

## Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Alderson, T. Hoffman, Dyhrkopp, and T. Anderson. Present were employees Currans, C. Hoffman, and Anderson. Absent: Masters Visitors: John King, Mike Faust, Jim Petersen, Deb Eastin, Barb Lowman.

Motion by Alderson, second 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 Retail Alcohol License for the Graettinger Country Store. Pending paperwork. 6. Correction to October 13 minutes- Resolution 35-2025 is 38-2025 PACGDC agreement. All ayes. Carried.

John King brought scooter concerns before the council. Sheriff King referenced State Code 321.235A, noting police had received safety complaints about scooters. He will draft a release on electric scooters for Graettinger. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

The Graettinger Senior Center represented by Deb Eastin and Barb Lowman approaches the council regarding a concrete pad they would like installed on the south side, behind the Senior Center, for ADA access to their building. The Senior Center plans to ask PACGDC for a grant to cover concrete and installation. The Senior Center would like to help with a \$500 match if their grant gets approved. The access will allow our residents with walkers and wheelchairs to access the building from their vehicles. Motion by T. Hoffman, seconded by Dyhrkopp to have city help with \$500 match for concrete pad on South side of Senior Center building. All Ayes. Carried.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Hoffman, to block off Robins Street for the Holiday Stroll on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and allow them to have the nativity scene in Fahnestock Park. All ayes. Carried.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. Courtesy nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Studer, Hampson for various city complaints. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or be assessed a penalty.

JEO has finished the water drainage report for Citizens Memorial Park and the Storm Sewer Channel Improvements, which was reviewed by the Council. Anderson will contact Pro-Coop about a drainage pump that is not currently working. Anderson also discussed the upgrades required for proper drainage throughout the town; this topic was postponed until the next meeting.

Brad Anderson provided updates on several ongoing projects. City Crew have finished winterizing the pool. Peterson noted that all tasks at the rig station, including testing relief valves, are now complete and the systems are working correctly. Well 7 is out of service currently due to a faulty terminal wire; Layne Construction needed to remove the motor and replace three bearings and wiring unit, with plans to reinstall the motor later this week. Anderson also reviewed cost estimates for a snowplow truck for the city and will seek a quote for a used vehicle for Council consideration. Additionally, Anderson reported on storm sewer improvements and Manhole risers fix being completed throughout town. Ash tree removal will begin this winter; Currans will look into getting grants to replace removed trees.

City Clerk Currans informed the Council that newly elected officials must complete approved "Open Meetings and Open Record Training" within 90 days of their initial oath, as required by House File 706. Currans also discussed a roof repair bid from Mata Construction for City Hall and the Gas office, both experiencing leaks; more bids are forthcoming, and the issue is tabled until the next meeting. A dangerous building in town was reviewed, tabled till next visit, in order to get attorney feedback. FEMA updates were provided, with one city project still pending. Currans reviewed the B-14 approach and recent discussions with County Supervisor Ron Graettinger. Mayor Armstrong will follow up with supervisors and the county engineer to explore further options.

Mike Faust and Jim Petersen have been elected to the City Council, starting their terms on January 1, 2026. They will succeed Masters and T. Hoffman. The City of Graettinger thanks Teaner and Bruce for their service.

Motion by Alderson to terminate Apptegy, current webpage provider, at end of contract, February 2026, seconded by Dyhrkopp. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 40-2025, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract for webpage and mobile app with Municipal Impact". Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted, Carried.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with Light Plant numbers. All Ayes. Motion carried.

T. Anderson introduced resolution no. 37-2025, "A resolution approving a mini-grant funding from PACGDC for the Graettinger Senior Center for a grant application for adding a cement pad on the south side of the building for ADFA access to the Graettinger Senior Center, grant not to exceed \$5000. " and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 41-2025, "A resolution authorizing mini-grant funding from PACGDC for the City of Graettinger for a grant application for Mechanical hand tools for the City of Graettinger, not to exceed \$5000." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

The Council reviewed ideas for PACGDC for grants within the city. Tabled till next meeting.

Next Meeting Dec 8, 2025

25-Nov

Amazon	Library	\$1,163.37	KC Nelson	Supplies	\$184.30
Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$223.04	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
IRS	Tax	\$5,939.62	Layne Co	Well 7	\$1,320.00
Clayton	Reservation	\$5,370.79	Midwest Radiology	Deductible	\$359.20
Colonial Research	Supplies	\$292.34	City Laundering	Supplies	\$13.94
Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$705.65	Parallel	Supplies	\$136.41
Gr. Market	Library	\$12.86	Currans, Kara	Cell	\$32.88
GMU	Contract	\$2,402.41	Heartland Tire	Supplies	\$459.28
Groebner & Assoc	Supplies	\$394.65	Spencer Hospital	Deductible	\$116.05
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,749.72	Municipal Impact	Website	\$918.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$27.10	DJ Tree Service	Removal	\$2,800.00
			MN-IA Electric		
IPERS		\$2,987.22	Motor	Well 7	\$797.99
IA Rural Water	Dues	\$315.00	Cheryl Hanson	Cust refund	\$350.00
IA Utilities Board	Dues	\$291.00	Payroll	Total	\$21,256.79
Menards	Supplies	\$717.72	Claims Total		\$88,783.35
Pro-Coop	Gas	\$1,056.27	General		\$28,620.22
RVTC	Contract	\$753.13	RUT		\$7,233.51
US Cellular	Cell	\$157.89	Emp Ben		\$3,125.06
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,860.26	Library Memorial		\$1,002.24
PA Co Sheriff	Contract	\$5,287.58	Debt		\$8,101.85
John Deere Financial	Supplies	\$184.30	Catalyst		\$1,865.80
City of Spencer	Landfill	\$65.19	Water		\$9,194.87
River Valley	Vac	\$360.00	Sewer		\$4,192.44
APGA SIF	Dues	\$445.00	Gas		\$22,153.02
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$46.50	Cust Deposit		\$450.00

Utility Safety and Design	Legals	\$585.00	Self-Ins	\$2,844.34
Visa	Supplies	\$633.48	Receipts:	
Culligan	Water	\$7.50	General	\$2,095.30
Gr. Times	Legals	\$705.90	Memorial	\$70.00
Avera Hospital	Deductible	\$2,369.09	Water	\$1,860.03
Gr. Hardware	Catalyst	\$2,280.36	Sewer	\$1,571.35
Cengage Learning	Library	\$126.57	Gas	\$1,161.83
Weaver	Uniform	\$114.95	Storm water	\$155.21
PEFA		\$2,305.20	Total	\$6,913.72

Motion by T. Hoffman, seconded by Dyhrkopp to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

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Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

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Kara Currans, City Clerk