

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, Mcdonald, Kuester and Rasmussen. Absent: Lamp. Visitors: Mel Bowen.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written and with Kuester having a conflict of interest with item #5. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Kuester seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, November 4, 2024; and approval of the annual liquor licenses for The Landmark Bistro, LLC, 725 G Avenue, and Pancho Villa Mexican, 2103 Commerce Drive. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2024-70, a resolution to authorize Mayor Eberline to sign the lease agreement with Upper Elementary Rehabilitation, LLC., aka Maroon & White, Inc. for rental space at the Kids' Campus building. No further discussion, motion carried three ayes (Rasmussen, Smith and Mcdonald) and one abstain (Kuester).

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion and possible take action to approve funding for a police officer to attend the Basic SRO (School Resource Officer) Training, December 9-13, 2024, in Topeka, KS. Chief Natvig commented that the Public Safety Committee met with the school district administration to discuss their needs. GC School is asking for 1-2 hours daily for school resource officer coverage and are willing to pay for the training with next fiscal year budget. Kuester commented that this arrangement along with extra services with Grundy Co Memorial Hospital will remove an officer from our streets even longer. Smith agreed and felt City should not commit until there is a signed agreement with either entity and currently neither entity has agreed. Smith then moved and Mcdonald seconded action to table Resolution 2024-71, a resolution to approve funds for the School Resource Officer Training. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Smith, Mcdonald, Kuester and Rasmussen).

Mayor Everline opened the discussion and possible approval to publish a public hearing notice for December 2, 2024, for a fiscal year 2025 budget amendment. Sawyer explained the changes are due to police department wage increases, work comp, taxes and IPERS, uniform and training expenses for new officers, street sweeper and truck purchase, D&D property purchase and demo, final payment for Sports Complex and tennis court project, security cameras for City Hall and pool painting project. Rasmussen moved and Mcdonald seconded action to proceed with publishing the notice for a public hearing for December 2, 2024, for this budget amendment. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded approval for Mayor Eberline to sign a letter of support for Grundy County Conservation Board Community Attraction and Tourism grant application for Pioneer Trail. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:41pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 6:42pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk commented on SimpleCity/Gworks license and support invoice for next year showing substantial increase; attending budget workshop; general maintenance contract for Sports Complex being reviewed by Park Board this week; and open enrollment for benefits happening right now.

Public Safety Committee commented on department CPR training this week and more discussion on contract with Grundy County Memorial Hospital.

Public Works Committee commented on continuing to pick up leaves for a couple of weeks, more work at pool to winterize, and taking down more large ash trees.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor