

A special session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Stefl, Miller, Ammerman, Hamann and Kiewiet. Absent: none.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded the approval of the meeting agenda. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held August 1, 2016 and approval 2016 Outstanding Debt Report and filed with the State of Iowa Treasurers Office. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor opened the public forum at 6:2 p.m. John Gordon spoke to the council on behalf of the Grundy Family YMCA about the possibility of extending the lease agreement on the Upper Elementary building. The YMCA would appreciate the opportunity to stay in the building. Jill May, Board member of Grundy Center Preschool and Child Care, addressed the council with the same request to extend the lease agreement through June 30, 2018.

Bruce Gordon and Mary Doak gave a presentation to the Council for the Historical Preservation Commission regarding a request for funding. The Commission is applying for a grant through the State Historical Society of Iowa for assistance to bring in a consultant to guide our Historical Preservation Commission through the planning process of utility the Preservation Commission, such as creating a downtown historic district and then nominating projects on for the National Registry. The grant will also assist the Commission in completing a historical inventory certain buildings within our city limits. The grant is showing a \$10,000 budget which, if awarded it is a 60/40 match and volunteer hours can be used in the match. The Commission is asking for \$1,000 from the City to put towards this match. Having our buildings listed on a State and/or National Historical Registry will allow the building owners to qualify for tax credits in the future. Stefl then asked that this request be allowed on the next agenda for action.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:55pm for the wastewater treatment facility ultraviolet disinfection improvements including the engineering plans and specifications, form of contract, and opinion of probable construction costs. Motion carried five ayes. Lance Aldrich, Fox Engineering Project Manager, made comment that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is requiring all cities to implement disinfection procedures/equipment to their wastewater facilities. No further comments made. Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:00pm. Motion carried five ayes. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2016-46, a resolution to approve the urban renewal amendment for American Farm Equipment LLC. No further discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2016-55, a resolution approving the bidding requirements, contract documents, and estimate of costs for the wastewater treatment facility ultraviolet disinfection improvements. No further comments made. Motion carried five ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Miller seconded action Resolution 2016-56, a resolution to award the contract, authorizing execution of contract, and authorizing execution of notice to proceed for the wastewater ultraviolet disinfection system. Motion carried five ayes. Lance Aldrich, Project Manager, explained that the Council needed to choose which option they would like to go. Option 1 was to award the project to WRH, Inc. and pay \$504,950 to stay with the base bid of UV equipment provided by Enaqua. Option 2 is to award the contract to WRH, Inc. for the price of \$470,450 thereby selecting the UV equipment provided by GlascoUV. Aldrich commented that each system has their own pros and cons. Dan Bangasser, Public Works Director, commented that the bulb usage would be the same with both units however the ability to track the bulbs would be helpful. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded a motion to accept Option 1 for the Enaqua equipment. Motion carried five ayes.

Mary Doak and Dennis Westerman, Park Board Members updated the Council on the Herbert Quick School House project. They commented that the school house had been moved to

the new foundation last fall. Since then the Amish contractors were hired to replace some floor joist, square the building up on the foundation and repair some of the boards around the foundation. That is been completed. Scraping of the old paint has begun, however it was discovered that the old paint is lead based paint. Westerman explained that it's not a huge deal. Corey Scott, Park Board Member, is a certified lead base paint inspector. He has suggested that the paint scrapings be picked up and double bagged for proper disposal and also remove the top 2" or so of the topsoil around the school house and new dirt be brought in. Once the building is repainted there is no exposure to be concerned about. The Park Board Members will take proper precautions. Mayor Buhrow also thanked Dennis and Shelly Westerman for scraping and repainting the shelter house and restrooms at Liberty Park. Westerman also commented on the restrooms at all the parks are being hit with spray painted graffiti this summer. He asked if the restrooms could be locked every evening either by the Park Members or by the Police Department. Stefl recommended that the Police Department be in charge of locking the restrooms nightly to see if that deters the vandalism before any security cameras are installed. Chief Frost agreed.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2016-49, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Jill Krausman, owner of The Landmark Bistro. Stefl began discussion with a concern about the City image if this grant was awarded while there is civil matters between this property and the next door neighbors. Stefl then moved and Ammerman seconded a motion to table this resolution for a second time until the civil matters were resolved. This motion did not pass carried three nays (Kiewiet, Hamann and Miller) and two ayes (Stefl and Ammerman). Discussion continued by Hamann stating this grant application meets all requirements and is appropriate and the civil matters have nothing to do with this grant being awarded. Stefl recognized Jill Krausman, who then first thanked the council for the first grant she was awarded a few months back. Krausman explained then that she waited until after the work on the patio was completed because she felt she lost money on the first grant when the actual costs came in much higher than the estimates which the first grant was awarded from. Krausman also commented that the electrical work included in this second grant application is completely different work that was done during the initial renovation and that the patio costs were for the concrete pad only not the furniture. Motion then passed to grant the award by a vote with four ayes (Hamann, Stefl, Miller, and Kiewiet) and one nay (Ammerman).

Miller moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2016-59, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Connie Sticklely, owner of Crazy Daisies, 624 G Avenue. Ammerman asked if this grant was for apartment renovations. Hamann explained it was, and the BIG Committee felt the grants for the building as a whole not just the front facades and that this building is part of our main commercial district. Kiewiet expressed concerned that if this one was awarded it would set a precedence for all rental property. Motion then passed to grant the award with four ayes (Hamann, Miller, Stefl, and Kiewiet) and one nay (Ammerman).

Hamann moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2016-52, a resolution to amend previous Resolution of 2015-49, to grant a variance to Terry and Patti Blockus, 94 D Avenue on their sidewalk installation. Motion passed to grant the variance with three ayes (Hamann, Ammerman, and Kiewiet) and two nays (Stefl and Miller).

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2016-58, a resolution approving a bid for the asbestos abatement for 801 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Clerk mentioned the three contractors provided quotes: Environmental Edge - \$8800; Environmental Management Services - \$8600; and Advanced Environmental Testing and Abatement - \$6800. Motion carried five ayes to award the contract to Environmental Edge.

Finance Committee commented on working on Road Use Tax Report.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee made comment on the sewer study is moving forward.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded adjournment of the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30pm.

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Brian Buhrow, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk