

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at city hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Alderson, T. Anderson, Dyhrkopp, Hoffman, and Masters and city employees, B. Anderson, Petersen, and Currans. Visitors: Kyle Cook.

Motion by Alderson, second by Dyhrkopp 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. 5. Motion to approve special outdoor liquor permit for Graettinger Veterans Club for September 2024. All ayes. Carried.

Kyle Cook approaches the council regarding recent flooding in the City of Graettinger. Mr. Cook would like the city to clear out the city culverts that are located underneath S. Cedar Ave and remove overgrown foliage and debris that block the drains. Peterson and Anderson, city employees, worked diligently this last week during flooding and will continue to ensure city culverts are debris-free.

City Clerk Currans will be attending the Palo Alto County Emergency Management meeting at the Law Enforcement Center in Emmetsburg on July 10, 2024.

Peterson reports the sanitary sewer pump is still running well, we have decreased the RPMs from 16 to 11 and continue to monitor. Peterson reports the water table is still very high and wells are full, waters are receding, and they continue to monitor systems daily to ensure proper maintenance. City residents should continue allowing their sump pumps to run all excess water outside rather than into sanitary sewer systems. This helps prevent overwhelming our sewer systems.

Anderson addresses the Council regarding street work scheduled to begin within city limits this month. Beck Excavating will be paving, patching, leveling, and completing chip seals to city streets. They will also be addressing six-alley approaches this summer.

The City of Graettinger will replace the soap dispensers at Citizen Park restrooms. The City of Graettinger will also be placing a help wanted ad for the Public Works opening. The ideal candidate will be proactive in obtaining the necessary certifications and must be bondable, demonstrating a high level of trustworthiness and responsibility. While prior experience in public works is preferred, we are looking for someone committed to serve our community and the drive to maintain and improve our city's infrastructure.

Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Kinney, Dunbar, Lopez, Besaw, Heartland Builders, and Hampson 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 to approve an application for tax abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan for Michelle Scott. Seconded by Hoffman. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dyhrkopp to approve application for Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC) For Housing Initiative Grant for Michelle Scott. Seconded by T. Anderson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding adding Internet services to Graettinger Community Pool for summer months, RVTC has quoted the city it would cost \$59.95 per month. The Council has declined to add internet services to the pool at this time.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the closing of Robins Street and S. Washington Ave for the 2024 Labor Day Celebration. All ayes. Carried.

Masters introduced resolution no. 35-2024, "A resolution To certify the assessment against taxable property located at 305 S Cameron Ave Graettinger, IA." and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

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Amazon	Books	207.76
IRS		4,440.82
Clayton	Gas	4,969.50
Currans P&H	Pool repair	1,453.53
Dakota Supply Group	Supplies	1,117.69
Energy Economics Inc	Meters	1,310.18
Graettinger Market	Supplies	1,373.85
GMU	Utilities	4,117.55
Harris Sanitation	Garbage	5,658.70
Hawkins Inc	Chemical	73.89
IA League of Cities	Dues	863
IPERS		2,638.41
Northern Lights	Supplies	306
PACHS	Deductible	144.58
PA County Treasurer	Contract	693.33
Pro Coop		2,432.87
Rehab Systems	Sewer	1,215.00
RVTC		699.99
Treasurer St of Ia	Tax	1,515.31
Wellmark	Insurance	7,697.62
PA County Sheriff		5,231.33
IA DNR	water	98.41
ST Hygenic Lab	Testing	72.5
Dearborne	Insurance	618.45
Visa	Supplies	557.82
Storey Kenney	Checks	341.49
Culligan	Water	7.5
Graettinger Times		323.58
Avera Hospital	Deductible	1,925.87
Graettinger Hardware	Supplies	595.31
REC SUPPLY	FOOT BOARD	1,081.00
CONTROL EQUIPMENT	GAS	
SALES	EQUIPMENT	5,120.00
PEFA INC	GAS	59.8
VAN WERT COMPANY	ERT 100G DLS	1,194.20
RVTC LOAN	LOAN	8,101.85
CITY LAUNDERING CO	TOWELS	10.45

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Amazon	Books	\$207.76	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
IRS		\$4,440.82	City Laundering	Supplies	\$10.45
Clayton	Gas	\$4,969.50	MR B'S Flooring	Library Grant	\$9,242.00
Currans P&H	Pool repair	\$1,453.53	Parallel	Supplies	\$52.80
Dakota Supply Group	Supplies	\$1,117.69	Municipal Maintenance	Hydrant	\$330.00
Energy Economics Inc	Meters	\$1,310.18	Vans Implement	Supplies	\$54.90

Graettinger Market	Supplies	\$1,373.85	Sanford	Deductible	\$3,185.55
GMU	Utilities	\$4,117.55	Avera Hospital	Deductible	\$3,205.86
Harris Sanitation	Garbage	\$5,658.70	NWIA Anesthesia Assoc	Deductible	\$1,088.00
Hawkins Inc	Chemical	\$73.89	Mercy One	Deductible	\$47.50
IA League of Cities	Dues	\$863.00	Kat Girres	Rebate	\$150.00
IPERS		\$2,638.41	Myrna Hoffman	Rebate	\$50.00
Northern Lights	Supplies	\$306.00	The Pilcrow Foundation	Grant	\$400.00
PACHS	Deductible	\$144.58	Payroll		\$20,624.12
PA County Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Total		\$106,595.76
Pro Coop		\$2,432.87	General		\$38,266.60
Rehab Systems	Sewer	\$1,215.00	WR Grant		\$9,242.00
RVTC		\$699.99	RUT		\$1,526.87
Treasurer St of IA	Tax	\$1,515.31	Emp Benefit		\$3,426.03
Wellmark	Insurance	\$7,697.62	Library Memorial		\$400.00
PA County Sheriff		\$5,231.33	Debt		\$8,101.85
IA DNR	water	\$98.41	Water		\$5,864.66
ST Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$72.50	Sewer		\$9,960.80
Dearborn	Insurance	\$618.45	Gas		\$20,313.70
Visa	Supplies	\$557.82	Self-Insurance		\$9,493.25
Storey Kenney	Checks	\$341.49	Receipts		
Culligan	Water	\$7.50	General		\$64,248.96
Graettinger Times		\$323.58	RUT		\$13,265.57
Avera Hospital	Deductible	\$1,925.87	LOST		\$34,763.93
Graettinger Hardware	Supplies	\$595.31	Lib Memorial		\$270.79
Rec Supply	Pool	\$1,081.00	Water		\$8,365.63
Control Equipment	Gas	\$5,120.00	Sewer		\$8,071.83
PEFA	Gas	\$59.80	Gas		\$15,000.54
Van Wert Co.	ERT	\$1,194.20	Storm Water		\$745.99
			Self-Insurance		\$7,500.00
			Total		\$156,712.63

Motion by Dyhrkopp seconded by Masters to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk