

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Pro Tem Stefl. Present: Kuester, Stefl, Kiewiet, Miller and Hamann. Absent: None.

Kiewiet moved and Hamann 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 October 2, 2017; approval of the October 2017 Treasurer Report; and approval of a request from American Lutheran Church to close the street from the intersection of F Avenue and 11th Street north to E Avenue on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 3-5:30pm for a Trunk –N-Treat event. Motion carried five ayes.

September 2017 Expenditures per fund: General: \$71548; Road Use Tax: \$4858; Employee Benefits: \$18432; Local Option Sales Tax: \$1614; Community Betterment: \$8075; Library Gift Trust: \$857; Water Fund: \$47060; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$27594; Sanitation Fund: \$21031; Ambulance Fund: \$37776; Storm Sewer Fund: \$2696; Total: \$256539.

September 2017 Revenues per fund: General : \$92916; Road Use Tax: \$35379; Employee Benefits Fund: \$17298; Emergency Fund: \$1821; Local Option Sales Tax Fund: \$16614; TIF Fund: \$20321; Community Better Fund: \$8307; Equipment Reserve- Public Works: \$ 752; Fire Equipment Reserve: \$1522; Library Gift Trust: \$401; Ambulance Gift Trust: \$1210; Economic Development Gift Trust: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$24830; Water Fund: \$57900; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$24125; Sewer Sinking fund: \$3900; Sanitation Fund: \$23444; Ambulance Fund: \$32597; Storm Sewer: \$4385; Total: \$368221.

Mayor Pro Tem Stefl opened the public forum at 6:32 p.m. Kris Ciddio made comment, for Darlene Tharp her mother, to oppose the plans for 801 7th Street property. Public forum closed at 6:35pm.

Miller moved and Kiewiet seconded action to open the public hearing at 6:35pm on Ordinance 536 (A), an ordinance to rezone 801 7th Street parcel from an R-1 residential property to a C-1 commercial property. Motion carried five ayes. Gary Ciddio, 906 G Avenue, commented that the Council needs to do what is best for the City. Duane Tharp made comment that the narrowness of 7th Street and an addition of that many housing units would cause a large parking problem. Kevin Kuester commented that he would hate to see the huge building that is being proposed placed on this vacant lot. Kevin Kuester feels the need to see the courthouse is necessary. Kevin Kuester also commented that by zoning this a commercial property, he felt it would need to align with the adjoining properties. Hamann moved and Kiewiet seconded action to close the public hearing at 6:44pm. Motion carried five ayes.

Miller moved and Stefl seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 536(A), an ordinance to rezone the 801 7th Street parcel from R-1 Single Family district to C-1 Commercial district. Stefl made comment that this ordinance pertains to only the zoning of the parcel and not the project itself. Kuester made comment that we need to listen to those living in the area. Hamann commented that if zoned commercial, that particular building plans may not go up. Kiewiet commented that by zoning this parcel commercial we could field more issues ahead of time, before problems arise in the future. Stefl made comment that by zoning it C-1 commercial it will take the Board of Adjustments out of the final decisions and give the City more rights to the decision making. Miller commented that by not moving forward that there are malice feelings against those that voted to change it. Motion failed, carried two ayes (Miller and Kiewiet) and three nays (Stefl, Hamann and Kuester). Ordinance 536(A) has now failed.

Hamann moved and Kuester seconded action on Resolution 2017-42, a resolution to award a BIG Grant to Katie McMartin, owner of ID by Katie, 711 G Avenue for \$1,337 for electrical upgrades. Stefl mentioned that John Schuller is the owner of the building, is he ok with this grant? Kiewiet asked by was there a split vote in the committee, Hamann responded that in

past applications the committee has not approved "showroom" remodels. Motion carried five ayes.

Hamann moved and Stefl seconded action to approve a request to change Trick-or-Treating to Monday, October 30, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm. Request came from Lori Willis, High School Volleyball Coach. There is a potential that the high school volleyball team will be playing/hosting a regional volleyball game on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Council decision was for best interest to keep young children off the roads with lots of traffic. Motion carried five ayes.

Finance Committee commented Clerk is attending the IMFOA fall conference this week; Main Street Grundy Center Director, Bobbi Finarty, has resigned; auditors are finishing up on field work for the fiscal year 2017 audit.

Public Safety Committee made no comments.

Public Works Committee commented that open burning has begun; next council meeting there will be a presentation on the Service Line Program; hydrant flushing is completed; and IA DNR will be completing final inspection on Thursday, Oct 19 on the UV disinfection project.

Stefl moved and Hamann seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next regular meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30pm.

David Stefl, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk