

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 in the Council Chambers by Mayor Kiewiet. Present: Kuester, Grineski, Hamann, Miller and Stefl. Absent: None.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflicts of interest noted. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held November 5, 2018; and approve of the annual liquor license for The Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue and Pancho Villa, 2103 Commerce Drive. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Kiewiet opened the public forum at 6:31 p.m. No public comment.

Mayor Kiewiet introduced Eric Willis, Group Benefits Partners, for a presentation on the upcoming year of health insurance benefits. The City is looking at a 17% increase in premiums for 2019. Willis has been looking at options for the City. One option discussed was to offer a Health Spending Account to city employees. Willis asked for permission to hold some education classes for employees in the next week. Willis will return to next council meeting with update.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action to open the public hearing for the disposition of real estate for 801 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grundy Center. No public comments. Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:42pm. Motions carried five ayes. Kuester moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2018-74, a resolution to award the bid for selling the 801 7<sup>th</sup> Street property. Kiewiet explained the two bids:

1. Lance Moeller with a purchase price of \$12,000 to develop a twin home/condo
2. Scott and Lisa Bienfang with purchase price of \$10,000 to develop a single level four-plex of rental apartments with a 10 year tax abatement, city support for a Main Street Iowa Challenge Grant, necessary rezoning for a multi-family residential project, approved variance to construct on lot lines, a 15' setback from sidewalk on north and east sides of property, and city to pay for two handicap accessible pads.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to amend the motion to award the bid to Lance Moeller and accept his bid pending an agreed upon development agreement. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Miller, Kuester, Hamann and Grineski) and one nay (Stefl).

Stefl moved and Grineski seconded action on Resolution 2018-75, a resolution to retain the camera system from T&T Computers, Inc for the tree dump and proceed with the necessary security firewall for the wastewater facility. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2018-76, a resolution allowing Mayor Kiewiet to proclaim November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday for the City of Grundy Center. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2018-77, a resolution to set a public hearing for December 17, 2018 for an urban renewal plan amendment for Jesco Welding & Machine, LLC building addition. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action to approve two changes made to the Ambulance Department Bi-Laws. Sawyer explained the changes that were made. Miller questioned the 2yr vs 3 yr contracts per position. What happens if personnel does not fulfill the contract, do they reimburse the Ambulance Department? Miller then moved and Stefl seconded to table this discussion until next council meeting when Ambulance personnel is attending. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee made that BIG Grant documentation has been sent to BIG Committee and City Attorney for further review before coming back to the Council.

Public Safety Committee commented that Chris Henely has requested the ability to fill in as part-time officer, Chief Frost will be meeting with him.

Public Works Committee commented Grundy Center was pointed out at Annual Water & Wastewater Conference in Des Moines last week for being one of the few that are meeting their requirements for the nitrogen levels being released by our wastewater facility. Also, Utility Service Partners has requested the approval to send out the second letter on December 10 and 24<sup>th</sup> to residents for the insurance policy on water and wastewater lines on private property.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, December 3, 2018 at 6:30pm.