

A special session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Stefl, Miller, Hamann and Kiewiet. Absent: Ammerman.

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

Kiewiet moved and Miller seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the work and regular sessions held December 5, 2016. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:34 p.m. Scott Bienfang, Scotty's Sanitation, commented on his current sanitation contract. He felt there was a very good relationship between him and the City. He enjoys working with Grundy Center, his compensation is mostly all spent right back in our local businesses, for example, tires, fuel, truck repairs all done here in Grundy Center. He also donates funds to Main Street Grundy Center, YMCA, Felix Grundy Festival, Center Theatre, Grundy County Memorial Hospital, etc. Bienfang proposed to leave the contract the same as it has been for the last 20 years. Paul Cooley, Cooley Sanitation, commented that he currently works in Reinbeck, Traer, and several within Grundy County. Cooley does have a Grundy Center address, been a Grundy Center Chamber member since 2008, also does large purchases from Phelps Implement, etc. Cooley plans to spend \$30-36,000 on the recycling center to add compactors and is willing to maintain the property where the center would be located. Cooley proposed a potential \$10-11,000 per year cost savings for the City over the term of the contract.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2016-77, a resolution to award the sanitation and recycling contract. Discussion began with Hamann pointing out the potential to save \$30,000+ over the three year term. Kiewiet asked Stefl how he felt the commercial garbage was handled. Stefl felt most of the issues come from renters of the upstairs apartments. Kiewiet also asked about complaints coming in to City Hall. Bangasser mentioned there are a few, however, we only hear the one side usually. Kiewiet then moved to amend the motion and was seconded by Stefl on action for Resolution 2016-77, the resolution to award the sanitation and recycling contract to Scotty's Sanitation for a three year term. Motion carried four ayes (Stefl, Kiewiet, Miller and Ammerman-written vote) and one nay (Hamann).

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2016-78, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Dave Loftus, owner of 605 & 609 G Avenue, for HVAC replacement system for \$2829. Motion carried four ayes.

Finance Committee made no comment.

Public Safety Committee made comment that car burglaries increasing and ten snow tickets written over the weekend.

Public Works Committee made no comment.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:00pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk