

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Alderson, T. Anderson, Dyhrkopp, B. Hoffman, and Masters, as well as city employees B. Anderson, C. Hoffman, Petersen, and Currans. Visitors: Megan Helmich, Brooke Girres, Becky Carlin, Ashley Demoss, and Morgan Skattebo.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve the agenda. 2. Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve bills. 4. Motion to approve the financial statement. 5. Motion to approve special outdoor liquor permits for the Graettinger Veterans Club for September 2025 pending paperwork. 6. Motion to approve Liquor License for Side Street Saloon pending paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Megan updated the council on the Visioning Committee. The Robins Street playground project will begin the week of July 28, 2025; old equipment has been removed, and pea rock will be removed this week by Graettinger Utility staff. Overall vision for the playground reviewed and discussed. The Visioning Committee is reviewing ideas for next year's project, and ideas will be presented to the council for approval.

Petersen advised the council of an out-of-town 'IAMU Emergency Gas' meeting he will attend in Ankeny on August 4-5, 2025.

The council held a conference call with auditor Jeri Maher, who reported that the City of Graettinger's audit was clear of violations, though she offered some recommendations for improvement. A full audit report will be available at City Hall. Motion by Dyhrkopp, Alderson seconded, and the fiscal 2023-2024 city audit was approved. 5- Ayes. Motion carried.

Petersen reported to the council regarding the ongoing water quality issues experienced by Marsha Patten. Ms. Patten has had problems with discolored water over the past three to four years, which was determined to be due to her service line being connected to a dead-end main established when her home was constructed. Petersen has obtained a bid of \$3,000 to connect Ms. Patten's property to the city's main water line. A motion was made by Masters, seconded by T. Anderson, to accept the bid and proceed with connecting the residence to the main line. 5- Ayes. Motion carried. Petersen also presented a bid from Iowa Pump Works for scheduled pump maintenance. The bid for the service agreement for \$1700 per inspection will include trip charges, overnight stays, and service time, if applicable. A written report of the findings will be supplied to the City of Graettinger.

B. Anderson informed the council about the culvert on Cedar Avenue, noting that it has partially collapsed. He presented a bid from Lair Excavating for ditch cleaning near the football field and culvert replacement, totaling \$16,179.00. Additionally, Anderson advised that maintenance will be required on the dike constructed behind the culvert to prevent water from impacting the golf course. This matter has been tabled for discussion at the next meeting. Street maintenance projects have proceeded as scheduled, with Blacktop Services completing the Pattison patch, gutter repairs, and necessary corrections to alleyway surfaces. Upcoming work includes chip sealing on designated streets. Anderson also indicated that he is evaluating the use of an additive to minimize dust and prevent gravel from encroaching onto adjacent properties along chip-sealed roads. Anderson will address weeds and underbrush on the west side of Cedar Ave.

The Siouxland District Health Department recently inspected the pool. One deficiency was identified: the ladder was not securely anchored to the wall. This issue has since been resolved by City Utility employees.

Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Wittmer, Dunbar, Titus, Cole, and A. Hampson for city nuisance complaints. Residents will have to remove or clean up Nuisances or be assessed a penalty.

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, Graettinger Library, 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.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to approve the closing of Robins Street and S. Washington Ave for the 2025 Labor Day Celebration, Aug 29th – Sept 2nd. 5- Ayes. Motion carried.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution No. 26-2025, "A resolution allowing electronic signatures to be accepted by the city of Graettinger, Iowa", and moved that it be adopted, seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Masters introduced resolution No. 30-2025, "A resolution To certify the assessment against taxable property located at 402 N Van Gordon Ave, Graettinger, IA," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 28-2025, "A resolution to certify the assessment against taxable property located at 504 E Kent St, Graettinger, IA," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 31-2025, "A resolution to certify the assessment against taxable property located at 306 N Lincoln Ave, Graettinger, IA," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Masters introduced resolution No. 29-2025, "A resolution to certify the assessment against taxable property located at 311 S. Brown Ave, Graettinger, IA," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 27-2025, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract Chapter 28-E agreement with Palo Alto County Solid Waste Transfer Station," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

T. Anderson introduced resolution No. 32-2025, "A resolution to certify an assessment against taxable property located at 206 N Walnut Ave, Graettinger, IA," and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Alderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

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Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$149.00	Treasurer St of IA	Wet	\$596.93
IRS		\$5,542.78	Pefa	Gas	\$1,154.80
Clayton	Reservation	\$4,300.45	Core & Main	Supplies	\$2,729.48
Currans P&H	Pool	\$220.00	Van Wert	Meters	\$1,277.02

Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$3,028.55	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
EPS	Catalyst	\$2,598.80	City Laundering	Supplies	\$13.79
Esth. Paint & Glass	Supplies	\$25.99	Drain Pro	Main Repair	\$203.36
GR Market	Pool	\$1,821.61	MacQueen Equip	Supplies	\$1,296.31
GMU	Pool	\$4,567.55	Sioux Valley Env.	Supplies	\$565.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,748.51	Merida Concrete	Catalyst	\$8,000.00
Hawkins	Pump	\$1,220.72	Kahn Tile	Supplies	\$199.88
IAMU	Training	\$501.00	Creative Sites	Visioning	\$94,000.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$24.30	Skattebo Builders	Catalyst	\$7,015.00
IA Prison Ind.	Speed Hump	\$1,267.84	RA Rentals	Skid loader	\$107.00
IPERS		\$3,157.32	Creative Stitches	Kara Uniform	\$32.10
Larry Lair Escavating	Repair	\$280.00	GT School	Pool Sign	\$100.00
Northern Lights	Pool	\$359.54	Terry Behrends	Pool Supplies	\$38.49
NWIA Planning Zoning	Dues	\$540.80	Deb Harris	Pool Chairs	\$2,015.88
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Payroll		\$23,793.86
Pro-Coop	Streets	\$911.86	Claims ttl		\$229,292.33
RVTC	Internet/Phone	\$841.43	General		\$46,422.66
Sensit Tech	Supplies	\$498.50	Pool Board		\$2,154.37
Siouxland District Health	Inspection	\$418.00	Wild Rose		\$111,000.00
Stall's	Supplies	\$4.74	RUT		\$8,803.07
Treasurer St of IA	sales	\$914.88	Emp Ben		\$2,437.15
Treasurer St of IA	withholding	\$735.55	Debt		\$8,101.85
Us Cellular	Cell phones	\$216.12	Catalyst		\$17,613.80
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,014.58	Water		\$9,354.35
PA CO Sheriff	Contract	\$5,234.33	Sewer		\$9,665.49
Daktronics	Scoreboards	\$17,000.00	Gas		\$13,034.71
GMLP	Cust Refund	\$225.00	Cust Deposit		\$225.00
IA DNR	Annual Permit	\$127.52	Storm		\$479.88
River Valley Tele	Server	\$768.75	Receipts:		
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$291.50	General		\$3,898.08
Dearborne	Insurance	\$661.20	Wild Rose		85000
Visa	Supplies	\$2,515.63	Water		\$1,963.51
Kirkwood College	Certifications	\$1,120.00	Sewer		\$1,880.22
Culligan	Water	\$7.50	Gas		\$1,702.07
GR Times	Legals	\$274.22	Cust Deposit		\$3,425.00
GR Hardware	Supplies	\$637.33	Storm		\$16.44
Rec Supply	Pool	\$1,584.85	Total		\$98,144.32

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk