Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Graettinger City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, Alderson, J. Petersen, Faust, Dyhrkopp and employees Currans, Petersen, and B. Anderson. Visitors: Henrik Nielsen, Brody Alderson, Bella Rutter, Callaway Kajewski, and Grace Griffin.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Alderson, 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 Class B wine, Class C Beer Permit, and Sunday Sales for Dollar General. Pending paperwork 6. Motion to approve Beer/Liquor/Wine/ Sunday Sales and Premises update for Graettinger Market. Pending paperwork. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Nielsen approached the council regarding a future Catalyst project he would like to complete at 117 W. Robins St. his current project is wrapping up and he would like to continue to update his buildings with the help of Iowa Economic Development Authority, IEDA, this grant will help key commercial properties and strengthen the city's ongoing effort to revitalize and strengthen the local business district. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson to support Nielsen's application for Catalyst grant.

City Clerk Currans advised the council that she will be attending IMFOA conference Oct 21-23, the PACGDC meeting for grant is Oct 14, NW IA League of Cities meeting is Oct 15. Brad informed council that Bryon has a Water conference scheduled this month in Dubuque.

Anderson updated the council that they had to replace a gs controller and odorizer last month. Anderson also reported that Well 8 is back online and is operating smoothly. Currans continues to work with Iowa DOT with updating speed limits within town.

The council reviewed applications for the city utility worker position. Currans will continue advertising the opening and schedule interviews with applicants. The council also discussed culvert and drainage issues throughout town. City utility staff will continue monitoring intakes and keeping them clear of debris, and the drainage ditch near the football field will be deepened. Pool heaters have arrived, installation will begin this spring, the council reviewed pool needs including new drains and basin cleaning and possibly repainting. Anderson will obtain bids. Tabled till next meeting.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Faust, to allow City Clerk Currans to send in Ragbrai application to become a possible 'pass through' city for 2027. Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Faust to approve the Urban renewal report and send it to state. City clerk Currans reviewed the Annual Financial Report, tabled pending light plant numbers.

Dyhrkopp moved, seconded by Alderson, to authorize the preparation and submission of a voluntary annexation petition for parcels owned by the Graettinger Economic Council and Bill Brown LLC, as well as city parcel 490004003015, for consideration for annexation into the city limits. T. Anderson moved, seconded by Faust, to close the street for the Homecoming parade and rally on October 16, 2026. The two-hour rally will begin at 2:00 p.m. in front of Bank Plus.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. Nuisance abatement letters have been sent for various city complaints. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or be assessed a penalty.

River Valley Telecommunications Cooperative informed the City that it will not renew its cable franchise agreement. RVTC has transitioned to MGTV, an internet-based television service that no longer requires a franchise fee. No service changes or interruptions are expected for customers. City Clerk Currans will review Chapter 111 and prepare any updates needed to reflect this change. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to terminate franchise fee and have City Clerk update Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The Council reviewed ideas for PACGDC for grants within the city. Ideas include a new roof for City Hall and Gas office, park upgrades, city truck, sandblast and paint for pool, sewer lining, skid loader breaker, and floor update for kitchenette and bathrooms at Citizens park. Tabled till next meeting. Alderson introduced resolution 29-2026, "A resolution approving city grant agreement with Palo Alto Gaming Development Corporation, PACGDC.' And moved that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

The council set Halloween for Saturday, Oct 31, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Motion by T. Anderson to allow the Business Club to close Robins Street between Cedar and Washington for Trunk and Treat night. Second, by Alderson . Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

26-Oct

Ace Hardware	Supplies	$44.99	City Laundering	Supplies	$39.35
Amazon	Library	$583.59	Parallel	Supplies	$594.62
American Public Gas	Dues	$445.00	Kara Currans	Cell	$32.88
Automatic Systems	Water	$9,503.26	Masters Mfg.	Tires	$412.88
IRS		$3,477.12	T-Mobile	Cell	$185.43
Bomgaars	Supplies	$216.84	ABC Seamless	Library	$2,940.00
Clayton	Reservation	$4,243.82	Jetter Depot	Sewer	$4,641.00
DSG	Supplies	$1,129.68	SAM Surveying	Contract	$1,200.00
GEDC	refund	$428.00	Pam Peton	refund	$785.00
Gr. Market	Supplies	$89.39	Kay Starkey	Refund	$785.00
GMU	Electric	$1,885.32	Terry Behrends	Refund	$928.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	$6,160.73	Griffin Construction	Catalyst	$3,884.64
Ipers		$3,053.95	Hoss Contracting	Catalyst	$2,000.00
Lair excavating	Supplies	$4,300.80	Shawn Smith	Rebate	$50.00
PA Co Treasurer	Contract	$693.33	Pam Studer	Refund	$1,071.00
Petty Cash		$100.00	Nancy Schnell	Refund	$70.00
Pro-Coop	Gas	$805.50	Payroll		$12,526.96
Bank Plus	Box rental	$20.00		Total	$120,402.27
Reporter Democrat	Legals	$51.40	General	$39,387.68	
RVTC	Phone	$659.13	WR	$9,400.17	

Treasurer St of IA	State tax	$2,103.96	RUT	$5,130.86
Treasurer St of IA	Sales tax	$181.69	Emp Ben	$4,936.63
Wellmark	Insurance	$8,353.77	Library Mem Fund	$470.71
PA Co Sherrif	Contract	$5,393.33	Debt	$8,101.85
GMLP	Library Light	$161.22	Catalyst	$5,884.64
IA DNR	Permit	$120.00	Water	$18,538.78
Coast to Coast	Supplies	$199.97	Sewer	$7,513.65
JKP	Uniform	$168.00	Gas	$16,116.80
Nelson Tech	Supplies	$1,366.39	Cust Deposit Refund	$4,067.00
Visa	Supplies	$1,344.34	General	$34,851.47
EMC ins.	Work Comp	$853.50	WR	$5,000.00
Gr. Times	Legals	$227.18	RUT	$9,753.35
Gr. Hardware	Supplies	$490.41	Emp Ben	$1,958.74
Cengage	Library	$256.70	Library Mem Fund	$2,116.02
Rec Supply	Pool	$18,217.29	LOST	$13,081.48
Treasurer St of IA	Excess	$613.73	Water	$12,381.01
Pefa	Natural Gas	$2,097.15	Sewer	$10,912.30
Core & Main	Supplies	$113.18	Gas	$12,111.35
RVTC	Loan	$8,101.85	Storm	$1,541.72
			Total	$105,121.32

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

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Brandon Armstrong, Mayor Kara Currans, City Clerk