

Special Graettinger City Council Meeting

Graettinger City Council met in a special session on Monday, March 30, 2026, at City Hall at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Armstrong, city council members Alderson, Dyhrkopp, Faust, J. Petersen, T. Anderson, and city clerk Currans. The Light Plant Board members present were Bill Brown, Jill Heinrichs, Jason Peton and Utility Clerk Harris. Visitors: Alex Bleuer.

City clerk Currans updated the council about Midwest Technology's proposal for a new phone system. The plan involves switching to a cloud-based system, an Allworx setup. This topic was postponed until the next meeting. Additionally, both the city and Light Plant will be looking into new computer systems for municipal and utility billing. There was discussion about costs, requirements for backing up historical financial data, and ensuring auditor approval of any new system. Lisa will research what other cities use for utility billing, and this matter was also tabled for the next meeting. The budget was reviewed for city truck.

Alex Bleuer, an insurance broker with Phillips Stafford Insurance Group, presented updates on the City's EMC insurance policy at the council meeting. Renewal rates will rise by 5.99%, but coverage will continue with EMC. Updates include changes to Commercial Property, General Liability, Workers Compensation, and other provisions. The Council requested to increase coverage from two million to five million, and Mr. Bleuer will follow up. Discussion and review were held. A motion by Dyhrkopp and seconded by J. Petersen, Alex Bleuer, was authorized to renew the municipal insurance policy with updated coverages.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Brandon Armstrong , Mayor

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Kara Currans, City Clerk