

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Hamann, Grineski and Stefl. Absent: Miller.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest noted. Motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held September 10, 2018; approval to close 7th Street from G to H Avenue on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 3-8pm for homecoming activities; approval to close 7th Street from G to H Avenue, H Avenue from 7th to 8th Street, and 8th Street from G To H Avenue from 4-8pm on Thursday, October 11, 2018 for Car Show and the Spirits of Downtown Past Historic Walking Tour; approval to set Trick or Treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm; and approval of a liquor license for Brothers Market, 1400 G Avenue. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. No public comments. Forum closed at 6:33pm.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the presentation by Black Hills Energy. Laura Roussell, Summer Wade, and Jason Hilby with Black Hills Energy spoke regarding the upcoming natural gas firing training session. This training will occur on October 16, 2018. This training is for our local fire department and all departments that are involved in mutual aid. This is not a public event, participation is by invitation only. Live natural gas fire training involving a very controlled burn will allow the area fire departments to practice.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 542 – an ordinance to amend parking regulation on 11th Street from L to M Avenue. No discussion. Motion carried four ayes. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to suspend the rules to proceed to the Third Reading. Motion carried four ayes. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on the Third Reading of Ordinance 542, an ordinance to amend the parking regulation for 11th Street from L to M Avenue to read “No Parking from 8am-4pm on School Days Only”. Motion carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2018-60, a resolution awarding a BIG Grant to Jennifer Meyers, owner of Spartan Fitness and Wellness Center at 629 G Avenue for plumbing and electrical upgrades and a back stairway for a second exit. Stefl began the discussion saying the concept and idea was good and met the criteria needed for a BIG Grant. However, Stefl expressed a concern was with who was applying and requested that these types of building upgrade should be applied for by the building owner not the renter. Kiewiet commented that the City is protected by the mortgage lien signed by the building owner and felt that this is something the BIG Grant Committee needs to upgrade a policy and procedure for this program. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2018-61, a resolution accepting the bids and awarding bid to the lowest bidder for the Downtown Revitalization CDBG project. Doug Foreshoe, Bergland + Cram Architect, explained that bids were received and opened on September 13, 2019. There were three bidders: Cornerstone Commercial Contractors, Corning, Iowa - \$ 702,723; Renaissance Restoration, Galena, IL - \$ 796,400; Cardinal Construction, Waterloo, Iowa - \$606,606. Foreshoe explained that these amounts do not included fees and contingency. After adding those fees, there may be an addition \$60,000 left in the budget where additional work may be added. Kuester asked if it is common to have this large of difference in the bid amounts. Foreshoe explained it happens, each bidder factures in lots of different variables into their bids. Foreshoe then recommended Cardinal Construction as the lowest bid for this project. Kuester moved and Grineski seconded an amended motion to award the bid to Cardinal Construction, Waterloo, Iowa. Kiewiet commented that even though the awarded bid is lower than what we expected, everyone needs to remember that there is a 20% contingency, architect fees, historic review fees in addition to the bid amount. Kiewiet commented that Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk is the main contact for this project, if they receive any public comment or questions to forward them to City Hall. No further discussion, motions carried four ayes.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2018-62, a resolution approving an agreement with Ritland + Kuiper Landscape Architects for the George Wilhelm Sports Complex renovation project. This agreement includes a cost of \$6900. Kiewiet explained that with the working being completed on the fourth baseball/softball field, there is a need to have professional drawings and plans for the next steps. Kiewiet is recommending this agreement because of the local ties to the community and the great work that they have done in area communities. Kiewiet commented that once these drawings are completed we will have working plan for the

project and will be used to work with the Iowa DNR on replacing the REAP land. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2018-63, a resolution approving an agreement with AHTS Architects for a feasibility study for the Upper Elementary Building. This agreement includes a cost of \$3500. Kiewiet explained he had met with Steve Trost, AHTS Architect, whom had already worked with Grundy Center Preschool and Child Care in the past. Kiewiet commented that this agreement will included detailed drawings and cost estimates for a potential project. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Kuester moved and Grineski seconded an approval to set a public hearing for Monday, October 1, 2108 for Ordinance 543, an ordinance to amend the parking regulations for G Avenue 10 minute pickup spot at 725 G Avenue, no parking on south side of M Avenue between 10-12th Streets from 8am-4pm during school days and adding a stop sign at L Avenue and 13th Street. Motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee/Clerk made no comment.

Public Safety Committee made no comment.

Public Works Committee commented that project with Clapsaddle-Garber to move the water main at the intersection on Mill Street and 4th Street (Highway 14) is coming along work will commence soon.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Al Kiewiet, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk