



GRINNELL CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

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MINUTES

Mayor Agnew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all the council members in attendance. Davis attended via Zoom.

White made the motion, second by Hueftle-Worley to approve the agenda. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Davis to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, August 17, 2020 Regular Session.
2. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, August 24, 2020 Special Session.
3. Previous minutes as drafted from the Wednesday, August 26, 2020 Special Session.
4. Approve city claims and payroll claims from August 4, 2020 through and including September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$1,542,073.38.
5. Accept Resignation of Volunteer Fire Fighter Ben Barr.
6. Approve Kelly Fosse as a new member of Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department.
7. Approve Liquor License renewals:
 1. Trustees of Grinnell College, 1115 8th Ave.
 2. Peace Tree Brewing Company, 923 Main St.
 3. Rabbitt's Tavern, 721 4th Ave.
 4. Lucky Cat coffee and daiquiri bar, 619 5th Ave.
 5. Hotel Grinnell (ownership change), 925 Park St.
8. Review Campbell Fund requests.

AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the previous meeting minutes and other communications as follows:

- a) Finance Committee minutes: August 17, 2020.
- b) Public Works & Grounds Committee minutes: August 17, 2020.
- c) Civil Service minutes: August 6, 2020.
- d) Library Board minutes: July 22, 2020.
- e) Parks & Recreation Board minutes: August 24, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2020-145 – A resolution Ratifying the Acceptance of a Proposal to Purchase \$3,190,000 (Dollar Amount Subject to Change) General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020B. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2020-146 – A resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement for \$5,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020A. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2020-147 – A resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate and Continuing Disclosure Certificate for \$5,000,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020A. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2020-148 – A resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Note Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent and Note Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of the Agreement for \$3,125,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020B. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2020-149 – A resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate and Continuing Disclosure Certificate for \$3,125,000 General Obligation Refunding Capital Loan Notes, Series 2020B. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2020-150 - A resolution requesting reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund in the amount of \$184,984.32. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #1 and Action Plan: More targeted and aggressive public/city investment to accomplish economic development priorities – partner with others to expand resource options. No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #3 and Action Plan: Update job descriptions, compensation study, and success planning. No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #12: Consider ways to utilize Campbell Fund to address root problems of poverty in Grinnell. No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #15: Financial software that allows real time access to budget information and payroll data entry. No action was taken.

Wray made the motion, second by White to approve Resolution No. 2020-151 – A resolution for monthly internal transfers of funds. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Wray made the motion, second by Bly to approve Resolution No. 2020-152 – A resolution for monthly transfers of funds for trust and agency. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Gaard to approve Resolution No. 2020-153 – A resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 8 in the amount of \$355,651.13 to Manatts, Inc. of Brooklyn, Iowa for the Runway Rehabilitation Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Resolution No. 2020-154 – A resolution authorizing payment of contractor's pay request No. 1 in the amount of \$136,916.17 to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa for the 16th Avenue Culvert Project. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

No action was taken on a request from Joshua Burnham asking to not connect to City water and sewer at 199 – 380th Ave.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve moving forward with the South Water Tower project after review of the Site Geotechnical Investigation Findings. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Gaard to approve Windstream ROW request, Industrial Ave. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve Alliant ROW request, Penrose St. to Oak St. on Hwy 6. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #6 and Action Plan: Greatly improved sidewalks in a public / private partnership. No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #13: Develop policy to code enforcement and contractor responsibility, especially right-of-way permits. No action was taken.

Strategic Plan Initiative #17: Develop pilot program to disconnect footing drains will not be pursued at this time. No action was taken.

Hueftle-Worley provided an update on work related to 2020 Derecho.

Discussion was held on the process and identification of partners to develop a tree replanting plan as part of considering a moratorium on new tree plantings in the public right-o-way.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by Wray to approve a moratorium on new tree plantings in the public right-of-way until January 1, 2021. AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #4 and Action Plan: Consider hiring a third-party consultant to analyze current EMS Operations and create a long-term strategic plan. No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #5 and Action Plan: County-wide 700-800 MHz digital radio system. County wide and interoperable communications in equal partnership with EMS agencies, fire departments, other cities, and the County. Development and implementation of new public safety communication system. No action was taken.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #2 and Action Plan: Strong support for initiatives that expand housing options (type, cost, location, etc.). No action was taken.

An update was given on Strategic Plan Initiative #7 and #9 (items were combined): Work with Chamber to develop multimedia promotional items and appoint a communications director/social media coordinator. No action was taken.

Strategic Plan Initiative #11: Update Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinances will move to the FY 20-21 Capital Improvement Plan.

ORDINANCES

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by White to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1485 - An ordinance amending the provisions pertaining to animal regulations – tampering with rabies tag (legislative update). AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Hueftle-Worley made the motion, second by White to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1486 - An ordinance amending the provision pertaining to simple misdemeanor fine (legislative update). AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

Davis made the motion, second by White to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 1487 - An ordinance amending the provisions pertaining to tobacco regulations (legislative update). AYES: 6-0. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES

Mayor Agnew provided an update on the Equity in Service Committee he is putting together.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

DAN F. AGNEW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANNMARIE WINGERTER, CITY CLERK/FINANCE DIRECTOR