

Minutes
City of Griswold
Special Council Meeting, City Council Chambers
June 25, 2020
6:00 PM

The Griswold City Council met in special session at Griswold City Council Chambers. Mayor Brad Rhine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council present: Sorensen, Adams, Cook, Preston. Absent: Askeland. Motion by Adams to approve the agenda. Seconded by Preston. Approved 4-0. Motion by Sorensen to approve the following items under the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Claims

Seconded by Preston. Approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion by Sorensen to approve **Resolution 42-2020: Approve Money Movements to IPAIT** Seconded by Stapleton. Roll call ayes: Sorensen, Cook, Preston. Nays: Adams. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion of **Fireworks Ordinance**. The use of consumer fireworks is only allowed on private property. Consumer fireworks are prohibited on public properties which includes parks, cemeteries, public right of way, public parking lots, or sidewalks. A person shall only use or explode consumer fireworks Thursday, July 2nd through Saturday, July 4th between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. with the exception of July 4th in which the hours of use are 9:00 A.M. through 11:00 P.M. Display fireworks are strictly prohibited except in cases where an individual has obtained proper insurance and a permit from the City. Council encouraged anyone who observes anyone not abiding by the city's firework ordinance to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- c. Discussion of the next steps in **hiring a new City Manager**. Marissa Lockwood decided not enter into the employee agreement with the City. Council would like to find a more affordable avenue than a head hunter for the City to obtain a new City Manager. Sorensen is going to reach out to several contacts to attempt to find a less expensive way to find qualified applicants.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Rhine thanked the City Clerk, Barbara Teaney, for her extra work with the Manager position being vacant. He reminded everyone to stay safe this 4th of July and to abide by the City's dates and times for fireworks use.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Preston announced that the Cass County Museum will be open for the Old Soldier's Reunion. It will open July 10th at 1:00 P.M. and July 11th from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The museum will then be open for normal summer hours Wednesdays through Sundays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Preston said there are many new exhibits and the new Raggedy Ann one is a must see. Preston said if the proposed cell phone tower was built it would give residents more cell phone carrier options.

Adams said it was very nice of Jason Reynolds to send her and Stapleton a thank you note for attending the Cass County Zoning Board hearing for the cell tower that was proposed West of Griswold. Adams gave Council an overview of the hearing and said the tower was not approved to be built in the company's selected location.

Adams stated she is trying to get in contact with the company that wanted to build the tower, so the City could offer other proposed sites that council would support the tower being placed.

Stapleton said that he really wants the tower because it would be a Firstnet AT&T tower. Stapleton said that Firstnet would be really help EMS communications. Stapleton hopes that company still has interest in Griswold because it will push us into the future with communications. Stapleton said he has received several complaints about pools without fences. Council decided to make a list of pools without fences and send out ordinance violation letters. Stapleton encouraged the council and the public to nominate their Hometown Heroes for the Griswold Hometown Heroes Campaign that the American Legion Auxiliary Post #508 is sponsoring during the month of July. Please see the June 24th edition of Griswold American or the American Legion Auxiliary Post #508 Facebook page on how to nominate your Hometown Hero.

Sorensen said she is in support of the cell tower still being built and recommended some land the tower could be placed that the City could benefit not only from communications, but also financially from the tower. Sorensen said she recently listened to a Zoom call for the proposed new Fire and Rescue Departments building. The Fire and Rescue Departments have scaled back their original plan. Sorensen said the proposal is to build it with just the basics with plans of adding extras through fundraising in the future. Sorensen said they really need the new building because of lack of space for equipment in the current building and the fact that fire and rescue equipment keeps increasing in size Sorensen also added that the City could potentially spend as much if not more in repairs

of the current building. Sorensen said the Fire and Rescue Department plan on putting a referendum on the November ballot. Sorensen reminded the public to obey the fireworks and pool fence ordinances. Motion by Sorensen to adjourn. Seconded by Stapleton. Approved 5-0. 6:48 P.M.

CLAIMS APPROVED AT MEETING

VENDOR NAME	REFERENCE	TOTAL
ACCESS SYSTEMS	COMPUTER/COPY/SERVER LEASE	\$ 1,221.28
ADVANTAGE PRESERVATION	ONLINE SEARCH GRISWOLD AMERICAN	\$ 250.00
AMAZON	BOOKS/SUPPLIES/PROGRAMS	\$ 1,892.62
CARD SERVICES	LIBRARY FACEBOOK LIVE	\$ 18.10
GRISWOLD AMERICAN	MINUTES/ORIDIANCES/WATER REPORT	\$ 517.98
GRISWOLD LIBRARY	SUPPLIES	\$ 8.44
SCOTT HANSEN	DEPOSIT REFUND COVID-19	\$ 50.00
HARWARDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS	\$ 15.00
IIMC	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 170.00
I&S GROUP	2019 STREET IMPROVEMENTS/RIGHT OF WAY UNION ST	\$ 6,131.24
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	\$ 75.60
MAYNARD CUSTOM SOLUTIONS	REPLACE FAULTY HARD DRIVE	\$ 199.04
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	BALLFIELDS/LIBRARY	\$ 276.64
NISHNABOTNA VALLEY REC	CEMETERY - ELEC/GAS	\$ 24.42
PRECISION CONCRETE SERV	PAY APP #2-2019 ST IMPROVEMENT	\$ 12,023.35
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 241.24
RED OAK AMBULANCE	MUTUAL AID	\$ 220.00
MARK STEFFAN	DAMAGE DEPOSIT RETURN	\$ 100.00
SUNNY COMMUNICATIONS	FIRE RADIO BATTERY	\$ 145.00
TOWN & COUNTRY SANITATION	FISH FARM TRASH REMOVAL	\$ 35.00
WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	DOLL CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES	\$ 5.16
WELLMARK	PREMIUMS	\$ 4,025.39
JC WYMAN	DEPOSIT REFUND COVID-19	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:		\$ 27,695.50
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,251.99
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$ 340.00
	COMMUNITY BLDG FUND	\$ 200.00
	RESCUE FUND	\$ 220.00
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	\$ 1,800.73
	2019 ST IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$ 17,814.59
	WATER FUND	\$ 1,598.32
	SEWER FUND	\$ 1,469.87
TOTAL BY FUND:		\$ 27,695.50

Brad Rhine

Mayor

Barbara Teaney

City Clerk