

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Hamann, Stefl, Ammerman and Miller. Absent: Kiewiet.

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

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held October 5, 2015; and approval of the Treasurers Report for September 2015. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:36 p.m. Lindsey Engelkes, Kling Memorial Library Director, introduced herself to the City Council and gave an update on current activities at the library. No further comments made.

Miller moved and Ammerman seconded action on the Second Reading for Ordinance 520 to amend the powers and duties for the Mayor to be included on the Main Street Grundy Center Board of Directors. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2015-41, a resolution approving the credit card policy for City Employees. Stefl confirmed with Clerk that current each card has credit limits and the appropriate approval is needed if limits are exceeded. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2015-42, a resolution approving the interest allocation for monthly interest deposits to all be applied to the General Fund. Motion carried four ayes.

Miller moved and Ammerman seconded action on Resolution 2015-43, a resolution approving the contract renewal with Wellmark for the next calendar year. This contract will allow all benefits to remain the same and the premiums will see 11.94% increase. The City has chosen to stay with the same Alliance Select plan. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2015-44, a resolution to approve closing of two savings accounts and transferring the remaining balances to the money market account the City currently has with GNB Bank. Stefl suggested the Clerk shop around for interest rates to be sure the City is receiving the best possible. Motion carried four ayes.

Miller moved and Ammerman seconded action on Resolution 2015-45, a resolution approving the hiring of Justin Fox and Alissa Loew for the open Police Officer positions. Fox and Loew will start part time and attend the academy training early 2016. Motion carried four ayes.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded the action to open the discussion on the compensation for the council members and mayor positions. Mayor Buhrow commented that this compensation has not been updated or changed since 1989 and that the previous mayor was working on making the changes over a year ago. Clerk prepared a spreadsheet comparing our current compensations to several cities in Iowa around the same population as Grundy Center and around Grundy County. Stefl made comment that these wages should be compared more to the Board of Supervisors as both are dealing with the same issues. Miller made comment that since it's been 25 years since any changes in salary and the duties have increased as well. Stefl proposed we move forward with an ordinance amending the Chapter 15.04 – Mayor Compensation – to increase salary to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and Chapter 17.06 – City Council Compensation – to increase salary to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) annually. Public Hearing will be held Friday, October 30, 2015 at 7:00AM at City Hall. Proposal carried four ayes.

Finance Committee made comment on the Derelict Building Grant Program offered by the Iowa Department of Resources and Clerk spoke with INRCOG about assistance in writing the grant.

Public Safety Committee made commented on the hiring of the two police officers; and vandalism is on the rise again.

Public Works Committee made comment about the vehicles parked in the lot on 6<sup>th</sup> Street that are not being moved on a regular bases to consider putting up signs; and worked on installing storm sewer pipe on west side of town.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried four ayes. Next special meeting will be Friday, October 30, 2015 at 7:00am.

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Brian Buhrow, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk