

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members: T. Anderson, Alderson, J. Petersen and Faust. Absent: Dyhrkopp. Employees: Currans, Petersen, and B. Anderson. Visitors: Mike & Jodi Bredahl.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve the agenda. 2. Motion to pay bills. 3. Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting. 4. Motion to approve the financial statement. 5. Motion to approve Gr. Market Class E Alcohol License Premises update. Pending paperwork. 6. Motion to approve cigarette Licenses for Gr. Country Store, Dollar General, and Gr. Market. Pending paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Bredahl addressed the Council regarding the increasing number of scooters and other electric mobility devices being operated around town. He expressed concern about several unsafe behaviors he has observed, particularly involving younger riders, and emphasized the need to improve safety for both riders and pedestrians. Mr. Bredahl requested that the Council explore possible measures—such as helmet requirements, age restrictions, or a local licensure process—to help ensure these devices are used responsibly within city limits. The council discussed and reviewed and will explore options to help resolve safety issues.

Bryon advised the Council that the water tower is due for cleaning, maintenance, and inspection this year. A motion was made to accept the agreement with Central Tank Coatings Inc.; the work will be completed this summer. The company will provide a full report with photos. This inspection is conducted every two years. Brad will be locating pins in alleyway between school and church for street work. Bryon will attend the Clayton gas conference in Omaha, Nebraska, in May. No other out-of-town meetings are scheduled this month. CIT sewer Solutions have completed their inspection of Sanitary root cutting and cleaning on W Olive and Storm Sewer from E. Patterson and Washington to manhole on Roberts. Alderson introduced Resolution no 19-2026, “A resolution approving and authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with CIT sewer Solutions.” Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

The council reviewed street repairs for the summer season, after discussion and review Faust introduced resolution 15-2026, “A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Blacktop Excavating, for street work,” and moved that it be adopted. Second by T. Anderson . Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Alderson introduced resolution no. 16-2026 , “A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Bargaen Inc, for street patch work,” and moved that it be adopted. Second by J. Petersen. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

Discussion held regarding the garbage pickup on Robins Ave, currently city cans are emptied by Harris Sanitation twice monthly. Harris Sanitation will continue to collect garbage cans on Robins Ave.

Alderson introduced resolution No. 18-2026, “A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the State of Iowa for maintenance and repair of Primary Roads,” and moved that it be adopted. Second by T. Anderson. Ayes-4 . Resolution adopted.

The Council reviewed a lien on the property at 402 N Van Gordon. The lien was issued in 2024 for a former resident. The current property owner, who was unaware of the lien when the property was purchased, requested that it be waived. After review and discussion, the Council decided the lien will remain in place. Motion to hire Josie Saxton for the 2026 Graettinger Pool season. The Council also reviewed performance evaluations and education provided on the annual employee evaluation process. Nuisance abatement letters were sent to residents regarding city nuisance complaints. Residents must remove or clean up nuisances or face a penalty. CD rates were reviewed, with the current renewal rate at 1.71% for 2026. The City of Graettinger will hold another Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 16, 2026. A collection trailer will be available at the City Shed from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to stop by City Hall to pick up a list of accepted items before the event. Speed Humps will be re-installed this summer.

City Clerk Currans reviewed Budget Amendments needed for FY 2025-26. T. Anderson introduced resolution No. 17-2026, “A resolution Amending the current budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026,” and moved that it be adopted. Second by Alderson. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

A motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Faust, to approve the Robins Street closure for June 26, 2026, for the Classic Car show for the Graettinger Business Club. Ayes-4. Motion carried.

26-May

Amazon	Library	\$1,518.33	RVTC Loan	Loan	\$8,101.85
IRS	Tax	\$4,159.42	Scholastic	Library	\$106.98
Clayton	Gas	\$11,720.75	Kara Currans	Conference	\$564.57
Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$50.02	Masters MFG	Repair	\$12.00
Energy Economics	Gas	\$914.23	Phillip Stafford	Insurance	\$1,106.46
GR. Market	Library	\$12.75	Ascendance Truck	Truck	\$57,000.00

GMU	Streetlights	\$2,359.59	EMC	Insurance	\$71,201.00
Hach Co.	Supplies	\$566.20	National Sign Co	Supplies	\$679.60
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,443.94	Roberta Kulow Griffin	Rebate	\$50.00
Hawkins	Chemical	\$40.00	Construction	Catalyst	\$4,950.00
IPERS		\$2,470.13	David Harris	Rebate	\$150.00
PA CO Treasurer	Landfill	\$693.33	Kelly Crull	Library	\$250.00
Pro- Coop	Gas	\$712.74	Payroll		\$14,778.17
RVTC	Phone	\$659.33	Total		\$214,381.59
Stalls Farm	Supplies	\$97.69	General		\$62,306.97
US Cellular	Cell	\$157.83	Wild Rose		\$40,000.00
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	RUT		\$5,018.51
Pa Co Sheriff	Contract	\$5,289.58	Emp Ben		\$7,492.59
Overdrive	Library	\$258.76	LOST		\$17,000.00
River Valley Tele	Windows	\$170.00	Library Memorial		\$526.99
	Public				
Utility Safety	Awareness	\$585.00	Debt		\$8,101.85
Visa	Supplies	\$831.28	Catalyst		\$6,425.44
Storey Kenney	Late Notice	\$123.83	Water		\$23,321.34
Culligan	Supplies	\$21.00	Sewer		\$8,488.16
Gr. Times	Legal	\$684.12	Gas		\$35,699.74
GR. Hardware	Catalyst	\$1,757.34	General		\$114,567.66
Cengage	Library	\$76.01	Emp Ben		\$28,473.50
No IA Lumbar	Supplies	\$6.00	LOST		\$10,505.69
Gr. Chiropractic	Testing	\$34.00	Library Memorial		\$76.00
PEFA	Gas	\$5,474.65	Water		\$10,764.25
Van Wert	Supplies	\$189.34	Sewer		\$13,057.75
			Gas		\$53,478.68
			Storm		\$11,428.12

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Faust, to adjourn meeting at 7:10 P.M.

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Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

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Kara Currans, City Clerk