

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016, in the Council Chambers by Mayor ProTem Stefl. Present: Stefl, Ammerman and Kiewiet. Absent: Hamann and Miller.

Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with an amendment to strike #6 – presentation by Jeff Carson, GCMUNI. Motion carried three ayes.

Ammerman moved and Stefl seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held November 7, 2016; approval of a liquor license for The Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue; and approval of a CD to be renewed with Greenbelt Bank for a 16 month CD. Motion carried only two ayes with Kiewiet abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest. Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded to amend the motion to strike the CD renewal from this agenda and return it to the next agenda. Motion then carried three ayes.

Mayor ProTem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. No public present.

Don Seymour, FEH Associates, presented a proposal on what services he would be able to offer for the 801 7th Street property. Seymour is a historical restoration consultant as well as provides architectural services. His proposal consisted of hiring him for 25 hours for any assistance the Council deems necessary; hiring him to complete demolition and/or reconstruction strategic reports; and a demolition design package and construction administration services. Seymour explained that the demolition package would include assistance with the DNR Grant that the City has by diverting nearly all of the debris from landfills. The Council felt a work session prior to the next meeting is needed in order to further discuss this proposal and the options.

Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded action to open the public hearing at 7:17pm on Ordinance 532 – Amending Chapter 141 – Driveway Regulations. No public present. Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded action to close the public hearing at 7:18pm.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 532, an ordinance amending Chapter 141 – Driveway Regulations regarding the expansion joint for a sidewalk to be poured in the concrete when a driveway is constructed. Motion carried three ayes. Kiewiet moved and Ammerman seconded action to suspend the rules and move on to the Third Reading of Ordinance 532. Motion carried three ayes. Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded action on the Third and final reading of Ordinance 532 – to amend Chapter 141 – Driveway Regulation. Motion carried three ayes.

Kiewiet moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2016-73, a resolution to establish a lower speed limit for Nickel Avenue from G Avenue heading south out of city limits. Bangasser explained that currently the speed limit outside the residential portion of Nickel Avenue is 55mph. Now that Creekside, Inc has installed a driveway below the hill heading south that speed is too high. Creekside, Inc. also requested the speed limit be lowered for construction vehicles entering/exiting that driveway. The speed limit will now be 35mph. Motion carried three ayes.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded action to approve to publish for a public hearing for Ordinance 534- Adoption of the Grundy Center Airport Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried three ayes.

Clerk Sawyer then began a discussion Ordinance 531 – Parking Regulations. The Public Safety Committee and Police Chief Frost drove around the city to compare our current Chapter 69.08 No Parking Regulations of the Code of Ordinances. This Ordinance is to update our current code with suggestions that were made by the committee and our police department. This the first draft of this ordinance and council was requested to take a look at the proposed changes. More discussion in upcoming meetings.

Finance Committee made comment that budget season is here and will be working with department heads on their FY2018 budgets.

Public Safety Committee made comment that decision needs to be made on the 2009 Dodge Charger that the Police Department is no longer using.

Public Works Committee made comment that the wastewater ultraviolet disinfection project is progressing well; Upper Elementary boiler fired up; and December 8, 2016 is the meeting for the contract negotiations with the union employees.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:49pm. Motion carried three ayes. A work session is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5pm and the next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:30pm.

David Stefl, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk