

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Hamann, Ammerman, Miller and Kiewiet. Absent: Stefl.

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

Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held December 1, 2014; approval of the November 2014 Investment and Treasurer Report; and approval of liquor licenses for Casey's General Store #1589 and Johnny Rays. Motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. No public present, no comments made.

Miller moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2014-56 approving Mayor Buhrow to sign a contract with INRCOG for the administration of the comprehensive solid waste management plan for the Iowa DNR. Motion carried with four ayes.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2014-57, a resolution amending previous resolution allowing Mayor Buhrow to sign the Letter of Engagement for the annual audit of the City of Grundy Center FY2014 financial records with Dennis Donovan, CPA. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded action on Resolution 2014-58, a resolution appointing The Grundy Register and the official newspaper for the City of Grundy Center. Motion carried four ayes.

Hamann moved and Kiewiet seconded action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 515, establishing a Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Grundy Center. Motion carried four ayes.

Discussion was held on amending Chapter 166 – Subdivision Regulations. The current code reads that a subdivision plat is required at the first parcel divide. The State of Iowa Code is not as strict and allows the first parcel split to be completed without the full subdivision plat. The draft amending ordinance prepared by Seth Schroeder, City Attorney, changes the definition of a subdivision to allow the first parcel divide to be allowed without a full subdivision survey. Buhrow commented that this does not take away any controls over the zoning or uses of the property. Those codes will not change. Decision was made to move forward with the draft and Clerk Sawyer will notify the City Attorney.

Finance Committee commented on meeting that was held about the Planning and Zoning Commission and their compensation. Overall agreement was made to discontinue the compensation and start preliminary research on a possible Building Inspector position. Beginning discussions on a budget amendment necessary for this fiscal year.

Safety Committee commented that the Police Department is finally fully staffed. Chris Henely and Mitch Turner graduated from ILEA on Friday, December 12, 2014. The updated bullet proof vest have arrived. Chief Frost is working towards getting the new officers fully trained and start making progress in the department.

Public Works Committee made comments on maintenance work being completed; tree trimming; assisting library with carpet install; and need to look at new locator for water mains.

Hamann moved and Miller seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried four ayes.

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Brian Buhrow, Mayor

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk