

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Anderson, Masters, Alderson, and Dyhrkopp, city employees Currans, Peterson, and Anderson. Absent T. Hoffman. Visitors: Megan Helmich.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to approve the consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve the agenda. 2. Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve the bills. 4. Motion to approve the 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 the Cigarette License for Graettinger Country Store, Graettinger Market, and Dollar General pending approved paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Megan provided an update to the council regarding the Visioning Committee. The Robins Street playground project is anticipated to be completed this summer. The older playground equipment was removed with Graettinger Utility personnel overseeing the project. Megan noted that the dog waste stations will be installed, and the Visioning Committee will be maintaining them along the trail system. The council will revisit this maintenance plan next year. City Clerk Currans informed Megan that the first payment to Creative Sites, the playground equipment supplier, will occur on July 14, 2025, in the next Fiscal Year, 2025-26. The council discussed that better communication methods were needed regarding improvements and projects being implemented on city grounds; thus, the Visioning committee had been designated 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 parks. (12-9-2024 minutes). The City of Graettinger is soliciting recommendations for naming the Robins Street park. The signage will be finalized after the Council reviews and approves the park name. Nominations can be submitted to the City Clerk or emailed to graettinger1893@rvtc.net.

The council was reminded of the Election year. The first day to file paperwork is August 25, 2025, and the last day to file is Sept 18, 2025, at 5 pm. Copies of nomination papers are available at the city clerk's office, county auditor's office, or on the Secretary of State's website: <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/CityElections>. The City of Graettinger will have four council seats and the mayor's position on the ballot.

Hoffman is currently attending a water certification class out of town. Peterson advised the council on the Clayton gas increase. Anderson reported to the council regarding an additional bid from Blacktop Services. Anderson proposed upgrading Cedar Avenue by adding an edge to the existing roadway to assist in diverting water to appropriate storm sewers. A motion was made by Dyhrkopp and seconded by T. Anderson to approve the bid for additional road work at the cost of \$5250.00. Speed humps have been ordered and are expected to be delivered this month. Anderson recommended waiting until the road work is completed before proceeding with the installation.

A discussion was held regarding the four-way stop at Lost Island and Lincoln Street. The focus of the discussion was on changing the stop sign to a yield sign on the east side of the intersection. After further deliberation and debate, no action was taken, and the four-way stop will remain in place.

A motion to hire Nicholas Leonard, effective June 1, 2025, to the Graettinger Pool was made by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, for the 2025 pool season. 4-Ayes. motion carried.

Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Dahlsten and Wittmer for city nuisance complaints. Residents will have to remove or clean up Nuisances or be assessed a penalty.

Motion by T. Anderson, to approve an application for tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for A. Del Angel Arroyo. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. 4-Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderson to approve application for Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC) for the Housing Initiative Grant for A. DelAngel Arroyo. Seconded by T. Anderson. 4- Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 233, "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the city of Graettinger, Iowa, by amending chapter 168.02 Accessory Building not located on, affixed to, or permanently attached to a foundation." Then the ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Aye-4. Motion carried. Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Alderson, to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-4. Motion carried.

Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 234, "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the city of Graettinger, Iowa, by amending chapter 41.14 (14) Fireworks." Then the ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Aye-4. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-4. Motion carried.

Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 235, "An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the city of Graettinger, Iowa, by amending Chapter 55(5) Livestock." Then the ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Masters, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Aye-4. Motion carried. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson, to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-4. Motion carried. City Clerk Currans was instructed to generate a permit for residents with chickens within city limits to be maintained annually.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 22-2025, "A resolution authorizing a transfer of funds," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. 4-Ayes. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 23-2025, setting salaries for Graettinger's appointed officers and employees for fiscal year 2025-26, with a 4% raise for city employees. The resolution passed unanimously. Additionally, the council approved a \$1.00 raise for Anderson due to extra duties as Street Utility Supervisor.

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Amazon	Library	\$611.55	NOIA Lumbar	Supplies	\$9.00
Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$104.22	PEFA	Gas	\$3,869.76
IRS		\$4,451.56	RVTC Loan	Loan	\$8,101.85
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$205.93	Hawks Auto	Contract	\$49.95
Clayton	Reservation	\$4,894.04	City Laundering Municipal	Supplies	\$55.16
Currans P&H	Pool	\$100.00	Maintenance First Choice	Hydrant	\$1,700.00
Electric Pump	Pump	\$1,114.00	Appliance	Pool	\$1,200.00
EPS	Catalyst	\$1,509.01	Collin Hoffman	CEU	\$289.98
GR. Market	Pool	\$549.97	Michael Frederick	Library	\$25.00
GMU	Electric	\$2,871.02	Deb Harris Aaron DelAngel	Slide	\$2,898.38
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,799.28	Arroyo	WR Grant	\$20,075.00
Hawkins	Chemical	\$726.23	Payroll		\$20,874.92
IPERS		\$1,411.27	Total		\$117,232.59
KW Electric	Siren	\$829.94	General		\$34,588.68
Northern Lights Food	Pool	\$1,060.76	Pool Board		\$4,658.38
PA Treasurer	Contract	\$777.33	Wild Rose		\$20,000.00
Pro Coop	Gas	\$918.65	RUT		\$4,063.92
RVTC	Telephone	\$724.05	Emp Ben		\$2,197.75
Spencer Trophy	Library	\$48.00	Debt		\$8,101.85
USPS	Library	\$120.00	Catalyst		\$1,509.01
US cellular	Cell phone	\$216.12	Water		\$8,040.55
Visu-Seewer	Street	\$11,541.25	Sewer		\$16,260.29
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,014.58	Gas		\$17,464.16
PA Sherrif	Contract	\$5,231.33	Storm		\$300.00
GMLP	SAM	\$1,200.00	General		\$24,437.01
CO Research Co	Chemical	\$274.99	Pool Board		\$715.00
Book System	Library	\$834.00	Wild Rose		\$20,000.00
Dons Truck	Repair	\$427.19	RUT		\$9,367.65

JKP	Suits	\$672.00	Emp Ben	\$3,018.10
Visa	Supplies	\$1,112.67	Lost	\$9,567.70
Culligan	Water	\$30.00	Water	\$8,957.78
GR Times	Legals	\$282.90	Gas	\$26,984.71
GR Hardware	Supplies	\$333.04	Cust Deposit	\$329.10
Cengage Learning	Library	\$86.71	Total	\$112,445.48

Motion by Masters, seconded by Alderson, to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk