

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, Masters, Hoffman, Dyhrkopp, and city employees Anderson, and Currans. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Corinne Cook, Ivan Dalen, and Emma Schroeder 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. All ayes. Carried.

Anderson informed the Council that the gas service has been successfully completed on two residential lines. They are also in the process of finalizing utility mapping with SAM. Additionally, fall discharge has been completed for the year in preparation for the winter season. The council discussed the storm sewer on S. Cedar Ave. A camera inspection has been completed, the tile looks good, and repairs will be completed, as necessary. He will look at getting numbers together for a snow truck purchase for the City of Graettinger.

City clerk Currans advised the council regarding the replacement of the dumpster at Citizens Park. This last July, we had an incident at Citizens Park, city cameras recorded a person lighting fireworks in the park- regrettably, after they were done, they placed remnants of fireworks in the city dumpster. The city dumpster caught fire and damaged city property. A new dumpster has been ordered through Harris Sanitation.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or discontinue nuisances or be assessed a penalty.

The Council discussed the city's three existing TIF districts, noting that they need to be dissolved. The last modification to these districts occurred on February 13, 2017, the property will be removed from the Urban Renewal Area.

The Council reviewed the assistance UDMO provided to the City of Graettinger for 2024. UDMO assisted 173 individuals and 88 households. The council also reviewed the Department of Homeland Security-FEMA exploratory call/meeting on Dec 6, the details of flood damage, and our current status.

City Clerk Currans reviewed PACGDC Grant funding ideas. The Visioning Committee has plans to upgrade park equipment. They proposed replacing the current playground equipment at the hilltop playground on Robins Street with new structures suitable for children ages 2-12, including swings and a surrounding sidewalk. The total project cost is \$141,000. The committee plans to apply for a PACGDC grant, and the City of Graettinger will contribute \$24,000 to the project if the grant is awarded. The Little League Board has plans to upgrade the existing scoreboards at Citizens Park. The new scoreboards will cost \$7,125 each, and they would like to purchase two for \$14,250. The committee plans to apply for a PACGDC Grant, and the City of Graettinger will contribute \$2,000 to the project if the grant is awarded. The Senior Center has plans to add a cement pad to the rear entrance of their building for ADA access. The cement pad will cost \$5000. The Senior Center has plans to apply for a PACGDC Grant and the City of Graettinger will contribute \$500 to the project if the grant is awarded. Hoffman introduced resolution no. 52-2024, "A resolution authorizing a mini-grant from PACGDC for the Friends of the Library for paint and furniture in the young adult section of the library with a cost not to exceed \$5000." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

City Clerk Currans reviewed an additional grant, the Small City Work Zone Sign package, that the City of Graettinger applied for. Grant winners will be announced in the Spring of 2025.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 51-2024, "A resolution to transfer funds", and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 50-2024, "A resolution to set up an agreement with River Valley for compensation for the franchise." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Masters, to designate the Graettinger Visioning Committee as the overseeing body for all park improvement projects within the city of Graettinger. This change will streamline communication by having a single committee responsible for informing the council about the necessary repairs and upgrades needed for our neighborhood parks.

The council reviewed health insurance costs, with an estimated increase from Wellmark of 12.65% for 2025. Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Hoffman to accept the quote from Wellmark for health insurance. Ayes-4. Motion carried.

The budget timeline for Fiscal Year 2025-26 was reviewed. Wage increases reviewed and set at 5% for the next budget review.

Dec-24

Amazon	Supplies	\$296.11	PEFA	Gas	\$4,138.61
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IRS		\$5,885.65	Midwest Tech	phone	\$53.50
Clayton	Transportation	\$61.56	Hawks Auto	supplies	\$211.80
Energy Economics	Supplies	\$258.34	City Laundering	Supplies	\$10.45
GR Market	Supplies	\$13.98	Heartland Tire	supplies	\$1,593.88
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GMU	Utilities	\$2,004.71	Anesthesia	Deductible	\$448.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,565.12	Velda Cole	Rebate	\$150.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$30.60	Leslie Faust	Mileage	\$16.08
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Payroll		\$22,660.40
Pro Cooperative	Gas	\$789.35	Total		\$99215.56
RVTC	Phone/Loan	\$8657.42	General		\$26,020.08
Senit Tech	Supplies	\$86.47	RUT		\$6,456.39
US Cellular	Phone	\$359.87	Emp Ben		\$3,291.13
Wellmark	Insurance	\$6,910.64	water		\$5,166.30
PA CO Sheriff	Contract	\$5,231.33	Sewer		\$3,117.78
IA Finance					
Authority	Loan	\$31,348.75	Gas		\$15,265.28
ST Hygienic Lab	testing	\$199.50	Receipts:		
Utility Safety &					
Design	Contract	\$585.00	General		\$22,149.58
Shaver Mfg.	Supplies	\$100.00	RUT		\$9,919.79
Nelson Tech	Supplies	\$231.30	Emp Ben		\$3,731.37
Culligan	water	\$7.50	LOST		\$7,860.57
GR Times	Legals	\$203.13	water		\$13,758.84
GR Hardware	Supplies	\$309.18	Sewer		\$12,888.79
Brad Anderson	Deductible	\$80.00	Gas		\$15,408.39
GR Chiropractic	Contract	\$24.00	Storm		\$1,188.77
			Total		\$92,029.27

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk