

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Dyhrkopp, Masters, Hoffman, and T. Anderson employees Currans, Peterson, and B. Anderson. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Megan Helmich and Morgan Skattebo.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson 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 Graettinger Market Class E Alcohol License Premises . 4 ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans advised the council that she will be attending an Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference in Sioux City on Sept 18-20, 2024.

Peterson informs the council he will be focusing on the bypass project at the rig station over the next coming week. He also mentions that the water tower is currently offline for scheduled routine maintenance to ensure it continues to operate smoothly.

B. Anderson reports he will need to order some new tires for the city's street sweeper, these tires are around \$400 a piece and extremely hard to find as this piece of equipment is older. The council advised B. Anderson to order tires and replace them.

Speed bumps will be removed for the season by Oct 1, 2024.

The council discussed a culvert. The city will monitor the culvert that is located underneath S. Cedar Ave and remove overgrown foliage and debris that block the drains. Peterson and Anderson will continue to work diligently to ensure city culverts remain debris-free.

City Clerk Currans reviewed year-end totals for Graettinger Pool.

FEMA has requested the City of Graettinger update our Procurement, Reporting, Language, and Conflict of Interest Policies. Policies were reviewed and a discussion was held. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to approve policies for the City of Graettinger. 4 Ayes. Motion carried.

The Vision Committee, represented by Megan Helmich and Morgan Skattebo, presented their plans for upgrading park equipment. They propose replacing the playground equipment at the hilltop playground on Robins Street with new structures suitable for children ages 2-12, including swings and a surrounding sidewalk. The total project cost is \$141,000, with an additional \$17,000 requested for the sidewalk. The committee plans to apply for a Palo Alto County Gaming Grant and is requesting that the City of Graettinger contribute to the project if the grant is awarded. The proposal has been tabled until the next meeting.

We are pleased to announce that qualified individuals have applied for the Public Works position within our city. The city will begin with initial background checks and vesting procedures. The City of Graettinger will move forward to the interview stage, where their skills and experiences will be further evaluated. We are committed to selecting the most capable individual to help enhance our city's infrastructure and services.

City clerk Currans reviewed the Urban Renewal Report. Motion by Masters, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve Urban Renewal Area Data Collection report- TIF report- and submit to state. All ayes. Carried.

Hoffman introduced resolution no. 21-2024, " A resolution of the City of Graettinger to approve and authorize the mayor to sign a development agreement with Irving and Pauline Ahumada for the Iowa Economic Development Authority for a community catalyst building remediation grant for the proposed location at 102 E Robin St." Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted.

T. Anderson introduced resolution 37-2024, " A resolution authorizing a transfer of funds". Seconded by Hoffman. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted. Iowa Grants has approved a grant application

for Irving and Paulina Chavez for a Downtown Catalyst grant. Their new business would renovate an old building. The council has approved a matching city donation of \$10,000.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Hoffman to approve the closing of Robins Street for the Homecoming Celebration on Sept 19, 2024, from 1 pm till complete. 4 ayes. Motion Carried.

Masters introduced resolution no. 39-2024, "A resolution approving the agreement with gWorks Corporation." and moved that it be adopted, seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted.

Masters introduced resolution no. 24-2024, "A resolution approving the road use report." and moved that it be adopted, seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. The City of Graettinger has completed three city cleanups with Harris Sanitation and local police agency involvement. Additional nuisance abatement letters have been sent to Pattison and Cole for city nuisance complaints. Nuisance invoices have been sent to Mader, Dunbar, Lopez, and Besaw. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or be assessed a penalty. The City of Graettinger would like to thank those residents who have taken the time to address nuisances, we appreciate and will continue to keep the City of Graettinger beautiful.

B. Anderson recently updated the City Council on the acquisition of a new solar speed sign, a measure aimed at addressing ongoing speed violations in key areas. Anderson provided detailed information on the frequency and locations of these violations, highlighting the need for enhanced traffic management. The new solar speed sign will be strategically placed to improve road safety and compliance. We anticipate that this initiative will significantly contribute to a safer driving environment in our community. The City Clerk will look into purchasing additional solar speed signs for our community.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to approve Simmering-Cory to update Ordinance Book. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

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Amazon	Library	\$209.60	Murphy, Myla	Training	\$37.50
IRS		\$3,596.04	Tall Girl publishing	Library	\$65.96
Clayton	Gas	\$799.54	Anderson, Isabella	Training	\$100.00
GSG	Supplies	\$211.00	Anderson, Olivia	Training	\$100.00
	Business				
GR Business Club	Club	\$1,490.50	Dietrich, Ava	Training	\$100.00
GR Market	Pool	\$517.28	Cook, Colleen	Training	\$100.00
GMU	Utilities	\$3,736.54	Swedin, Natalie	Training	\$87.50
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$8,063.03	Ellis, Liberty	Training	\$108.00
	Conference				
IMFOA	Currans	\$200.00	Ringlaben, Danica	Training	\$87.50
IPERS		\$815.72	Guinn, Trista	Training	\$112.50
Northern Lights	Pool	\$163.23	Avera Hosp.	Peterson	\$1,250.76
PACHS	Faust	\$140.00	Heinrichs, Adileigh	Training	\$100.00
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Vanderhoff, Lillian	Training	\$112.50
Pro-Coop	Gas	\$877.40	Dietrich, Landon	Training	\$112.50
Reporter-Democrat	Legals	\$100.00	Wise, Shaylee	Training	\$112.50
RVTC	Phone	\$773.28	Thompson, Allyson	Training	\$45.00
Siouxland District					
Health	Pool	\$418.00	Payroll		\$22,104.46
PA CO Treasurer	Sales tax	\$241.07	Total		\$75,866.86
Us Cellular	Cell Phone	\$216.07	General		\$39,132.43

Wellmark		\$4,127.20	WR Grant	\$1,490.50
PA CO Sheriff	Contract	\$5,231.33	RUT	\$1,587.82
IA DNR	License	\$210.00	Emp Ben	\$507.69
Continental				
Research	Supplies	\$345.92	Debt	\$8,101.85
Visa	Training	\$504.28	Catalyst	\$4,387.00
GR Times	Legals	\$196.67	Water	\$4,798.85
Avera Hosp.	Peterson	\$805.34	Sewer	\$2,822.10
Swanson Hardware	Supplies	\$10.86	Gas	\$10,678.92
GR Hardware	Supplies	\$641.95	Self-Ins	\$2,359.70
	Natural			
PEFA	Gas	\$1,735.38	Receipts	
RVTC Loan		\$8,101.85	General	\$1,710.36
Gordon Flesch Co.	Printer	\$1,261.48	Waster	\$2,657.64
Midwest Radiology	Peterson	\$163.60	Sewer	\$2,313.80
City Laundering	Supplies	\$10.45	Sewer Sinking	\$2,916.91
Merida Concrete	Catalyst	\$4,387.00	Gas	\$1,583.33
Alphabet Signs	Pool	\$97.74	Storm	\$216.17
Alderson, Macy	Training	\$37.50	Total	\$11,403.21

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk