

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members Alderson, T. Anderson, Dyhrkopp, J. Petersen, and Faust, as well as city employees B. Anderson, B. Petersen, and city clerk Currans. Visitors: Deb Harris, Christy Johnson.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, 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 Liquor License for Side Street Saloon pending paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Currans advised the council of an out-of-town ‘Data Center Summit’ meeting she will attend in Ankeny on July 21-22,2026 with Lisa Harris.

Deb Harris from the ‘Friends of the Pool’ shared an update on the many improvements completed at the pool this season. Their group has been incredibly generous, donating paint, chairs, water toys, outdoor rugs, and Fun Friday treats for our swimmers. Christmas in July fund raiser is scheduled for Aug 1, with a rain date of Aug 2. Staci reports that swimming lessons are going strong and water aerobics continues to be a community favorite. The Siouxland District Health Department recently inspected the pool and found no deficiencies. The Council has approved the purchase of privacy slats to cover ten-foot sections for added comfort and security for pool goers. Brad obtained a quote to replace the aging pool heaters, one of which failed last month—and all three will be replaced this winter for the 2027 season at a cost of \$16,000. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to approve hiring Evelyn Nath for the 2026 pool season, effective June 1. All Ayes, motion carried. Future pool needs include new heaters, gutter work, repainting lines, and sandblasting and recoating the pool basin.

B. Petersen reported on the ongoing water quality issues affecting Marsha Patten home. Ms. Patten has experienced discolored water for the past three to four years, which was determined to be caused by her service line being connected to a dead-end main installed when her home was built. The City, in coordination with GMLP, attempted to bore a line and connect it to the City’s main water line; however, rock prevented the boring work from being completed. The City will install a yard hydrant at Patten house and flush it monthly. B. Petersen also presented a bid from Iowa Pump Works for scheduled pump maintenance. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to accept the proposed three year service agreement. All Ayes. Motion carried. Water tower has been power washed.

Street maintenance projects are proceeding as scheduled. Blacktop Services will complete patch work, Asphalt levels, surface corrections, and chip sealing designated streets. Anderson is also evaluating an additive to reduce dust and keep gravel from spreading onto adjacent properties along chip-sealed roads. He also plans to use the street sweeper to collect loose gravel. Two trees on city easements along N. Lincoln Ave. and S. Elder Ave. have been identified for removal, and City staff will remove them soon. Brad will obtain a quote for dirt to fill in the tennis courts and other areas as needed to complete ongoing projects.

Recent heavy rainfall brought a couple inches of water to the area, and the library’s residential gutters were unable to keep up, causing water to pool at the northwest corner of the building. The Library Director cleaned up the affected area, and no additional issues were reported. Collin has since cleared the gutters to improve water flow, and the Council discussed long-term needs, determining that commercial-grade gutters would better serve the facility. Brad will obtain a quote for commercial gutters and installation to help prevent future problems.

Cornwell Frieders, Maher & Associates, auditors for city, were unable to complete a report for city regarding last year’s audit, and the report will be available at August meeting. Nuisance abatement letters have been sent to residents for various city nuisance complaints. Residents will have to remove or clean up Nuisances or be assessed a penalty.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp, to approve demolition grant for 502 E Kent Street, All Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was reviewed regarding meter reading equipment, currently city is using ITRON. Itron is transitioning existing customers to VanWert’s Temetra program, its next generation cloud-based meter reading platform. The City and Light Plant will share cost of new system.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution No. 26-2026, “A resolution approving and authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with VanWert Company”, and moved that it be adopted, seconded by Faust. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Faust introduced resolution No. 24-2026, “A resolution acknowledging HF2490 and directing updates to city policies on Public meetings and Public records” and moved that it be adopted. Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 5. Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 25-2026, “A resolution To certify the assessment against taxable property located at 504 E Kent Street, Graettinger, IA,” has been tabled till next meeting.

26-Jul					
Amazon	Supplies	\$243.34	PEFA	Natural Gas	\$1,103.60
Arnold Motor Supply	Supplies	\$38.92	VanWert Co.	Supplies	\$109.58
Bargen Inc.	Street	\$5,543.99	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Bomgaars	Uniform	\$109.96	Kara Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Clayton	Reservation	\$5,337.03	Bargen Inc.	Street	\$11,740.00
City Laundering	Supplies	\$52.70	EMC	Insurance	\$2,527.00
Currans P&H	Catalyst	\$774.59	Secretary of	Notary	\$30.00
	Nielsen		State		
Dakota Supply	Supplies	\$476.88	Tall Girl	BOOKS	\$65.00
			Publishing		
Gr. Market	Supplies	\$1,607.50	Griffin	Catalyst	\$3,700.00
			Construction		
GMU	Utilities	\$3,987.51	J. Thomsen	Refund	\$385.50
			Estate		
Gr. Municipal Light	Deposit	\$62.00	Lisa Harris	rebate	\$100.00

Groebner & Assoc	Supplies	\$40.48	Staci Girres	Pool	\$33.91
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$6,031.52	Payroll		\$22,993.34
Hawkins Inc	Chemical	\$1,965.24	Total	\$116,049.56	
IA League of Cities	Dues	\$25.00	General	\$40,979.66	
IPERS		\$3,485.61	RUT	\$16,704.57	
Johnston Auto	Supplies	\$64.59	Emp Ben	\$6,262.64	
Menards	Supplies	\$35.00	Debt	\$8,101.85	
Northern Lights	Pool	\$2,062.80	Catalyst	\$13,134.59	
NWIA Planning	Dues	\$540.80	Water	\$7,749.01	
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	Sewer	\$6,909.58	
Petty Cash	Postage	\$100.00	Gas	\$15,969.96	
Pro Coop	Gas	\$1,239.53	General	\$64,924.79	
RVTC	Phone	\$763.78	RUT	\$11,613.87	
Stalls	Supplies	\$54.99	Emp Ben	\$548.95	
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$123.00	LOST	\$8,076.06	
Treasurer St of IA	Taxes	\$1,551.37	Catalyst	\$60,000.00	
Treasurer St of IA	Sales Tax	\$359.85	Water	\$14,984.63	
US Cellular	Cell	\$248.62	Sewer	\$13,589.21	
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	Gas	\$24,149.12	
PA CO Sherrif	Contract	\$5,393.33	Storm	\$1,735.42	
Overdrive	Subscription	\$541.28	Self-Ins	\$7,500.00	
GMLP	Library	\$129.04	Total	\$210,721.99	
IA DNR	Dues	\$96.56			
River Valley Tele	Supplies	\$139.00			
Dearborn	Insurance	\$652.65			
	Catalyst				
Osgood Builders	Nielsen	\$8,660.00			
Visa	Supplies	\$2,984.74			
Culligan	Water	\$49.00			
Gr. Times	Legals	\$157.31			
Gr. Hardware	Supplies	\$326.29			
Gr. Chiropractic	Testing	\$24.00			

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. All ayes. Carried.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk