

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Mcdonald, Kuester, Lamp, Smith. Absent: Rasmussen. Visitors: Kate Appel, Rich Ahlberg, Mel & Chris Bowen, and Holly Fleshner.

Kuester moved and Lamp seconded the approval of the meeting agenda striking item #6 with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, March 3, 2025; approval of the March 2025 Treasurers Report; and approval of the eight-month liquor license for the Grundy County Agricultural Society, Fairgrounds, 1308 4<sup>th</sup> Street. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. February 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$102025; Road Use Tax: \$13304; Employee Benefits: \$28694; Local Option Sales Tax: \$24735; Community Betterment Fund: \$34; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$9359; Library Gift Trust: \$471; Park Board Gift Trust: \$1900; Water Fund: \$49616; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$27524; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$29690; Ambulance Fund: \$50885; Storm Sewer Fund: \$597; Total: \$359283. February 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$91047; Road Use Tax: \$28211; Employee Benefits Fund: \$1722; Local Option Sales Tax: \$24735; Community Betterment Fund: \$12368; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$3; Library Gift Trust: \$471; Ambulance Gift Trust: \$500; Debt Service Fund: \$872; Water Fund: \$50577; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$64951; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$30243; Ambulance Fund: \$35321; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4221; Total: \$365692.

Mayor Eberline introduced Rachele Thompson, CPA, to present the fiscal year 2024 annual audit. Thompson commented the audit went very well and she has issued an unmodified opinion. This opinion is best rating possible. Thompson explained that all necessary testing she completed was presented fairly on the city's financial statements and cash fund balances all matched and confirmed with the bank accounts as presented. Findings noted in the audit are the same as years past, such as internal control and segregation of duties, controls over utility billing, collections, and delinquent account with reconciliations. Audit will be submitted to the State of Iowa Auditors office by March 31, 2025, deadline. No formal action is needed.

Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded action on the Third 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 four ayes.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded action on Resolution 2025-10, a resolution to approve the street closures for Felix Grundy Days, July 11-12, 2025. Kate Appel, Felix Committee Chair, discussed changes to the street closures including additional space for the car show on Friday evening. Mel Bowen explained that F Ave from 6-8<sup>th</sup> Street; 7<sup>th</sup> Street from GCMU driveway south to F Ave intersection and the Community Center Parking lot are set to be used for the car show. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mcdonald moved and Smith seconded action on Resolution 2025-11, a resolution to approve the 28E Agreement for mutual assistance for Grundy County Fire Departments and participating jurisdictions. No discussion, motion carried four ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 6:51pm. Holly Fleshner, Grundy County Pony Express, requested the annual fundraiser for Easter Seals Event and requested flashing of red streetlights on G Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street intersection on April 19, 2025, from 8am-10am. Smith moved and Mcdonald seconded motion to approve this request allow the fundraiser for the Easter Seals. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes. No further comments, public forum closed at 6:54pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comments that FY26 budget work will continue with Finance Committee and Black Hawk Energy Franchise Agreement is set for renewal in April 2025.

Public Safety Committee made comments that the active shooter training with the school district will be rescheduled; and his department worked with GTSB and Iowa State Patrol.

Public Works Committee made comments on the thank you from the Grundy County Memorial Hospital and upcoming bridge closure project.

Mcdonald commented on new services being offered by Kling Memorial Library, Library Speakers Consortium, with live events by authors of many different books.

Lamp moved and Mcdonald seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:05pm. Motion carried four ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:30pm Special Meeting and Regular Meeting at 6:30pm.

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Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

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Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor