

## Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Graettinger City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members B. Hoffman, T. Anderson, Dyhrkopp, Masters and employees Currans, Peterson, B. Anderson, and C. Hoffman. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Addie Rutter, Kenna Kajewski, Kasey Hough, Lillian Vanderhoff, Henrick and Lori Nielsen, and Denise Tindall.

Motion by B. Hoffman, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve the 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 wine, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Dollar General. 6. Motion to approve Beer/Liquor/Wine/ Sunday Sales and Premises update for Graettinger Market. 4 ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans advised the council that she will be attending an Iowa Municipal Financial Officer Association (IMFOA) Conference in Des Moines on Oct 16-18, 2024. Peterson will be out of the office starting Oct 30 for 4 weeks.

Peterson advises the council that work on the rig station has been completed. The valves were replaced, and all systems are in working order.

Anderson updates the council regarding Lead Inventory Report this report will inventory the water pipes feeding into homes and businesses within the City of Graettinger. A visual inspection will be assessed and inventory. The City of Graettinger has mailed all citizens that need to finish this inventory paperwork and let city know what type of connection is at property location. The DNR is requiring every community in Iowa to conduct this lead service line inventory on each water service connected in the community. The City of Graettinger is required to inventory the type of water line coming into your house, including the type of piping in your house and when the plumbing was last updated if known.

Peterson reports GPS mapping has commenced for Light Plant, the city survey will help to draw maps of known boundaries and locate public utilities within the city. The council reviewed the storm sewer on S. Cedar Ave. The city will conduct a camera inspection of storm sewer tiles to determine if the tile is compromised. Should repairs be necessary bids will be solicited. The city will clean the area of tree debris located over existing tile in area. This matter has been tabled for further discussion.

City Clerk Currans reviewed the Annual Financial Report for city portion. Tabled till Light Plant numbers are received by auditor.

The council reviewed the Iowa DOT- railroad safety improvement report, currently the City of Graettinger has three crossings. The three crossings, presently, do not qualify for improvements. Iowa DOT will continue to review railroad crossings and advise the city when crossings need improved. Funds will be available through the Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Fund.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to hire Collin Hoffman as public works employee effective Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no 40-2024, "A resolution amending resolution no 31-2024 setting salaries for employees of the City of Graettinger." And moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Masters. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted, Carried.

Henrick and Lori Nielsen were present to request permission to apply for the next Catalyst Grant for their building located on Robins Street. This grant aims to support the renovation and restoration of older buildings. The council approved their application, granting the city's endorsement. Additionally, the City of Graettinger will provide \$10,000 in matching funds upon approval of the Catalyst Grant.

B. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 42-2024, "A resolution approving the city grant agreement with Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC)" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted, Carried.

Denise Tindall was present to request city permission to apply for the PACGDC grant for Valley View Cemetery. The council approved her request. B. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 43-2024, "A resolution authorizing mini grant from PACGDC funding for the Valley View Cemetery for purchase of trees grant not to exceed \$5,000" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted, Carried.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Pattison, Cole, Ebel, Hobbs, Eide, and Bofferding for various city complaints. Nuisance invoices have been sent to Ebel. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or be assessed a penalty. The City of Graettinger would like to thank those residents who have taken the time to address nuisances, we appreciate and will continue to keep the City of Graettinger beautiful.

The Council recently inquired about the installation of new solar speed signs within city limits, and we have received two bids for this project. Additionally, we are exploring potential grants that may allow us to expand the number of solar speed signs for our community. Clerk Currans is actively researching grant options to enhance safety in our neighborhoods.

Masonry work has commenced at the gas office at City Hall. This project aims to address necessary repairs and ensure the safety and integrity of the building's infrastructure.

The council set Halloween for Monday, October 31, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Motion by Dyhrkopp to allow the Business Club to close Robins Street between Cedar and Washington for Trunk and Treat night. Seconded by T. Anderson . All Ayes. Motion carried.

Oct-24

Amazon	Library	\$82.17	GR Times	Legals	\$161.84
Arnold Motor Supply	Supplies	\$113.34	Swanson Hardware	Supplies	\$17.99
IRS		\$7,577.96	GR hardware	Supplies	\$164.65
Bomgaars	Uniforms	\$101.96	Cengage Learning	Books	\$66.58
Central State Lab	Supplies	\$1,665.45	N IA Lumbar	Concrete	\$13.50
Clayton	Reservation	\$5,012.25	Treasurer St of IA/Excess	Wet tax	\$640.39
Dakota Supply	Pump	\$626.45	Weavers	Clothing	\$269.90
EPS	Trim	\$75.57	PEFA	Natural Gas	\$1,619.69
GMU	Lights	\$1,620.50	GWORKS	Contract	\$8,332.50
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,719.04	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine	\$738.54	Hawks Auto	Street sweeper	\$93.90
IAMU	Training	\$486.00	City Laundering	Supplies	\$10.45
IA Prison Industries	Signs	\$104.20	Kara Currans	Conference	\$271.58
IPERS		\$3,587.09	Merida Concrete	Catalyst	\$9,200.00
IA Rural Water	Training	\$380.00	Sterling Computer	Library	\$396.79
Johnston Auto	Supplies	\$72.46	Heartland Tire	Tires	\$732.90
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Sheila LeBrecque	Deposit refund	\$350.00
Petty Cash		\$100.00	MaryAnn Brown	Deposit refund	\$325.00
Pro Coop	Chemical	\$505.13	Brooke Frerk	Rebate	\$50.00
RVTC	telephone	\$676.96	Ruth Petrich	Rebate	\$150.00
Simmering-Cory Inc.	Ordinances	\$144.00	Payroll		\$17,646.24
Treasurer State IA	Tax	\$1,623.46	<b>Total</b>		\$105,309.85
US Cellular	Phone	\$216.07	General		\$37,235.62
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,716.96	RUT		\$4,983.64
PA CO Sheriff	Contract	\$5,231.33	Emp Ben		\$3,989.24
Bank Plus	Box Rental	\$20.00	Debt		\$8,101.85
Overdrive	Subscription	\$499.68	Catalyst		\$9,200.00
	Deposit				
GMLP	refund	\$1,300.00	Water		\$12,564.55
IA DNR	Permit	\$115.00	Sewer		\$5,870.58
	Computer				
RVTC	fix	\$925.32	Gas		\$20,703.94
State Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$210.00	Cust Deposits		\$1,975.00
Dearborne	Insurance	\$418.95	Storm		\$626.45
	Fire				
Kapp's	extinguisher	\$406.70	<b>Receipts:</b>		
Bryon Peterson	Meal	\$33.13	General		\$19,471.00
Estherville Red					
Power	Hitch	\$418.32	RUT		\$13,217.35
Mosquito Control	Contract	\$3,965.00	Emp Ben		\$2,836.33
Central Tank Coating	Water Tower	\$3,000.00	LOST		\$9,394.65
Visa	Supplies	\$504.28	Catalyst		\$10,000.00
Culligan	Water	\$7.50	Water		\$11,938.36
			SEWER		\$10,816.32
			GAS		\$12,109.15
			<b>Total</b>		\$94,463.76

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by B. Hoffman to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk