

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow via speaker phone. Present: Kiewiet, Kuester, Miller, Stefl and Hamann. Absent: none.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with striking item #6. Motion carried five ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Miller seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held September 11, 2017; approval to hire Erica Martens as new fulltime paramedic/EMT for Ambulance Department; and approval to award \$5,000 of BIG Grant funds for Challenge Grant application with the potential to award additional BIG Grants funds if Challenge Grant is received. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor opened the public forum at 6:33 p.m. No public comments.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded action to open the public hearing to adopt the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Grundy County at 6:34pm. No public comment. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:35pm. Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2017-37, a resolution to adopt the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Grundy County, Iowa. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action to open the public hearing for Ordinance 537- Golf Carts at 6:37pm. No public comments. Stefl then moved and Kiewiet seconded action to close this public hearing at 6:38pm. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 537- Golf Carts, an ordinance to add Chapter 74-Golf Carts to the Code of Ordinance for the City of Grundy Center. Discussion included need for rear view mirror, allowed capacity, inspection, permit costs, registration process, and effective date of January 1, 2018. Motion carried five ayes. Hamann moved and Miller seconded action to suspend the rules to move to the Third and Final reading of Ordinance 537 as written. No further discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action Resolution 2017-38, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a request for upper story funding with the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Brian Schoon, INRCOG, and John Schuller, Grundy County Housing Authority, presented that Grundy Center has been selected to participate in a pilot program with IEDA. This pilot program will grant \$500,000 to Grundy Center to be used to renovate/create addition upper story housing along our Main Street. The details are currently being established. Miller commented that this is a great opportunity for us. Motion carried five ayes. Miller then moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2017-39, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments for administering an upper story residential pilot project funded by the IEDA. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2017-40, a resolution declaring the necessity and providing for public hearing notice on proposed Urban Revitalization Plan for a 2017 Grundy Center Urban Revitalization Area. Jim Thompson, Main Street Iowa, presented the differences between the Chapter 403 – Urban Renewal plan and this relatively new Chapter 404-Urban Revitalization of the Iowa Code. Urban Revitalization Plan will allow for multi-residential housing incentives without the low to moderate income requirements. The Urban Revitalization Plan is dedicated primarily for multi-residential housing development projects. No further discussion. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded approval to send a certified notice to 721 G Avenue for sidewalk repair/replacement. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented that Tuesday, September 19, 2017 is annual accreditation meeting with Main Street Iowa and that nomination papers are due to the County Auditor office on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk