

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, Alderson, Masters, and city employees Anderson, Petersen, C. Hoffman, and Currans. Absent: T. Hoffman and Dyhrkopp. Visitors: Mike Faust, Jim Petersen, Kaylee Colling, Armando Mora, Cael Currans, Kenny Ness, Wyatt Iwen, Koda Saul, Caleb Swedin, Riley Vanderhoff, Titan Hefner, Kinnick Peton, Teagan Hanson, Jaxson Scnell, Lucas Girres, William Hunefeld, and Mark Hunefeld.

Motion by Alderson, 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. All ayes. Carried.

The Friends of the Pool, represented by Deb Harris, approached the council regarding new umbrellas and pool supplies at Graettinger Pool. She would like to apply for a PACGDC grant. Alderson introduced resolution no. 45-2025, "A resolution approving a mini-grant funding from PACGDC for the Friends of the Pool for a grant application for Umbrellas and supplies for the Graettinger Pool, grant not to exceed \$5000." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-3. Resolution adopted.

Mark Hunefeld requested city funding for help with match for an electronic sign as part of a PACGDC grant for the American Legion. Hunefeld will be setting up a committee, if grant approved, to help Graettinger community utilize electronic sign. The council approved a \$5,000 contribution, split between the City and Light Plant. Motion by Masters, seconded by Alderson, to contribute \$5,000 for match for the sign. Ayes-3. Carried

Petersen reported to the Council that Well 7 remains out of service. Layne Construction is scheduled to reinstall the motor later this month in an effort to restore the well to operational status. City Clerk Currans informed the Council that she sent two courtesy letters to residents regarding nuisance issues. Currans also reviewed a letter received from Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO), which detailed the assistance provided to Graettinger residents during 2025. According to the report, UDMO aided a total of 74 individuals and 34 households within the city. Fema update given by Currans, funding still pending approval for project 807988.

New council members Jimmy Petersen and Michael Faust took oaths. Mayor Armstrong took oath. Their office will be effective January 1, 2026.

The Council reviewed utility services at the property located at 306 N Lincoln Ave. It was noted that the house is currently abandoned, all city utilities have been shut off for nonpayment, and property is undergoing foreclosure proceedings. Based on these circumstances, Council reviewed and discussion was held to stop billing of all city services at this address until further notice. Motion by Masters, seconded by Anderson, to stop billing. All Ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans provided an update to the Council regarding recent grant applications submitted by the City of Graettinger. Two grants have been applied for: one through PACGDC for mechanical tools, and another for a Small City Work Zone Sign package. The recipients of both grants are expected to be announced in the spring of 2026. Motion to approve two demolition grants for 205 W. Olive St and 402 E Kent Street, Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Alderson. Ayes-3. Carried

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, estimates reviewed and discussed. Additionally, the Council addressed the possible purchase of a new plow truck and a concrete breaker attachment for the skid steer. After a brief discussion, these items were tabled and will be revisited at the next meeting.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 42-2025, "A resolution to transfer funds", and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes-3. Resolution adopted.

Anderson introduced resolution no. 43-2025, "A resolution to set up an agreement with River Valley for compensation for the franchise." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes-3. Resolution adopted.

The council reviewed health insurance costs, with an estimated increase from Wellmark of 12.32% for 2026. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Anderson, to accept the quote from Wellmark for health insurance. Ayes-3. Motion carried.

The budget timeline for Fiscal Year 2026-27 was reviewed. Wage increases reviewed and set at 4% for the next budget review.

Next meeting is January 5, 2026.

25-Dec

Arnold Motor Supply	Supplies	\$44.16	City Laundering	Supplies	\$22.40
Auditor	Auditor	\$175.00	Macqueen	Pelican	\$1,363.08
IRS	Tax	\$4,057.64	CIT Sewer	Storm Sewer	\$900.90
Clayton	Reservation	\$8,603.70	Kara Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$253.65	Sioux Valley Enviro	Supplies	\$168.50
GR. Business Club	Grant	\$2,249.00	Masters Mfg.	Skid loader	\$50.00
GMU	Lights	\$2,479.57	Mike Faust	Training	\$50.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,517.74	Brandon Armstrong	Training	\$50.00
Hawkins Inc	Chemical	\$30.00	Griffin Construction	Catalyst	\$1,200.00
IAMU	Dues	\$1,632.93	Payroll		\$16,562.36

IA One Call	Locates	\$43.30	Claims Total	\$106,416.86
IPERS		\$2,511.77	General	\$26,899.27
IRWA	water	\$490.00	WR	\$2,249.00
Northwest Glass	Catalyst	\$15,890.50	RUT	\$5,774.17
PA CO Auditor	Election	\$1,056.00	Emp Ben	\$3,125.06
PA Co Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Debt	\$8,101.85
Pro-Coop	Gas	\$583.95	Catalyst	\$17,159.61
RVTC	phone	\$625.26	water	\$7,986.54
Simmering Cory	Codification	\$259.00	Sewer	\$5,551.29
Spencer Trophy	Plaque	\$116.00	Gas	\$28,669.17
Treasurer St of IA	Sales Tax	\$572.37	Storm Sewer	\$900.90
US Cellular	Cell	\$157.89	General	\$15,652.17
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,437.42	WR	\$4,488.00
PA Co Sheriff	Sheriff	\$5,287.58	RUT	\$9,899.52
River Valley Tele	Computer	\$427.50	Emp Ben	\$1,647.30
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$127.00	LOST	\$7,835.60
Visa	Supplies	\$768.95	Lib Memorial	\$1,070.90
Gr. Times	Legals	\$145.05	Catalyst	\$58,260.94
Gr. Hardware	Catalyst	\$489.20	Water	\$11,674.03
Treasurer St of IA	Wet	\$605.85	Sewer	\$10,885.00
Pefra	Natural Gas	\$6,818.58	Fema	\$6,439.16
Gworks	Software	\$7,765.00	Gas	\$23,932.22
RVTC Loan	Loan	\$8,101.85	Storm Water	\$1,313.84
			Total	\$147,260.20

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

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk

Wages for 2025

Joel Alderson	\$600.00	Adileigh Heinrichs	\$1,601.16
Brad Anderson	\$53,712.83	Collin Hoffman	\$41,632.00
Isabella Anderson	\$1,750.00	Barbara Hoffman	\$650.00
Olivia Anderson	\$1,742.20	Erin Kulow	\$2,243.19
Travis Anderson	\$800.00	Nicholas Leonard	\$1,749.72
Brandon Armstrong	\$3,541.78	Bruce Masters	\$700.00
Kaleb Borchers	\$1,894.51	Myla Murphy	\$3,088.12
Colleen Cook	\$3,128.80	Bryon Petersen	\$62,816.03
Corinne Cook	\$1,571.90	Danica Ringlaben	\$1,022.10
		Maureen	
Kara Currans	\$48,565.92	Sandburg	\$72.00
Andrew Dyrkopp	\$800.00	Shawn Smith	\$7,224.79
Leslie Faust	\$33,664.86	Natalie Swedin	\$2,862.80
		Allyson	
Staci Girres	\$6,498.81	Thompson	\$2,700.72
Trista Guinn	\$886.50	Lillian Vanderhoff	\$1,006.20
		Total Wages	\$288,526.94