

Mrs. Sell stated that Xcel Energy representative Brad McCloud was present in the audience. Mr. McCloud thanked City staff, saying that they had been fantastic to work with and that Xcel would like to continue the good working relationship by moving forward with the Franchise Agreement that will be in effect until 2042.

Mayor Pro Tem Breman opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Council.

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO ORDINANCE 2022-15 – SECOND READING – ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR PURSER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

4) ORDINANCE 2022-16 – SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO GRAND VALLEY RURAL POWER LINES, INC. FOR THE RIGHT TO USE STREETS AND OTHER PROPERTY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY IN THE CITY – *FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK MARGARET SELL*

Mrs. Sell stated that this was very similar to the Franchise Agreement that had just been discussed except that it was with Grand Valley Rural Power. She explained how each company has designated areas of utility service within the region and that this agreement had the same provisions (as the previous one) of a 20-year term, 3% of gross revenues and a 1% undergrounding fee.

Mrs. Sell noted that since Grand Valley Rural Power serves a smaller area than Xcel Energy, the fiscal impact to the City in 2021 was \$34,000 in franchise fees and that she anticipates receiving similar amounts in the future but as growth continues, the amount will increase accordingly.

Derek Elder with Grand Valley Rural Power Lines, Inc. said that he shared the same sentiments as Brad with Xcel and that he appreciates the opportunity to work with City of Fruita staff. He added that the agreement will allow Grand Valley Rural Power to continue serving the residents of Fruita in a responsible way by providing safe and reliable power.

Mayor Pro Tem Breman opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Council.

- **COUNCILOR PURSER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-16 – ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH GRAND VALLEY RURAL POWER LINES, INC. AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA