

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Buhrow. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Kiewiet, Miller and Hamann. Absent: None.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded the approval of the meeting agenda. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded the consent agenda consisting of: approval of the minutes of the regular session held December 4, 2017. Motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Buhrow opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. No public comments.

Stefl moved and Miller seconded action to open public hearing for the disposition of real estate at 605 E Avenue at 6:33pm. No public comment. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded action to close the public hearing. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2017-55, a resolution to approve the disposition of the real estate asset at 605 E Avenue, Grundy Center and accept the offer of \$2,000 from Jordan Clapp and Sam Kopsa. Buhrow commented that the appraisal value was \$3,500. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded action to open the public hearing for the disposition of real estate at 702&704 M Avenue, Grundy Center at 6:38pm. No public comment. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to close the public hearing. Motions carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Hamann seconded action on Resolution 2017-56, a resolution to approve the disposition of the real estate asset at 702 & 704 M Avenue, Grundy Center and accept the offer of \$5,000 from Dale Boren. Stefl commented that with no public comment and no covenants on this property, the Council needs to protect the neighbors as well. Miller commented that the installation of infrastructure would be a positive for the parcel. Kiewiet commented that according to our current code there could potentially be up to four campers stored on the parcel. Miller commented that any parcel in the City can hold up four vehicles at once and we should not base opinion vote on current code. Motion failed with two ayes (Miller and Hamann) and three nays (Kiewiet, Kuester and Stefl).

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2017-57, a resolution finally adopting the proposed plan for the 2017 Grundy Center Multi-residential Urban Revitalization Area. No further comment. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 538, an ordinance designating an area of Grundy Center, Iowa as the 2017 Grundy Center Multi-residential Urban Revitalization Area. Buhrow explained this is for the economic development incentive for housing. Motion carried five ayes. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to suspend the rules and moved to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 538. Motion carried five ayes. Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to accept the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 538. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on Resolution 2017-58, a resolution to amend the 28E agreements with the townships to increase the Fire Department levy rate to .455/\$1000 valuation for 2018. Buhrow commented the last time this was increased was 2006. These extra funds will be added to the fire truck reserve fund. Motion carried five ayes.

Stefl moved and Kiewiet seconded action on Resolution 2017-59, a resolution to increase the Fire Chief compensation for calendar year 2018. Miller commented that Chief Kappel has done a great job with organizing the fleet of trucks and updating the Council as needed. Buhrow commented last time these wages were increased was 1990. Kiewiet moved and Hamann seconded action to amend the motion to increase \$2400/annually and subsequent increases to happen during fiscal year ends will all other employees. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Kuester seconded action to approve the submittal of the initial bargaining proposal to PPME as written. Stefl commented that Von Bokern and Union representative may not have much to work with considering the changes to bargaining. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented that Dennis Donovan, CPA will be presenting our Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Audit on January 8, 2018 and all budget work papers for 2019 budget have been distributed to department heads.

Public Safety Committee commented on complaints received about M Avenue traffic from 1st Street to 4th Street and no speed limit signs posted and a family dog was hit by a car in that area.

Public Works Committee will meet after council meeting; budget season is starting; and we received paperwork on the NDPEs wastewater permit regarding items that need to be addressed.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Brian Buhrow, Mayor

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk