

Council Meeting for January 8, 2024

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at city hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council member Masters, Dyhrkopp, Alderson and Harris. Employees Henderson, Anderson, 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. 5. Motion to approve Class B Alcohol License for The Graettinger Market All ayes. Carried.

Megan and Alex Helmick, Paulina Chavez and Irving Ahumada were present asking for permission to apply for the catalyst grant for a new business on Robins Street, in which this grant would renovate an old building. The council gave them permission to apply for the grant.

Discussion was held on replacement of the Odorator methane gas detector. The detector cannot be calibrated. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to authorize Petersen to purchase an Odorator 2 Methane gas detector for the Gas Utility. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to accept Tug Helmers' bid to repair the some corners of the bathhouse and floor for a cost of \$1950. All ayes. Carried.

Gina Hall and Leslie Faust reviewed the budget for fiscal 2024-25 and asked for an increase in the general fund and employee benefit fund for additional expenses. The Council will consider this at their budget meeting on the 29th of January 2024.

Masters introduced resolution no. 1-2024, "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 Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 2-2024, "A resolution approving the bank depository", and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 3-2024, "A resolution approving the investment policy for the City of Graettinger" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Harris. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Regular council meeting is set for the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at city hall. Alderson introduced resolution no. 4-2024, "A resolution setting the time and place for a regular council meeting" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 5-2024, "A resolution designating the Graettinger Times as the official newspaper for publications" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Harris. Ayes-4. Adopted.

A rate change to \$9.50 for Harris Sanitation customer effective February 1, 2024, was discussed. Alderson introduced resolution no. 6-2024, "A resolution setting fees for Harris Sanitation for garbage service and approval of contract." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-3. Abstain- Harris. Adopted.

Funds for self-insurance were transferred into the general fund for fiscal 2022-23 and needed to be put in the Self-insurance fund. Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 8-2024, "A resolution authorizing a transfer for correction to self-insurance fund." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Motion by Dyhrkopp to remove Michael Flaherty from Bank Plus privileges and add Brandon Armstrong mayor for the privileges, effective January 1, 2024. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion was held on the vacancy seat of council member Armstrong position and instructed the clerk to publish a notice in the Graettinger times. Notice is hereby given that there is a vacancy for the office of the city council due to the resignation of Brandon Armstrong, whose term expires on December 31, 2025. The city council of the City of Graettinger intends to fill this vacancy by appointment until the next city election. However, if within fourteen days after the appointment, there is filed with the city clerk a petition which requests a special election to fill the vacancy, an appointment to fill vacancy is temporary and the city council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy permanently. If anyone is interested in the position, contact City clerk Kara Currans for details regarding the vacancy.

Discussion was held on rate for the garbage collection for residents of the City of Graettinger. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Masters to set a rate of \$16.50 per month for residential garbage. All ayes Carried. Masters introduced Ordinance no. 230 "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Graettinger, Iowa, 2024, by amending provisions pertaining to Solid waste collection fees". Then said ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Masters, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve the first reading. Ayes-4. Carried. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Masters to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-4. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong reviewed the City of Graettinger Organizational Chart for 2024. Nate Harris will be appointed to the open committee seat vacated by Brandon Armstrong.

Set budget workshop date for January 29, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson to adjourn at 7:08 P.M.

Amazon	books	95.73	Wellmark	insurance	7426.24
Barco	posts	688.32	PA Co Sheriff	contract	5231.33
Clayton	gas	3511.57	Bank Plus	adjustment	5.00
Dakota Supply	supplies	697.21	State Hygienic	testing	101.00
Estherville News	paper	59.00	Dearborn	insurance	618.45
Graettinger Market	supplies	17.35	Airgas	supplies	124.68
GMU	utilities	2647.78	Visa	supplies	293.81
Groebner & Ass	supplies	885.74	Graettinger Hardware	supplies	257.60
Harris Sanitation	contract	5509.39	Trea State of IA	taxes	466.86
IA One Call	locates	18.00	New Pig	supplies	274.19
PA Co Treasurer	contract	693.33	PEFA	gas	14800.50
Pro	gas	715.82	City Laundering	supplies	9.50
RVTC	phone, loan	9004.05	Parallel	supplies	50.84
Trea State of IA	taxes	1272.81	ME Auto	repairs	357.36
Trea State of IA	taxes	2117.60	Global	supplies	333.79
US Cellular	phone	208.30	Payroll		14796.55
			Total		72289.70
Expenses					
General	20017.14		Receipts		
RUT	2711		General	13868.71	
Employ Ben	4221.14		RUT	10020.88	
Debt	8101.85		Employ Benefits	2665.75	
Water	5832.05		Emergency	211.45	
Sewer	2788.29		LOST	9682.83	
Gas	29618.23		Lib Mem	300.76	
			Water	9562.97	
			Sewer	10115.25	
			Customer Deposit	3.83	
			Gas	57885.56	
			Storm Sewer	953.14	
			Total	115271.1	
Wages 2023					
Joel Alderson	600.00		Bryon Peterson	55680.49	
Macy Alderson	1486.59		Sophie Petersen	223.5	
Brad Anderson	47008.56		Danica Ringlaben	1856.6	
Isabella Anderson	1513.54		Maureen Sandberg	1854	
Olivia Anderson	1450.00		Shawn Smith	7016	
Brandon Armstrong	750.00		Natalie Swedin	1580.54	
Katie Caneff	12068.84		Allyson Thompson	3416.86	
Colleen Cook	2125.07		Emily Thompson	1452.19	
Kara Currans	37725.00		Total	267877.5	
Ava Dietrich	2442.08		Gary Harris	18391.73	
Andrew Dyhrkopp	700.00		Sandra Heanderson	39157.45	
Liberty Ellis	1965.28		Bruce Masters	650.00	
Leslie Faust	13658.44		Chris McGrauth	550.00	
Mike Flaherty	3475.08		Myla Murphy	1078.07	
Staci Girres	4970.47		Bryon Peterson	55680.49	
Trista Guinn	1272.92		Sophie Petersen	223.5	
Claudia Hall	951.00		Danica Ringlaben	1856.6	
Alexandrea Hanson	807.21		Maureen Sandberg	1854	
Gary Harris	18391.73		Shawn Smith	7016	
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Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City clerk