

Council Meeting for January 5, 2026

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Faust, J. Petersen, Dyhrkopp, Alderson, and T. Anderson. Visitors: none. Employees Currans, Anderson and Hoffman.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson 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.5. Correction of 12-8-25 minutes, “ Friends of the **Pool** for a grant application for umbrellas and supplies.”

City Clerk Currans informed the council she attended the EMS meeting in November, with the next meeting scheduled for January 14 to discuss the EMS Budget Proposed. Anderson reported Well 7 remains offline due to a missing motor. He also shared that the deteriorated concrete manhole ring at Hoffman and Cameron Street will be replaced with cast iron in spring. CIT inspected another manhole on the south side, which will also be repaired in spring after the plow displaced the riser.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson to purchase a new folding machine for City Utility billing, this cost will be shared with Graettinger Light Plant. All Ayes. motion carried.

Library budget will be tabled till next meeting, as they meet this Wednesday January 7,2026.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 1-2026, “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 T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 2-2026, “A resolution approving the bank depository”, and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

T. Anderson introduced resolution no. 3-2026, “A resolution approving the investment policy for the City of Graettinger” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by J. Petersen. Ayes-5. Adopted.

The regular council meeting is set for the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at city hall. Alderson introduced resolution no. 4-2026, “A resolution setting the time and place for a regular council meeting” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-5. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 5-2026, “A resolution designating the Graettinger Times as the official newspaper for publications” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-5. Adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 6-2026, “A resolution to adopt the revised Natural Gas Operator Qualification (OQ) Program for the City of Graettinger.” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-5. Adopted.

The Council discussed potential ideas for the PACGDC City award, focusing on projects and improvements that could benefit the community. Among the items reviewed were the need for new roofs at both City Hall and the Library, and plow truck for city, both tabled till next meeting. Motion to approve a demolition grant completion for 311 S. Cedar Ave, Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Currans addressed the council regarding an increase on utility penalties; discussion was held to increase water penalties to better align with neighboring communities and rate study. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson to approve penalty increases. All Ayes. Motion carried. Ordinance will be reviewed at next meeting.

The council discussed the completion of Graettinger’s speed study, which used the 85th percentile of traffic speeds as a benchmark. The proposed changes have been implemented back in April 2025. The aim is to slow traffic and reduce accidents on Highway 4.

Mayor Armstrong reviewed the 2026 City of Graettinger Organizational Chart. J. Petersen and Faust will be assigned to Natural Gas and General Government Committee’s. Mayor Armstrong appointed Dyhrkopp as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion made to have Bruce Masters removed from Bank Plus privileges, with Andrew Dyhrkopp added. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Walmer and Dunaway residents addressing various complaints.

The budget workshop was scheduled for Feb 9, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.
Next Council meeting February 9, 2026, at 6pm.

Jan-26					
Amazon	Supplies	\$523.39	West Bend Library	Dues	\$30.00
IRS		\$3,921.45	RVTC Loan	Loan	\$8,101.85
Barco	Supplies	\$639.38	City Laundering	Supplies	\$69.09
Bomgaars	Uniform	\$188.42	Kara Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Clayton	Gas	\$4,133.02	Emmetsburg Ford	Repair	\$229.95
Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$1,713.58	Municipal Impact	Website	\$345.00
Gr. Market	Supplies	\$25.18	Tom Murphy	Rebate	\$150.00
GMU	Lights	\$3,387.61	Linda Betsinger	Books	\$10.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,886.65	Griffin Construction	Catalyst	\$2,200.00
Hawkins	Tanks	\$70.00	Al Murray	Rebate	\$150.00
IPERS		\$2,987.22	Tabby Torreson	Rebate	\$150.00
PA CO Treasurer	Landfill	\$693.33	Payroll	Total	\$14,263.49

Pro-Coop	Gas	\$1,618.28		Claims	\$82,829.41	
RVTC	Phone	\$680.62		General	\$24,158.34	
Stalls	Repair	\$19.43		RUT	\$7,742.65	
Treasurer St of IA	Tax	\$1,015.38		Emp Ben	\$3,430.01	
US Cellular	Cell	\$157.89		Debt	\$8,101.85	
UDMO	Dues	\$580.00		Catalyst	\$2,894.78	
VanderHaags	Repair	\$868.01		Water	\$5,331.45	
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,437.42		Sewer	\$2,944.72	
PA CO Sheriff	Contract	\$5,287.58		Gas	\$26,512.03	
GMLP	Library	\$35.30		Storm	\$1,713.58	
ST Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$361.00		Receipts		
Dearborn	Life Ins	\$635.55		General	\$35,553.02	
Unity Pointe	Testing	\$42.00		RUT	\$9,232.49	
Visa	Supplies	\$418.82		Emp Ben	\$6,935.81	
MidAmerican Books	Books	\$36.95		LOST	\$10,010.21	
Culligan	Water	\$15.00		Water	\$9,973.75	
GR Times	Legals	\$168.89		Sewer	\$9,215.65	
GR Hardware	Catalyst	\$1,063.56		Gas	\$44,254.54	
PEFA	Gas	\$12,486.24		Storm	\$1,303.63	
				Total	\$136,120.18	

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. after a motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk