

March 5, 2012

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Brotherton, Hamilton, Opp, Hanlon and Mayor Olson presiding.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Hanlon. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Hamilton and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by Opp and seconded by Hamilton. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	497.20	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,435.84	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	10,126.84	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,771.08	salaries
Culture & Recr Payroll	1,644.28	salaries
City of Groton	82.71	postage, dep ref
Cons Fed Cr Union	925.00	emp savings
First State Bank	5,673.39	ss & wh
Mega Construction	163.16	refund
US Post Office	196.72	postage
A&B Business Inc	255.71	book
Border States	486.38	bushing, elbows
Chase Visa	375.85	books, registration, supplies
Clark Engineering	19,493.58	engineering
Cole Paper	107.28	bags
Dakota Electronics	41.25	repair
Dakota Press	329.95	publishing
Darrel's Sinclair	259.90	battery
Duane's	999.47	gas
Ellwein Bros	5,026.00	beer
Farmer's Union	1,818.18	dsl
Fire Safety First	11.00	recharge exting
Groton Independent	320.19	publishing
Harry Implement	865.35	repair
Heartland Waste	5,271.73	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	672.69	phones, internet
Johnson Bros	3,346.03	liquor
Johnson, Drew	2,250.00	legal services
Ken's Food Fair	1,115.77	gas, supplies
Milbank Winwater	428.78	cplgs
Newman Traffic Signs	692.89	signs
NW Energy	10.71	nat gas
Porter Dist Co	1,310.55	beer
Republic Bev Co	2,869.32	liquor
Running's Supply	8.99	socket
S&S Lumber	239.51	supplies
SD Dept of Health	26.00	testing
SD Retirement	6,373.86	retirement
SD State Treasurer	9,749.44	sales tax
USA Blue Book	48.99	buffer pack
Walmart	110.00	grill
WEB Water	8,896.73	water
Wesco	460.17	sockets

Department reports were given.

A complaint from Jeff Flihs on timing of wastewater charges was presented. No change was made on the policy.

At 7pm no one appeared at the hearing to vacate a water and sewer easement at 210 N Broadway. Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Hanlon to pass the following resolution. All members present voted aye,

Resolution 12-3-5

Whereas, a petition in writing has been filed with the city finance officer of the City of Groton requesting that the City Council vacate a utility easement in and on the following described real property:

The East Half of Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 42, WB Hayes Addition, City of Groton, Brown County, South Dakota.
as signed by the owner of the above described property, for the reason that it affects the title to his property and the City of Groton no longer needs to utilize the utility easement for any purpose.

Whereas, the City Council considered the petition at the regular City Council meeting at City Hall on the 5th day of March, 2012, with due notice of said hearing given by publishing two weekly notices in the Groton Independent and Dakota Press, not less than ten days prior to the said hearing; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Groton, Brown County, South Dakota, for the reason that the above utility easement is no longer necessary to provide utility services to that or any other connected properties, that the above petition to vacate the above described utility easement is hereby granted and the easement is hereby vacated and released of record.

After reviewing baseball prices, charges, and fees a change was made to the payment of umpires to be \$50 for plate and \$30 for line per game and all other fees remain unchanged from 2011 on a motion by Hanlon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Transformer bids opened at 4pm were read aloud.
IRBY-Howard Industries - \$190,110
RESCO – Virginia Tech - \$158,421
WESCO – ABB - \$237,700

The bids are being reviewed by the engineer, Larry Mettler, and will be awarded at a later date.

Chip/Seal bids for 2012 opened at 4:30pm were read aloud.
The Road Guy – \$123,571.27
McLaughlin & Schultz - \$119,042.45
Bituminous Paving - \$111,925.81
Jensen Rock & Sand - \$119,365.96
Topkote - \$98,339.49

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Brotherton to accept the low bid by Topkote for the project. All members present voted aye.

At 7:15pm Jerrie Vedvei came before the Council to report on the swimming pool advisory committee study. Several safety issues and employees responsibilities were addressed. Suggestions on charges, and amendments to the pool manual were discussed and some were approved. Moved by Hanlon and seconded by Opp to accept the amended swimming pool manual and leave all the fees the same as 2011 except to change the fee for lap swim and water aerobics to \$30 each or \$50 for both. All members present voted aye. The committee was thanked for the study and for the suggestions. All members are willing to assist at the swimming pool during the season.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Hanlon to send Finance Officer Lowary to the county Equalization meeting Mar 13 in Aberdeen. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Brotherton to set equalization meetings Monday, Mar 19, 8pm (after the City Council meeting); Tuesday, Mar 20, at 7pm and Thursday, Mar 22, at 7pm. All members present voted aye.

The only petitions for election were received from Scott Hanlon, Ward 2, and Gary Heitmann, Ward 3. Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Opp to cancel the municipal election scheduled for April 10, 2012; declare Hanlon and Heitmann as winners in their Wards; and Brett Anderson will continue to serve in Ward 1. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2011 Annual Report. Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Hanlon to accept the report as presented. All members present voted aye.

Heartland Consumer Power District Annual meeting will be in Howard on Mar 23. Hamilton will be attending for Northern Electric.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Hanlon to send Paul Kosel to Safety Coordinator workshop in Aberdeen on Apr 11 and send Terry Herron to Supervisor Safety Training in Aberdeen on Apr 12. All members present voted aye.

The proposed safety manual was adopted on a motion by Opp and seconded by Hanlon. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the Horizons program, Glacial Lake advertising, and the Chamber Farm Family promotion.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Hanlon to accept the proposed moving of one basketball hoop at the swimming pool by Associated Pool Contractors. All members present voted aye.

At 8:31pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Hanlon. All members present voted aye. At 9:55pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Brotherton to hire the following persons for the 2012 summer: Swimming Pool Co-Managers- Brenda Madsen, Kami Lipp, and Karla Pasteur; Public Works Laborers- LeRoy Farnen, Collin Herron, Taylor Barragan, Seth Duncan, James Lowery, Dalton Locke, and Kimberly Zerr; Baseball Coordinator- Travis Kurth; Legion Coach-Travis Kurth; Teener Coach-Ryan Koehler; Jr. Teener Coach-Tanner Waage; Midget/PeeWee Coach – Kalen Kjellsen and Jamie Jorgensen; Girls Softball Coach – Kathy Bjerke; Concessions Manager – Chuck Padfield; Concessions worker – Michelle Padfield; Gatekeepers- Char Telkamp, Maddie Colestock, and Haley Unzen. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Opp to give 1st Reading to Ordinance 675, 2012 Summer Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Roy L. Olson, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer