

## Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 13, 2025, 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, Petersen, B. Anderson, and C. Hoffman. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Jillian Vaughn, Gina Loman Hall, Elizabeth, Tammy and Eryka Bisgaard.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson, 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.

Gina Lowman Hall provided an update on the library. She highlighted increased outside funding, book checkouts, door counts, and youth and adult programming. Librarian Faust and Volunteers worked to give the Library a facelift with new paint, and new chairs in the young adult section. Lowman-Hall reaffirmed the library's importance to the Graettinger community.

Anderson updated the council on the Lead Inventory Report, which tracks water pipes supplying homes and businesses in Graettinger. Visual inspections will be conducted, and citizens have been asked to complete paperwork detailing their property's pipe connections. Anderson also reported that two previously buried manholes will be repaired with ordered risers, and Well 7 has been upgraded and is operating smoothly.

Masters suggested an alternative route for children on N. Walnut Ave to get to school. The council reviewed options, and City Clerk Currans will consult with Supervisors about crossing the county road.

Currans reports that City Hall and Gas office both have leaks in roof. Motion by council to approve Currans to get bids for fix. Tabled till next meeting.

The council reviewed culverts and drainage issues within town. Petersen has contacted an engineer to evaluate, recommendations will be sent to council, This matter has been tabled for further discussion.

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

A motion was made by T. Anderson, with Mayor approval, to appoint Richard Brewer and re-appoint Wayne Anderson to the Board of Adjustment for a five-year term. Seconded by Dyhrkopp, motion received unanimous approval and were carried.

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 improvement. Iowa DOT will continue to review railroad crossings and advise the city when crossings need to be improved. Funds will be available through the Federal Grade Crossing Safety Improvement Fund.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 17-2025, "A resolution amending funding for the Graettinger Visioning Committee for application for playground equipment at City View Park." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Masters. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted, Carried.

T. Anderson introduced resolution no. 35-2025, "A resolution approving the city grant agreement with Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC)" 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 Besaw, Eide, and Hoss for various city complaints. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or be assessed a penalty.

A letter of Support reviewed and signed for Irving Ahumada and Paulina Chavez.

The Council reviewed ideas for PACGDC for grants within the city. Anderson will get bids for a new/used plow truck. Tabled till next meeting.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Masters to approve Simmering-Cory to update Ordinance Book. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Midwest technologies have informed the City that the current phones will no longer be supported by company. Currans has obtained two bids from Midwest Technology and RVTC, after further discussion and review, City and Light Plant will table new phone system till next Fiscal Year 2026, as current phones are only four years old per Light Plant recommendation.

Electric scooters, as a device with up to three wheels, handlebars, a standing platform, an electric motor, and a maximum speed of 20 mph on level ground was reviewed and discussed, tabled till next meeting.

City Clerk Currans updated council regarding FEMA and requested funding for three city projects related to the 2024 flooding. Currans also reviewed the need for Council Uniform, discussed and reviewed, tabled till next meeting.

The council discussed trees on city easements. The three (3) trees in question are a nuisance and will require removal/trimming by city. Anderson collaborated with Graettinger Light Plant and Bid was obtained from D&J Tree Service, Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Masters to approve removal and trimming of trees. Ayes: 3, Abstain: T. Anderson. Motion carried.

The council set Halloween for Saturday, November 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Our football players will be playing on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of playoffs. Motion by T. Anderson to allow the Business Club to close Robins Street between Cedar and Washington for Trunk and Treat night. Second, by Masters . Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

25-Oct					
Amazon	Supplies	\$197.39	Weavers	Uniform	\$202.90
Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$9.30	PEFA	Gas	\$2,466.36
Automatic System	Well 7	\$19,227.00	IA Pump works	Supplies	\$1,700.00
IRS		\$3,975.06	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Blacktop	Street	\$41,791.05	Hawks Auto	Tire	\$27.75
Bomgaars	Uniform	\$302.51	City Laundering	Supplies	\$13.94
Clayton	Reservation	\$10,728.98	Drain Pro	City Main	\$550.00
Cornwell & Co	Audit	\$5,000.00	MacQueen	Broom	\$98.26
Dakota Supply	Meters	\$51.88	CIT Sewer	Sewer	\$6,212.25
Dorsey & Whitney	TIF	\$1,316.50	K. Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Energy Economics	Meter	\$1,021.27	Creative Sites	Visioning	\$68,952.00
GR. Market	Pool	\$267.26	K. Duncan	Deposit	\$104.46
GMU	Lights	\$2,029.01	Norm Nissen Estate	Demo Grant	\$5,000.00
Groebner & Assoc	Supplies	\$330.60	Bauer Plumbing	Catalyst Ahumada	\$28,833.56
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$6,315.21	Payroll	total	\$14,263.66
Hawkins	Chemical	\$516.85	Claims Total	\$277,468.52	
IAMU	Training	\$501.00	General Fund	\$34,508.55	
IPERS		\$2,987.22	Pool Board	\$242.40	
Larry Lair Excavating	Tile	\$652.12	WR	\$82,481.00	
Northwest Glass	Catalyst Ahumada	\$4,779.50	Wild Rose	\$26,036.57	
PA Co Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	RUT	\$31,976.16	
Pro-Coop	Park	\$450.45	Employee Ben	\$2,894.30	
RVTC	Contract	\$657.30	Debt	\$8,101.85	
Treasurer St of IA	tax	\$1,372.27	Catalyst	\$47,184.61	
Us Cellular	Cell	\$161.62	Water	\$6,268.32	
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,437.42	Sewer	\$5,168.93	
PA Co Sheriff	Contact	\$5,287.58	Gas	\$25,466.46	
Bank Plus	Box Rental	\$20.00	Cust deposit	\$275.00	
Overdrive	Library	\$499.68	Storm water	\$6,864.37	
GMLP	Deposit	\$920.19	Receipts		
IA DNR	Annual	\$115.00	General	\$32,379.64	
State Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$165.00	Wild Rose	\$5,000.00	
Mosquito Control	Contract	\$3,965.00	RUT	\$12,803.00	
VISA	Supplies	\$1,986.13	Employee Ben	\$5,916.34	
Storey Kenworthy	Billing	\$402.65	LOST	\$11,045.87	
Culligan	Water	\$15.00	Catalyst	\$10,000.00	
GR Hardware	Catalyst Nielsen	\$14,141.29	Water	\$12,367.59	
Treasurer State	Sept	\$619.03	Sewer	\$10,532.59	
			FEMA	\$37,811.55	
			Gas	\$12,291.08	
			Storm water	\$976.52	
			Total	\$151,283.98	

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Masters to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. All ayes. Carried.