

Council Meeting for January 13, 2025

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Masters, Hoffman, Dyhrkopp, Alderson, and T. Anderson. Visitors: Gina Lowman-Hall, Leslie Faust, Amanda Mart, Tara Miller. Employees Currans, Anderson, C. Hoffman and Petersen.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to approve consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve agenda. 2. Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve bills. 4. Motion to approve financial statement.

City Clerk Currans advised the council that she will attend an EMS meeting on January 29 and that the follow-up FEMA meeting will take place on January 23 at 10 a.m. Peterson reported that C. Hoffman will attend the Gas Boot Camp in April to finalize his gas certification. Additionally, Peterson’s chemical licensure is valid through the end of 2025, and Hoffman will take over this licensure and complete the day-to-day chemical operations, moving forward. Completion of the tennis court removal has been completed; ground will be re-seeded this spring.

The council discussed the storm sewer on S. Cedar Ave., where a camera inspection revealed tree roots and tile damage. CIT Sewer Solutions completed the inspection, Council recommends suspending further repairs while monitoring the situation.

Gina Hall, Amanda Mart, and Leslie Faust reviewed the Library’s fiscal 2025-26 budget and requested an increase in both the general fund and employee benefit fund to cover additional expenses. The Council will consider this request during their budget meeting on February 4, 2025.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 1-2025, “A resolution authorizing the city clerk to make payments for certain bills received after the regular council meeting” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Masters. Ayes-5. Adopted.

T. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 2-2025, “A resolution approving the bank depository”, and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

T. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 3-2025, “A resolution approving the investment policy for the City of Graettinger” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

The regular council meeting is set for the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at city hall. Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 4-2025, “A resolution setting the time and place for a regular council meeting” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

T. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 5-2025, “A resolution designating the Graettinger Times as the official newspaper for publications” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-5. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 8-2025, “A resolution to certify an assessment against taxable property located at 306 N. Lincoln Ave, Graettinger IA” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

The council discussed the completion of Graettinger’s speed study, which used the 85th percentile of traffic speeds as a benchmark. The proposed changes include moving the existing 50 mph (northbound) and 55 mph (southbound) speed limits about 150 feet south of the Dollar General driveway and adjusting the existing 35 mph (northbound) and 50 mph (southbound) limits about 400 feet south of the residential homes. The aim is to slow traffic and reduce accidents.

Tara Miller was present and expressed her concern regarding nuisances within the City of Graettinger. The council reviewed ongoing nuisance issues related to property owners. Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to the Titus and Besaw residents addressing various complaints. Residents are required to remove or clean up the nuisances, or they may face penalties and/or a scheduled City Cleanup of their property.

Mayor Armstrong reviewed the City of Graettinger Organizational Chart for 2025. T. Hoffman was added to the Public Works Committee. No other changes were made.

The budget workshop was scheduled for Feb 4, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. Next Council meeting February 10, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. after a motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson.

25-Jan					
Amazon	Story walk	\$430.92	Apptegy	Web	\$1,366.66
IRS	Tax	\$3,726.74	City Laundering	Supplies	\$22.00
Bomgaars	Clothing	\$238.37	McQueen Equip	Repair	\$1,002.13
Clayton	Reservation	\$12,456.68	Scholastic	Story walk	\$201.69
Estherville					
News	Paper	\$59.00	Spencer Hospital	Peterson Deductible	\$2,049.50
Gr. Market	Supplies	\$12.10	Weekly Bulletin	Subscription	\$180.00
GMU	Electric	\$2,579.47	Joe Enderton	Rebate	\$150.00
Hach Co.	Supplies	\$529.20	Payroll	total	\$12,924.52
Harris					
Sanitation	Contract	\$6,610.00	Claims		\$106,404.27
Hawkins	Chlorine	\$40.00	General		\$23,193.61
IAMU	Training	\$501.00	W.R Grant		\$20,000.00
PACH	Peterson Deductible	\$971.00	RUT		\$4,906.91
PA Co					
Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Emp Ben		\$3,714.83
Pro-Coop	Gas	\$343.42	Debt		\$8,101.85
RVTC	Phone	\$620.70	Water		\$5,506.71
Stalls	Supplies	\$53.94	Sewer		\$2,311.27
Treasurer state					
of IA	Taxes	\$3,245.01	Gas		\$35,648.59
US Cellular	Cell	\$250.17	Self-Insurance		\$3,020.50
Wellmark	Insurance	\$6,910.64	Receipts		
PA Co Sherif	Contract	\$5,231.33	General		\$14,802.20
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$153.00	W.R Grant		\$20,000.00

Dearborn	Life Ins	\$708.70	RUT	\$9,546.76
Unity Point				
Clinic	Testing	\$42.00	Emp Ben	\$2,038.77
Gr. Times	Legals	\$138.35	LOST	\$8,768.85
Gr. Hardware	Supplies	\$452.13	Water	\$4,698.86
Cengage	Supplies	\$63.87	Sewer	\$6,557.80
Michelle Scott	Grant	\$20,000.00	Gas	\$34,548.53
Treasures, WET	Excess tax	\$629.42	Self-Insurance	\$448.00
Control				
Equipment				
Sales	Dues	\$408.69		
Gr.				
Chiropractic	Testing	\$24.00		
PEFA	Gas	\$12,282.74		
RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85		

 Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

 Kara Currans, City Clerk