three ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held July 2, 2018; and approval of the June 2018 Treasurers Report. Motion carried three ayes.

June 2018 Expenditures per fund: General: \$165220; Road Use Tax: \$18372; Employee Benefits: \$20741; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$16890; TIF Fund: \$107821; Library Gift Trust: \$1230; Park Board Gift Trust: \$11830; Debt Service Fund: \$167838; ; Water Fund: \$44933; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$15382; Sanitary Sewer Reserves Fund: \$6850; Sewer Sinking Fund Total: \$70046; Sanitation Fund: \$24420; Ambulance Fund: \$44950; Storm Sewer Fund: \$11297; Total: \$727818.

June 2018 Revenues per fund: General : \$80360; Road Use Tax: \$26592; Employee Benefits Fund: \$2549; Emergency Fund: \$268; Local Option Sales Tax: \$16890; TIF Fund: \$8953; Community Betterment: \$8445; Equipment Reserve- Public Works: \$ 20; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$45425; Police Reserve Fund: \$10000; Library Gift Trust: \$680; Community Center Gift Trust: \$150; Debt Service Fund: \$4121; Water Fund: \$47109; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$23943; Sanitary Sewer Reserves: \$10000; Sewer Sinking fund: \$6850; Sanitation Fund: \$23908; Ambulance Fund: \$49387; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$2908; Storm Sewer: \$4468; Total: \$373027.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:31 p.m. No public present. Public forum closed at 6:32pm.

Mayor Kiewiet opened discussion on parking concerns along 11st Street. Ryan and Brandy Bingman, 1207 11th Street, spoke of concerns they have regarding the current ordinance of "No Parking on West Side of 11th Street". This ordinance was put into effect in February 2017 to assist School District in enforcement of students not parking there and blocking any emergency vehicles being able to travel through the block if needed. Bingman expressed that this parking problem has only been an issue for the last couple years. Prior school administrators did not enforce the rules put in the student handbook. Bingman feels this ordinance should be changed and be enforced only during school hours and when school is in session. Stefl asked Mayor Kiewiet to have a discussion with current school administrators regarding how they are going to enforce their handbook for the upcoming school year. No formal action will be taken until that point.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on the Third Reading of Ordinance 541, an ordinance to vacate 3rd Street from C to D Avenue with a utility easement. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:51pm for Ordinance 540 to add a stop sign at Creekside Lane and Nickel Avenue. No public present. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to close the public hearing. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 540, an ordinance to add a stop sign at the intersection of Creekside Land and Nickel Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action to suspend the rules and move to the Third Reading at next council meeting. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened a discussion on the request from Heartland Co-op to purchase a 70 ft by 60ft portion of Mill Street. This portion is directly south of the curve on Mill Street. Heartland Co-op currently owns property on both sides. Miller asked what the cost would be for that portion. Mayor Kiewiet explained that Heartland Co-op has recently signed a large minimum assessment agreement for their current redesign project and felt they should not be charged a large amount. Clerk Sawyer explained that there would need to be a fair market value for the property to be compliant with State Code. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to move forward with this

request for Heartland Co-op to purchase this portion from the City of Grundy Center. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the discussion about the current recycling/garbage collection issue. Hamann commented that Scott Bienfang, current garbage contractor, should be involved in this discussion. This is his contract and he should be assisting with developing an alternative solution. Kiewiet mentioned that the current contract will need to be reviewed. Bangasser mentioned the first half of July recycling collection was still accepted in Cedar Falls. Miller commented that the residents may need to be educated if the recycling program continues. Bangasser asked if Public Works Committee would like to meet with Bienfang prior to next meeting. A Public Works Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to next council meeting.

Finance Committee made no comment.

Public Safety Committee commented that Felix Grundy Festival went well, no huge issues.

Public Works Committee commented that street crew was here for preliminary skim coating of streets and will return in a couple weeks. Fire Hydrant painting project being coordinated.

Steff moved and Hamann seconded action on adjournment of the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried four ayes.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk