

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2017, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Kiewiet and Hamann. Absent: Miller.

Kuester moved and Stefl seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with one correction on #15 – Next council meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017. Motion carried four ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the special session held November 10, 2017; approval of liquor licenses for The Landmark, 725 G Avenue and Pancho Villa Mexican, 2103 Commerce Drive. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. Bobbi Finarty, Main Street Grundy Center Director, gave an update. Dave Loftus, owner 605-609 G Avenue, was awarded the Challenge Grant from Main Street Iowa for \$75,000. Main Street Grundy Center is planning a “cash mob” event for Thursday, November 30, 2017, if willing to join us, meet at Community Center entrance at 4:40pm. Small Business Saturday is November 25, 2017, please support our local businesses. Main Street Grundy Center was also awarded \$12,000 Sara Lee Yoder grant for G Avenue (Main Street) decorations and signage. Public Forum closed at 6:37pm.

Ashley Shiwarski, Utility Service Partners, Inc, gave a presentation their services for water, sewer, and in home plumbing insurance policies. The City may choose to endorse their policies for infrastructure coverage for homeowners within our city limits.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2017-48, a resolution to approve the contract for services with Wellmark for 2018 to renew current policy. Sawyer explained the different policies and the costs. The City will see a 14% increase in premiums to renew. Finance Committee did review and gave recommendation to renew with current policy. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2017-49, a resolution to approve a contract with Alliant Energy Street Lighting for Creekside, Inc. Bangasser explained with this contract the light poles installed will be owned by Alliant Energy and they will maintain them as needed. The City will pay a minimal fee to use the poles. Motion carried four ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action to approve the use of Iowa Interactive, Inc. as a payment processor for credit/debit cards and echecks for the City of Grundy Center. Hamann addressed Lindsey Engelkes, Library Director, to speak on this issue. Kling Memorial Library receives several requests to pay for fines, faxes, copies, interlibrary loan items, etc. by credit/debit cards. Engelkes mentioned not everyone carries the amount of cash that may be needed. By adding this processor, the City could also accept payments online for fines and fees. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the discussion city owned properties 605 E Avenue and 702-704 M Avenue. Stefl addressed Jordan Clapp, owner of Jordan’s Landscaping Business, and Sam Kopsa have given the City a formal bid on the 605 E Avenue property. Clapp and Kopsa are interested in 605 E Avenue property to have full rear access to 606 D Avenue property in which they are planning to remove the current house and build a house with shop/garage storage for landscaping equipment. No formal action taken at this time. Hamann addressed Dale Boren. Boren has given the City a formal bid on 702-704 M Avenue properties with plans to run water and electric services to park his camper and extra storage space. No formal action taken at this time.

Finance Committee commented that Bergland and Cram Architects will be in town December 19, 2017 working on final details for CDBG grant drawings; fiscal year 2017 audit is finishing up; and budget worksheets for fiscal year 2019 will be distributed to department heads soon.

Public Safety Committee commented that Police Department is participating in STEP program over this holiday weekend and a few vehicles throughout the City had items stolen out of them over the weekend.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:38pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk