



**GRINNELL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL
AND VIA ZOOM**

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

ROLL CALL: White (Chair), Hueftle-Worley, Davis

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Grinnell Optimist and Police Department request for "2021 National Night Out" event on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with the closure of Park Street from 4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue and 3rd Avenue from Park Street to Broad Street.
2. Consider request from the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department to close streets for the Fire Convention parade on Saturday, September 11, 2021.
3. Consider request from Poweshiek County Fair to close streets for their tractor ride.
4. Consider request from Grinnell College to close 8th Ave, between Park and East Streets on August 25, 2021, for their beginning of school picnic.
5. Discuss letter from Unity Point regarding EMS.
6. Discuss bicycle riding on Central Business District sidewalks.

INQUIRIES:

ADJOURNMENT



City of Grinnell

...Jewel of the Prairie

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2021 National Night Out Event

Honorable Mayor Dan Agnew
Grinnell City Council
520 4th Avenue
Grinnell, IA 50112

Mayor Agnew,

The Grinnell Police Department and the Grinnell Optimist Club are sponsoring the "National Night Out" event again this year. This is Grinnell's 16th year participating in this nationwide event. This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. This event encourages people to get involved in their neighborhood and meet with their neighbors. It also enables people from the community to meet and greet their local Police, Firefighters, and EMS personnel, enhancing the relationship between the community and public safety personnel.

This year's event will take place at one location. The Grinnell Police Department and the Grinnell Optimist Club are requesting to use all facilities at Central Park. We would kindly request that any fees associated with the use of these parks and facilities be waived for that day. We would also like to request permission to close down the 800 block of Park Street and the 900 block of 3rd Avenue to allow children and attendees to safely view the first responder's vehicles, as well as to visit food vendors.

We would like to cordially invite you, City Manager Behrens, and each council member to attend this year's event to socialize with your neighbors, and meet and greet your local public safety personnel. Ice Cream will be provided by the Grinnell Optimist Club. We would also ask permission to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to organize and secure items such as extra trash receptacles. Thank you for your support and assistance. We look forward to your participation in this year's "National Night Out" event!

Patrick Hatting
Grinnell Optimist Club

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Officer Jeff Criswell
Grinnell Police Department

Fire Convention Parade Approval from City Council

PARADE DETAILS

- The parade will be Saturday, September 11, 2021 starting at 6:30pm
- The parade route is approximately 3 miles long and should last 1 to 1 ½ hours
- We anticipate 100-125 entries, but will not be capping it if we receive more. There are 16 categories for judgment - each entry will choose what category they'd like to be entered into
- Prejudging will occur at Ahrens Park during staging and final judging and presentation will occur at the review stand

PARADE ROUTE

- Staging for the parade will be at the Ahrens Park facility parking lots. We anticipate entrants lining up in numerical order and entering the parade route onto Penrose as they are individually safely able to do so
- The parade route will officially start near the south side of Ahrens Park on Penrose Ave. Entrants will travel southbound, will cross Hwy-6 with the help of traffic control (not a total shut-down), and will continue to 4th Ave
- The parade route will turn right onto 4th Ave from Penrose and travel west until 4th Ave ends at Ferguson Rd.
 - The intersection of Hwy-146 and 4th Ave is where the road closure will be needed
- Entrants will complete the parade route at the corner of 4th Ave and Ferguson Rd. Ferguson Rd (heading north) will serve as the byway back to the campground
 - Entrants will cross Hwy-6 at Ferguson Rd as it is safe to do so - no official shut-down needed

ADVANTAGES

- The route will only require one highway road closure - Hwy 146 at 4th Ave will need to be closed with monitored traffic assistance for the duration of the parade.
 - The staging location does require entrants to cross Hwy-146 to get there; however, it can be crossed as traffic allows and does not require a shut down
 - The parade will officially end just after the Grinnell Family Care location on 4th Ave which will give entrants the spacing and time needed to safely cross Hwy-6 to get back to the campground without an official road closure
- The route will go through downtown which will provide space for several hundred people to view from the sidewalks and nearby businesses
- Parking will only be restricted on two streets - Penrose Ave and 4th Ave
- All entrants will end back at the campground

ITEMS SEEKING CITY APPROVAL AND ASSISTANCE

- Parade route approval
- Designated 'no parking' signs along route the day of parade
 - The parade committee will assist with this process
- Help with traffic control at intersections
- Use of barricades and other traffic-assistance items as needed

We bring this before the City Council in June in order to receive approval prior to the end of July, which will give us 6-8 weeks of final preparation before the event.

Please let the parade committee know if there are any questions and/or if any additional information is needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ann Wingerter

From: Poweshiek County Fair <powfair@iowatelecom.net>
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Ann Wingerter
Subject: County Fair Tractor Ride

Ann,
I was asked to send you information regarding the Poweshiek County Fair Tractor Ride that will be held on July 24th. The ride organizer talked with the police department about possibly having help with getting the tractors onto Hwy 146 from the fairgrounds that morning. Here is the route they will be taking. Approximately 60 tractors will be leaving the fairgrounds at 8:30 am proceeding south on East Street to Pinder Ave. They will head west on Pinder to Hwy 146 where they will turn south.
Please let me know if you need any other information.
Thank you for your time.

Marcia Iverson, Office Manager
Poweshiek County Fair
641 236-7959
Office Hours: MWF 9-4

2021 Fair Dates
July 10 & 15-19

“Family Faircation”

Ann Wingerter

From: Rachel Bly <rachelrbly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Ann Wingerter; Michael McClelland; shropshi@grinnell.edu; Cox, Heather
Subject: road closure

Grinnell College would like to request that 8th Ave, between Park and East Streets be closed on August 25th from 2pm until 9pm. We will put the bollards and barricades up. This is for our beginning of school picnic.

I can't remember if this needs to go to the council or if the chief can just okay it so I am sending it to both of you!

THank you!!

Rachel

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Have a great day!

Rachel Bly
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UnityPoint Health
Grinnell Regional Medical Center

June 28, 2021

Russ Behrens
City of Grinnell
520 4th Ave
Grinnell, IA 50112

RE: UnityPoint Health – Grinnell response to EMS transfer request

Dear Mr. Behrens,

Thank you for taking time to meet with me and Bill Menner on June 9, and to clarify the City's need to know if the hospital will support the proforma presented by Iowa EMS Consultants. As we discussed, the financial plan assumes our transfers as the phase 1 component of a new City service, and you asked us to let you know if we can endorse this at this time.

Our hospital Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 23 to discuss the request. After a lengthy discussion, the Board wishes to continue services with UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown until after the City establishes a 911 service and we can begin to work together for those patients. Upon establishing a good working relationship that lends trust and confidence in the service provided, we would be willing to enter discussions around a transition of our transfers at that time.

Concurrently, the hospital will help facilitate dialogue with key stakeholders across the county to gauge interest in more collaboration around EMS services. As financing and staffing of these critical services becomes even more challenging, it seems the right time to evaluate past practices and explore new possibilities.

We look forward to being a valued participant in this vital service for the patients we serve. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Havens, CEO

Sally Lang, Chair, UPH – Grinnell Board of Directors