

Council meeting April 8,2024

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council member Masters, Harris, Hoffmann and Dyhrkopp, employees Currans, Petersen, and Anderson. Absent: Alderson. Visitors present: Travis Anderson, JR Brown, Lloyd Peterson, Staci Girres, John King, Kristi Behrens, Melissa Tindall, Diane Brown, Jane Brown, and Marty Currans.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Hoffman to approve consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve agenda. 2. Motion to pay bills. 3. Motion to approve minutes of previous meetings. 4. Motion to approve financial statements. 5. Motion to approve Graettinger Market Class E Liquor License, Class B wine permit All Ayes. Carried.

Sheriff John King approaches the council regarding solar speed signs. He is wanting to write a grant for the cities of Graettinger and Ruthven for a solar speed electric sign. Sheriff King asks that the City reimburse their office for remainder due of \$435. The solar speed signs will have the option to be movable and allow the City of Graettinger to use signs where they deem appropriate, additional posts will need to be purchased, by city, separately. King states he will start the application process this year and the city will have the option of applying for another speed sign next year. The City of Graettinger would be responsible for obtaining a permit if solar speed sign placed on highway. The data plan and maintenance of sign will be the city's responsibility. Motion by Masters, seconded by Harris to obtain electronic speed sign from Palo Alto County Sheriff's office.

The Graettinger Pool Committee, Kristi Behrens, Melissa Tindall, Diane Brown, Jane Brown, and Staci Girres were present to talk about their recent Pool Board Meeting held on March 25, 2024. Behrens addressed the Council regarding power washing they would like completed both inside and outside of pool structure. They would like this to be completed before the opening date of June 1, 2024. Anderson will complete it before the opening date. Behrens continues by requesting the slide and toys to be painted, as they are looking faded. Anderson and city clerk Currans advised the Council that these cannot be painted, they are going to require polishing as they are made of a special material and color is located inside a polyurethane coating. Anderson did look into hiring this work out - slide would have to be dismantled in its entirety to be completed. The council felt this was not a viable option and would like our city employees to try and complete additional polishing of the slide next winter, weather permitting. The Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant was obtained for Graettinger Pool, a total of eight gallons of Diamond Vogel Paint was awarded with an option to buy more at a discounted price. The Council will look into using this paint for locker room floors with an anti-slip additive. Pool Board will continue to look into mats for dressing rooms. New mats will be purchased by the city for a walkway into the pool and swimming area. Motion by Masters, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to hire Lifeguards, Emily Thompson, Danica Ringaben, Ava Dietrich, Erin Kulow, Lillian Vanderhoff (pending certification), Myla Murphy, Adileigh Heinrichs (pending certification), Corinne Cook (pending certification), Colleen Cook, Olivia Anderson, Isabella Anderson . All Ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans reports she will be attending an IMFOA conference April 17-19 and a Planning and Zoning meeting April 16. Peterson will be attending the Clayton conference May 23-24. Mayor Armstrong will be attending a solid waste meeting April 9, 2024.

Peterson approaches council regarding hiring for utility help. Help wanted will be posted on paper and website. Applicants will be required to have and hold valid licensure for gas, sewer, and water. Utility applicants will be for on-call help and responding to emergencies after hours.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Harris to approve the Water Quality report for 2024 as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Masters introduced resolution no. 11-2024, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract between Mosquitos Control of Iowa and the City of Graettinger for spraying mosquitos and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Hoffman. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Courtesy nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Linda Dunbar, Richard Behrends, Kelvin Higgins, Kimberly Lopez, Linda Dunbar, Keri Swedin, Velda Cole, Colleen Johnson, Brian Titus, and Robert Rehm for city nuisance complaints. Residents will have to remove or clean up Nuisances or be assessed a penalty. The city of Graettinger would like to thank those residents that have taken the time to address nuisances, all other residents will be sent an invoice or city cleanup will be scheduled. A reminder to residents to clean up properties sent out with utility billing.

Anderson informs the council regarding some trees that Jeff Hoffman would like removed. The mature trees are located on city easement, these trees are healthy and per city ordinance it is the responsibility of property owner for maintenance and or removal.

City Clerk Currans informs the council that our audit from Fiscal Year 23-24 is not completed with Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, they did ask that we apply for an extension through state. This extension was due to a review that has not been completed by her staff. Extension has been granted by the state until May 31, 2024, and Ms. Mahers' plan is to have audits official reporting completed in April for review at the next council meeting.

Senator Joni Ernst's office has contacted City of Graettinger to host a 'traveling office hour' on May 16 at City Hall from 2-3pm. Representatives from Senator Ernst's office will be available in all 99 counties throughout the year to assist Iowans with problems or questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs. The Graettinger Economic Development Council (GEDC) were present to address the council regarding

new residential housing development they plan to develop on northeast side of Graettinger. JR Brown, Lloyd Peterson, and Marty Currans were present to follow up with the City of Graettinger regarding covering the cost of their loan for sewer, water, and street work in new residential-1 development. Site Plan given to Council for review. The GEDC will be placing homes on lots, starting in July, they hope to start completion of six lots starting with two houses from Iowa Prisons Industries (IPI). GEDC stated Jacobson-Westergard will be completing work on sewers, water, and street. JR Brown presented a written bid for a total estimated project cost of 241,118; The GEDC is proposing that the city of Graettinger repay actual cost of street over a ten-year period. This cost would be a proposal for \$25,000 per year to be paid to GEDC for new housing development. The council has decided to pass on this opportunity till some of our current debt is paid down. The city has asked the GEDC to look at some currently open lots, within city, to set up new homes on, as they do have utility hookups established.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Harris to set a public hearing for May 13, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. for a public hearing for a budget amendment for fiscal 2023-24. All Ayes. Carried.

**Mar-24**

Amazon	Story Walk	522.04	Cengage Learning	Books	63.03
IRS		4668.66	Team Lab	Supplies	773.50
Clayton	Transportation	23898.34	Graettinger Chiro	Testing	69.00
Dakota Supply Group Graettinger Business Club	Supplies	66.78	PEFA		14879.92
Graettinger Market	Grant	4093.00	RVTC LOAN		8101.85
		82.48	IA Parks & Recreation	Pool	360.00
GMU	Lights	5584.91	City Laundering	Supplies	11.41
Harris Sanitation	Contract	5377.41	Parallel AG	Supplies	238.01
Hawkins	Chlorine	60.00	Cooperative Energy	Gas	78.00
IMFOA	training	150.00	Pelzer Law Firm	Contract	170.00
IAMU	Dues	2146.00	Novaspect	Supplies	76.32
IPERS		2186.20	Betty Millea	Rebate	200.00
Johnston Auto	Supplies	14.59	Chris Olesen	Supplies	23.99
Murphy Tractor	Supplies	1024.61	Payroll		10148.97
PALO CO Treasurer	Contract	693.33	Claims Ttl		108845.13
Power Plan	Repair	1024.61	General		24494.52
Pro-Coop	Gas	122.40	WR Fund		4093.00
Reporter-Democrat	Subscription	59.00	RUT		3230.96
RVTC		1016.84	Emp Benefits		4085.32
Stalls	Supplies	70.41	Debt		8101.85
Treasurer St of IA	Tax	2612.79	Water		9995.38
US Cellular	Cell	216.13	Sewer		6994.52
Wellmark	Insurance	7697.62	Gas		47849.58
Uline	Dump Truck	423.98	<b>Receipts</b>		
PALO Sheriff Continental Research Corp	Contract	5231.33	General		9270.70
	Supplies	275.19	WR Fund		87021.17
APGA SIF	Dues	19.00	RUT		6783.87
Dearborne	Insurance	618.45	Emp Benefits		544.67
Unity Point Clinic	Testing	84.00	Lost		7904.43
Picrays	Supplies	168.00	Water		8793.73
VISA	Supplies	2348.47	Sewer		9881.73
Graettinger Times	Publication	478.79	Gas		60346.86
Graettinger Hardware	Supplies	615.77	<b>TOTAL</b>		195804.90

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Harris to adjourn at 8:50P.M.

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Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

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Kara Currans, City Clerk