

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Anderson, Masters, Hoffman, Alderson, and Dyhrkopp. Present were city employees Currans and Anderson. The visitors present were Lloyd Peterson and Jon Hansen.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve agenda. 2 Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve bill. 4. Motion to approve financial statement. 5. Motion to approve liquor license for Graettinger Veterans Club. 6. Motion to approve Liquor Licenses for Lodge on Main and Sunday license. 7. Motion to approve liquor license for Side Street Saloon, Outdoor and Sunday license. 7. Motion to approve Cigarette License for Graettinger Country Store, Graettinger Market, and Dollar General pending approved paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Jon Hansen approaches the council regarding chickens within city limits. Hansen states he is aware no poultry is allowed and would like an exception for two chickens to be caged up in his rear yard. Hanson notes no rooster will be present and he does plan on keeping the coop clean, he notes he has gotten his neighbor's approval. Motion by Masters, seconded by Dyhrkoff to approve chickens for the Hansen's. Ayes-4, Nay Hoffman, motion carried

Brad Anderson advised the council of an out-of-town CPO meeting he will attend on June 17th. The city reviewed follow-up actions related to the chip and seal process for city streets, it was noted no 'special' coating exists for chip-sealed streets. Jeremy from Beck suggests the city sweep streets three months after completion and before winter. Anderson assured the council that the necessary equipment was available for this task. Manhole rehab has been completed; Anderson advises the council he will be working with Manhole Rehab to complete cleaning sewer mains this summer.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to hire seasonal pool lifeguards for 2024. All ayes, motion carried. B. Anderson updates the council regarding the delay in opening; the leak has been fixed, they will fill the pool this week and will tentatively open June 22nd.

Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Saul, Kollasch, Enderton, Besaw, Hobbs, Steil, and Ebel 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 who have taken the time to address nuisances, all other residents will be sent an invoice, or the city clean-up date will be scheduled.

Motion by Masters, seconded by Hoffman to accept a bid from Ayers Masonry to complete work on City Hall/Gas office repair. All ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans reviewed the option to buy a new printer. The proposed stand-up printer would replace three smaller printers currently used at the city office. This change is expected to save costs on ink and maintenance. The Canon iR ADV C3525i will enable employees to print documents related to water, gas, and city utilities.

Lloyd Peterson was present to review the Municipal Light Plant audit. Motion by Masters, seconded by Alderson to approve the Graettinger Light plant audit for FY2023-22. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hoffman introduced Ordinance no. 233, "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the city of Graettinger, Iowa, by amending provisions about the nuisance abatement procedure." Then the ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Masters to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Aye-5. Motion carried. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Anderson, to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 30-2024, "A resolution amending resolution 20-2017, ' A resolution of the city council of Graettinger, IA to approve regulations and fees for city equipment.'" and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Anderson. All Ayes. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 23-2024, "A resolution authorizing transfer of Funds". Seconded by T. Anderson. All Ayes. Resolution adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 31-2024, "A resolution setting salaries for appointed officers and employees for the city of Graettinger for fiscal year 2024-25". Motion by Masters, seconded by Alderson, to give a 7% raise to city employees. All ayes. Resolution adopted.

May-24					
Amazon	Books	470.56	Cengage Learning	Books	63.03
Atlas Stamp	Supplies	41.70	Treasurer	May Excess	605.86
IRS	Tax	2941.54	Van Wert	Supplies	410.10
Clayton	Gas	2848.28	RVTC Loan	Loan	8101.85
DSG	Supplies	229.49	City Laundering	Supplies	21.06
Graettinger Market	Supplies	150.62	Parallel	Supplies	1018.20
GMU	Lights	2211.41	K. Currans	Conference	306.00
Groebner & Assoc	Supplies	61.65	Pelzer Law	Legal	110.00
			Municipal Maintenance		
Harris, Deb	Repair	250.15	LLC	Repair	120.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	5677.37	IRBY	Supplies	1963.88
Hawkins	Chlorine	1639.70	Vans Implement	Supplies	103.20
S.Henderson	Contract	1320.00	Harris, Don	Repair	2500.00
IA One Call		26.10	Payroll		10920.20

IPERS	IPERS	2181.53	Total	69,470.83
Larry Lair Excavation	Contract	700.00	General	27,961.34
Northern Lights	Food	1334.85	WRG	1,753.45
NWIA P&Z	Dues	540.80	RUT	931.17
PA Treasurer	Contract	1165.56	Employee Ben	3,195.18
Pro- Coop	Gas	567.18	DEBT	8,101.85
RVTC	Telephone	613.84	Water	6,555.64
USPS	Box Library	120.00	Sewer	7,023.67
Us Cellular	Phone	215.73	Sewer Sinking	271.25
Wellmark	Insurance	7697.62	Gas	13,677.28
PA Sheriff	Sheriff	5231.33	Receipts:	
IA Finance Authority	Interest	271.25	General	22,148.96
RVTC	Vac Rental	60.00	Pool	1,271.00
Book Systems	Membership	795.00	RUT	9,474.88
JKP	Suits pool	228.00	Emp Ben	2,567.41
MidAmerican Books	Books	144.75	LOST	10,082.93
VISA	Supplies	1925.36	Water	11,435.62
Culligan	Water	7.50	Sewer	2,916.91
Graettinger Times	Legals	450.50	Gas	29,415.18
Swanson	Supplies	44.97	Storm Water	994.76
Graettinger Hardware	Supplies	1063.11	Total	101,559.36

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson, to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk