

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Smith, McDonald, Kuester, Lamp, and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Kathy Zeiner, Neva Jordan, Kendra Lufkin and Rich Ahlberg.

Smith moved and Kuester seconded the approval of the meeting agenda as written with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and Lamp seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, February 3, 2025; and approval of the January 2025 Treasurers Report; and an annual special class B native wine license for Simply Iowa Candle Co., LLC, 711 G Avenue. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes. January 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$95537; Road Use Tax: \$14379; Employee Benefits: \$69504; Local Option Sales Tax: \$36807; Community Betterment Fund: \$20057; Library Gift Trust: \$808; Water Fund: \$44999; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$38520; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$32376; Ambulance Fund: \$52250; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1320; Total: \$427008. January 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$41811; Road Use Tax: \$33222; Employee Benefits Fund: \$2992; Local Option Sales Tax: \$36807; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$4515; Community Betterment Fund: \$18404; Equipment Reserve – PW Fund: \$1260; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$6943; Library Gift Trust: \$116; Debt Service Fund: \$1516; Water Fund: \$49505; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$42693; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$31714; Ambulance Fund: \$46677; Ambulance Equipment Reserve: \$1240; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4244; Total: \$344108.

Mayor Eberline introduced Neva Jordan, GC Historical Society Vice President, for an annual update. Jordan discussed the tax levy revenue has allowed the Historical Society to move to G Avenue and have more of a presence in the community. They have regular business hours and have worked closely with the Chamber Main Street program on events, assisted with the 100Spartans fundraising campaign for the Kids' Campus project; maintained the Herbert Quick School House and completed a few window displays. The museum has meeting rooms for individuals to host gatherings as needed. The Society is planning an upcoming 100th anniversary of the death of Herbert Quick and the 150th anniversary of the birthday of the City in 2027. McDonald commented that she is working closely with larger communities on the SF718 tax levy bill that is currently stated to remove the cultural & scientific portion of the levy completely. McDonald mentioned if this portion of the levy goes away, the museum will not continue without the tax revenue that was approved by residence of the city. No further discussion, no action needed.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded action to open a public hearing at 6:47pm on Ordinance 580, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106.08 collection fees for solid waste collection. Eberline commented that this ordinance will raise the garbage collection rate from \$14 to \$15 per month for both garbage and recycling services. No public comments. Rasmussen moved and lamp seconded action to close this public hearing at 6:48pm. No further discussion, motions carried five ayes.

Lamp moved and Rasmussen seconded action on the First Reading of Ordinance 580, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106.08 to increase the garbage collection fee to \$15 per month per canister. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2025-09, a resolution to award the contract for the Parks Property Management to Precision Lawn Care. Sawyer explained two bids were received: A Cut Above – Buhrow Lawn Care & More, LLC - \$17,750, \$18,250, and \$18,750 annually for three years; and Precision Lawn Care - \$18,600, \$19,200, \$19,800 annually for three years. Park Board recommendation to the Council was to award the bid to Precision Lawn Care for the bid amounts for three years. Smith commented future contract should add a probationary period therefore if problem arises a change can be made. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:52pm. Rich Ahlberg commented on 408 4th Street and 203 4th Street properties have junk vehicles parked on the property. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:57pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comment that FY2024 Annual Audit will be presented March 17, 2025, and new ambulance will be made available to tour March 3, 2025.

Public Safety Committee made comment that monthly officer training this week, \$900 in snow tickets were written for those parked on the street after 2in per ordinance; interview for one open reserve officer position; and upcoming March 6, 2025, on active shooter training with the school district.

Public Works Committee made comments on new snowplow use and new driver and water main repair on A Avenue.

Smith moved and McDonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor