

March 19, 2012

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

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

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Hanlon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank	5,868.65	ss & wh
Cons Fed Cr Union	925.00	emp savings
Glenn Cooper	300.00	HWH sales incentive
Ward Gilchrist	88.80	mileage
Anita Lowary	85.60	mileage, meal, dues
Becky Morris	510.00	HWH sales incentive
1st National Bank	9,604.27	lagoon loan
AFLAC	316.10	emp insurance
Buhl's	28.00	rug rent
Ed Roehr Safety Products	49.49	battery
Groton Independent	204.23	publishing
Guardian Ins	413.64	emp ins
Heartland Con Power Dist	63,279.02	power
Lori's Pharmacy	26.99	books
RDO-John Deere Cr	820.36	repairs
SD Supp Retirement	1,200.00	emp retirement
Share Corp	295.00	sweeping comp
Steven Lust Automotive	606.29	repairs
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	9,357.73	group ins
Western Area Power Adm	30,848.49	power

Ron Belden came before the Council to dispute the penalty he was charged for the Jan utility bill as excessive. He had sent partial payment due to an addition error, but was charged the total penalty as per the ordinance. He again paid only part of the penalty resulting in another penalty for the Feb bill. Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Heitmann to set aside and forgive both of these penalties for Ron Belden. All members present voted aye.

Ward Gilchrist and Larry Mettler came before the Council to discuss the bids received on the substation transformer. Moved by Anderson and seconded by Hanlon to purchase 2 transformers from RESCO (Virginia Technologies) for \$158,421 each with additional warranty for \$2,375 each. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Anderson to grant a Brown Bag Permit for the Groton Area Fire and Rescue for April 14 at the Groton Fire Hall for their annual fund raiser. All members present voted aye.

A request for reduction in rent at the Community Center for several bridge clubs was denied.

The Paint SD program is again available for any volunteer groups who wish to help paint a house in Groton. Safe Route to School grant program for sidewalks will be sought again.

Mayor Olson was authorized to sign a 30 year extension of the Western Area Power Administration contract to supply electricity to Groton City from 2021-2050 on a motion by Anderson and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Hanlon to authorize seven to attend the SD Municipal League District meeting in Hecla on April 12. All members present voted aye.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:42pm to discuss legal matters on a motion by Opp and seconded by Anderson. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:25pm.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Hamilton to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance No. 675, 2012 Summer Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Opp to hire the following persons as lifeguards at the swimming pool for 2012, contingent upon successful completion of lifeguard certification training: Erica Schuster, Matt Thorson, Erin Sternhagen, Dylan Hanson, Hannah Luecke, Katelyn Hawkins, Rachel Blackmun, Lucas Sternhagen, Taylor Gustafson, Brittany Kjelden; Kasey Waage; Paul Kosel; Kelli Hanson; Bruce Kleinsasser; Lynette Grieve; Bert Glover; and Tricia Keith. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Opp to hire David Hunter under the Cops Fast grant program, contingent upon his signing an employment contract guaranteeing repayment of certification costs if he leaves before 5 yrs. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Roy L. Olson, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer