

A regular session of the Grundy Center City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Eberline. Present: Mcdonald, Kuester, Smith, Lamp and Rasmussen. Absent: None. Visitors: Mel Bowen, Jay Duncan and seven Heart of Iowa representatives, Summer Wade, Jason Hilby, and Dwight Gliem.

Mcdonald moved and Rasmussen seconded the approval of the meeting agenda with no conflicts of interest. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action for approval of the minutes of the regular session held Monday, March 17, 2025; approval of the March 2025 bills list; approval of the March 2025 Treasurers Report; approval to publish for open burning from April 14, 2025 through May 31, 2025 from 6a-6p; and approval of a liquor license for The Landmark Bistro, 725 G Avenue, for Felix Grundy Days, July 11-12, 2025. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A CUT ABOVE	SERVICES	70.00
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	SELF FUND PREMIUMS	12606.46
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	211.14
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	SERVICES	1846.50
AIRGAS USA	OXYGEN	361.45
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	353.05
TANNER APPEL	REIMBURSEMENT	115.00
APPEL, TANNER - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	1225.00
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	127.50
AVESIS - FIDELITY SECURITY LIF	VISION	284.20
DANIEL BANGASSER	CELL PHONE	39.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	4887.09
BMC AGGREGATES L.C.	ROADSTONE	187.73
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	MEDS	393.84
BROADCAST MUSIC INC	FEES	446.00
BROTHERS MARKET	SUPPLIES	6.89
CARSON, KODI - HSA	HEALTH SAVING	1155.00
CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS	SERVICES	2500.00
CIVIC SYSTEMS, LLC	SOFTWARE	8160.00
DEBOER TREE FARM	TREES	1053.00
WELLMARK DENTAL	DENTAL INSURANC	1070.90
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	27147.53
GNB BANK	VISA	1917.66
GNB INSURANCE	PREMIUMS	40.00
GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS	TELEHPHONES	298.21
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	UTILITIES	7715.70
GRUNDY CENTER UTILITIES	ITRON	889.52
GRUNDY COUNTY MEM HOSPITAL	MEDS	146.45
GRUNDY COUNTY RECORDER	FEES	57.00
HEARTLAND CO-OP	FUEL	4563.52
HSA - ABBAS, KENNETH	HEALTH SAVING	310.00
HSA - BAGENSTOS, BROOKE	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - BANGASSER, DAN	HEALTH SAVING	380.00
HSA - BOWEN, MEL	HEALTH SAVING	200.00

HSA - CONGER, COLLIN	HEALTH SAVING	562.50
HSA - FLATER, BRAD	HEALTH SAVING	100.00
HSA - GLIEM, DWIGHT	HEALTH SAVING	200.00
HSA - JAKOUBEK, CASSANDRA	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
HSA - LUFKIN, KENDRA	HEALTH SAVING	311.50
HSA - MEESTER, SHANNON	HEALTH SAVING	662.50
HSA - OBERLE, JACOB	HEALTH SAVING	1125.00
HSA - RASMUSSEN, KATIE A	HEALTH SAVING	310.00
HSA - SAWYER, KRISTY	HEALTH SAVING	300.00
HSA - SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	HEALTH SAVING	310.00
HSA - WILSON, JASON	HEALTH SAVING	120.00
HSA-NATVIG, JAMES A	HEALTH SAVING	1165.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	50.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF	DUES	635.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT	463.42
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PROGRAM	SERVICES	754.14
IOWA REGIONAL UTILITIES	WATER	23686.78
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	17650.67
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	478.65
K & W ELECTRIC INC.	SERVICES	4150.00
LEGACY EMERGENCY VEHICLES	PARTS	595.52
KENDRA LUFKIN	JANITORIAL	425.00
UPPER ELEMENTARY	RENT	3757.00
MICROBAC LABORATORIES, INC	SERVICES	52.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	28.99
PHYSICIANS CLAIMS CO	SERVICES	6821.97
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	57.31
POSTMASTER GRUNDY CENTER	STAMPS	730.00
PRECISION LAWN CARE	SERVICES	5496.67
REC GRUNDY COUNTY	UTILITIES	167.23
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	VOL LIFE-AFTER	1409.17
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC	MARCH CONTRACT	27113.23
ROSS SELF STORAGE	BIG GRANT	8153.00
ROUSE MOTOR	SERVICES	668.75
SAM'S CLUB	SUPPLIES	6.45
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	STATE TAXES	2766.03
TREASURER-STATE OF IA	WET TAX	3767.16
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	RUGS	70.88
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONES	181.88
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PARTS	979.20
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS B S	HEALTH INS	27611.24
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION, INC	SERVICES	700.00
JASON WILSON	REIMBURSEMENT	150.00
Accounts Payable Total		236300.36
Payroll Checks		92343.21
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		328643.57

March 2025 Expenditures per fund: General: \$102151; Road Use Tax: \$9668; Employee Benefits: \$41850; Local Option Sales Tax: \$30328; Community Betterment Fund: \$8210; Library Gift Trust: \$1333; Park Board Gift Trust: \$1053; Water Fund: \$41599; Water Reserves Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$26521; Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$30960; Ambulance Fund: \$63147; Storm Sewer Fund: \$1819; Total: \$379088. March 2025 Revenues per fund: General: \$73222; Road Use Tax: \$25396; Employee Benefits Fund: \$12537; Local Option Sales Tax: \$30328; Hotel Motel Tax Fund: \$1850; Community Betterment Fund: \$15164; Fire Equipment Reserve Fund: \$1319; Library Gift Trust: \$593; Debt Service Fund: \$6352; Water Fund: \$53925; Water Reserve Sinking Fund: \$4650; Sanitary Sewer Fund: \$44040; Sewer Sinking fund: \$15800; Sanitation Fund: \$33748; Ambulance Fund: \$46053; Storm Sewer Fund: \$4230; Total: \$369210.

Mayor Eberline introduced Jay Duncan, Heart of Iowa General Manager, for a presentation on fiber optic installation project. Duncan announced Heart of Iowa is planning to offer fiber optic services to all commercial and residential properties with Grundy Center. They are planning a three-phase approach beginning with phase 1 to install two main lines, one from the north and one from the south of the city limits beginning mid-June 2025 which includes about fifteen miles of cable. Phase 2 will be businesses and residential service installation to begin July 2025. Heart of Iowa is in the process of acquiring land within the city limit to install their utility substation, a concrete telecom hut, power board H-frame, communication handholes and a generator. Central Cable Contractors will be the subcontractors on-site for this project. More information is available on Heart of Iowa website.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded action on Resolution 2025-12, a resolution authorizing Mayor Eberline to sign an agreement with Public Consulting Group, LLC for the GEMT program. Dwight Gliem commented that this agreement is the same as the previous one, just extending it another three years. Public Consulting Group, LLC. completes the additional billing and collections of all Medicaid insurance claims. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Rasmussen moved and McDonald seconded action on Resolution 2025-13, a resolution authorizing Mayor Eberline to sign an agreement with Grundy County Memorial Hospital for onsite security with our Police Department.

Chief Natvig explained this agreement is for one hour per night a police officer will check in with the emergency department, walk the outdoor and indoor perimeter to check all doors, escort employees to parking lot during shift changes, assist with unruly patient if needed, etc. GCMH is fully aware that calls within the city limits will take priority over these duties and are willing to be flexible as to when these duties are completed. Ryan Bingman, GCMH representative, was acknowledged to answer questions about whether this is a customary practice with Unitypoint Hospitals. Lamp commented that past issues in Police Department were about work/life balance and now adding more duties, why is the city police being asked of this and not county department, and what will Council do if other businesses within the city limits ask for the same type of coverage, is this a precedence? Kuester asked if this revenue would supplement the police department operating budget. McDonald commented that GCMH has a great reputation, and this partnership could be positive for all involved. No further discussion, motion carried four ayes (Rasmussen, McDonald, Smith and Kuester) and one nay (Lamp).

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on Ordinance 581, an ordinance to amend Chapter 110 Natural Gas Franchise granting Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, the authority to construct, operate, maintain, and extend a natural gas distribution plant and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits and publish for the public hearing for April 21, 2025. Summer Wade and Jason Hilby, Black Hills Energy representatives, were acknowledged. Wade commented the current franchise agreement was put in place 25 years ago and it was time to renew it. McDonald asked how many local employees Black Hills Energy has. Kuester moved and Smith seconded action to public for the public hearing on Ordinance 581 for Monday, April 21, 2025. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the discussion on the fiscal year 2026 annual budget, property tax levy and take action to publish for a public hearing on April 21, 2025, to set the property tax levy and adopt the annual budget. Smith explained that the finance committee has reviewed budget fully and recommends City Council to publish for a public hearing on April 21, 2025, to adopt the fiscal year annual budget with the property tax levy set at \$16.23685/\$1000 of assessed valuation. Smith explained this to be a 1.9%

increase over fiscal year 2025 which will over most department requests, wage increases and supplement reserves for what was used this year for the police department. Lamp moved and Rasmussen seconded approval to publish for a public hearing on April 21, 2025, on the fiscal year 2026 annual city budget and adopt the property tax levy of \$16.23685/\$1000 of assessed valuation. No further discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Smith moved and Lamp seconded action to approve Mayor Eberline's appointment of Bill Itzen to the Planning & Zoning Board with a term ending December 31, 2030. No discussion, motion carried five ayes.

Mayor Eberline opened the public forum at 7:10pm. No public comments, public forum closed at 7:11pm.

Finance Committee/Clerk made comments on IMFOA Spring Conference this week and Civic Systems software conversion will begin in May 2025.

Public Safety Committee made comments that monthly officer training is April 16th and Officer Conger graduates from the ILEA Academy April 25th.

Public Works Committee made comments on the city receiving a Tree City USA award; working on softball bullpen project; flushing hydrants April 14-18, 2025; draining pool soon; and completed an assessment of the wastewater sewer plant to start process on next upgrades and repairs.

Smith moved and Rasmussen seconded adjournment of the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion carried five ayes. Next meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Attest: Kristy Sawyer, City Clerk

Dr. Paul Eberline, Mayor