

Grand Meadow Council Meeting
September 11, 2023 @6:00pm
Grand Meadow Community Center

Present: Councilor Christy Benson, Councilor Blayne Stejskal, Councilor Ryan Queensland, Councilor Aaron Myhre, Mayor James Christian, Clerk Chris Hyrkas

Visitors: Duke Baudoin with Baudoin Oil, Lacie Tingesdal with GM License Bureau, Derek Olinger with Bolton & Menk, Gretchen Mensink with the Mower County Independent, Bryan Owens, Travis Warmka and Pastor Megan Reedstrom from the Grand Meadow Lutheran Church.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Christian called the meeting to order, and opened the meeting by asking everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christian asked for a motion to suspend the regular council meeting and open the public hearing; motion by R. Queensland and 2nd by A. Myhre, motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

-Rezoning request of 310 4th Ave. from Industrial to C-2 commercial. No one present to comment.

Christian asked for a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting. Motion to close by R. Queensland, 2nd by C. Benson, motion carried.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

3. ISG INC. PRESENTATION: Michael Novitzki for ISG. INC. Presentation, not present.

4. OPEN FORUM: nothing currently

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to add the License Bureau to 7 E. B. Stejskal motion to approve amended Consent Agenda, R. Queensland 2nd, motion carried.

6: REPORTS:

LIBRARY- report provided

GMAAS- report provided

PUBLIC WORKS- report provided. B. Stejskal asked for an update on the man hole cover by Steve Iverson'S shop. Staffed believed that it will be fixed this week, if not done already.

GMPD- report provided

GMFD- report provided. T. Warmka asked council to appoint Zach Holst to the Fire Department, C. Benson motioned, A. Myhre 2nd, motion approved. Warmka commented that he heard there is a \$40,000 grant coming for public works and the Fire Department is requesting 1/3 of the funding.

CITY CLERK- Been giving information to Scott and he has been presenting it.

CITY ADMINISTATOR- report provided

7. OLD BUSINESS

A: Construction Projects:

- I. General update: Derek Olinger with Bolton & Menk updates: sewer on 2nd Ave. is finished. 2nd St. final block is being worked on. October 31st is the required finish date. Olinger noted that everything except the final layer of blacktop is included in this.
- II. Motion to pay street pay application # 8 for \$456,078.23 by B. Stejskal, 2nd R. Queensland, motion carried.
- III: Lift station has some electrical work to finish, final grading and run a test demo to be sure everything is working before switching over. Stejskal asked if the demolition was planned for this year, Olinger stated that was the plan but has not seen the final updated from them. Motion to approve the pay application # 10 for \$67,575.44 by A. Myrhe and 2nd by C. Benson, motion carried.

B. Olinger further discussed the Pavement and Infrastructure management proposal with council. This will help with moving forward with any street projects, overlays, major repairs and how to plan for them. Olinger suggested having Mike Bubany come in and present a financial plan to council. A suggestion to be proactive going forward would be beneficial. R. Queensland made a motion to move forward with the management plan, C. Benson 2nd, motion carried.

C. Bryan Owens is requesting for rezoning for 113 Main St. N from C-1 Central Business to R-1 Single Family Residential. Owens presented council with plans for converting the old Mayo building to a residential home. Myhre feels there is more need for commercial and we do not want to any more commercial than we already have. Benson's thought is we make an exception for one we must do it for everyone. Queensland, Stejskal and Myhre feel we leave it as Central Business District. Myhre made a motion to deny the rezoning of 113 Main St., Stejskal 2nd the motion, motion carried.

D. Dollar General, rezoning request for 310 4th Ave. from Industrial to C-2 Commercial. The requests for changes that planning and zoning have made have been made. Olinger

did not see any issues with what they had presented. Myhre asked if they were going to be LP or natural gas because of the current issues we already have. B. Stejskal made a motion to approve the request for rezoning, A. Myhre 2nd the motion, motion carried.

E. Lacie Tingesdal with the GM License Bureau presented two estimates for installation of the water and sewer to the new building. Tingesdal also inquired about two items from the city ordinance regarding whose financial responsibility it is for the new utility connections. Council did inform her that she could speak with the EDA regarding funding to assist with the expenses for installation of the water and sewer. That property has never had a water or sewer to it, so part of the question is who pays for what? Council also asked if there was currently gas on the property? Tingesdal and Baudoin were unsure at this time, they would investigate it. Olinger did suggest that we tighten up the city ordinance regarding the service connections for clarity.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A- Building permit request at 209 2nd St. NE for an addition to a garage Johnson, B. Stejskal made a motion to approve, A. Myhre 2nd, motion carried.

B- Building permit request at 313 5th St. NE for a garage addition, R. Queensland made a motion for approval, A. Myhre 2nd, motion carried.

C Building permit request for a fence at 209 1st St. NW at Kevin Stier, C. Benson made a motion for approval, B. Stejskal 2nd. Motion carried.

D- Building permit, 303 1st Ave SE Nagel requesting for a variance to the previous fence request for a daycare, C. Benson made a motion to approve, B. Stejskal 2nd, motion carried.

E- GMFD asking for approval for a Liquor License for the Education Foundation Fund, A. Myhre made a motion for approval, was 2nd by B. Stejskal, motion carried. Clerk asked for the date and location for the application. November 18th at 307 2nd Ave N.W.

F- Water and sewer charges for the churches and who will be paying for the meter hook ups. The pastor from GM Lutheran was present to confirm that they are fine with the changes since they have a day care opening in the basement. GM Lutheran does already have a meter in the building. Christian said that St. Finbarr contacted him and were also fine with it. Churches will need to hire a licensed plumber to install city-provided meter.

G- The preliminary Levy will be ready to review at a special meeting on September 20th at 5 p.m. GM License Bureau invited to be added to that meeting's agenda to come back with more information.

9. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn by R. Queensland, 2nd by B. Stejskal. Motion carried.