

April 2, 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, Heitmann, Anderson, and Mayor Olson presiding.

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

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

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

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| Executive Payroll               | 1,129.39  | salaries              |
| Administrative Payroll          | 8,314.25  | salaries              |
| Public Safety Payroll           | 10,375.23 | salaries              |
| Public Works Payroll            | 25,322.05 | salaries              |
| Cultural & Recreational Payroll | 1,252.12  | salaries              |
| City of Groton                  | 172.76    | postage, emp savings  |
| Cons FCU                        | 925.00    | emp savings           |
| Ellingson, Alicia               | 100.00    | dep ref               |
| First State Bank                | 6,199.30  | ss & wh               |
| SD Municipal League             | 98.00     | registrations         |
| Patton, Sue                     | 72.39     | dep ref, overpmt ref  |
| US Post Office                  | 196.16    | postage               |
| 1st National Bank               | 2,985.04  | 2nd St sewer          |
| 1st National Bank               | 2,207.95  | NE sewer              |
| 1st National Bank               | 7,670.84  | Main St water         |
| 1st National Bank               | 5,287.72  | EPA loan              |
| 1st National Bank               | 960.99    | 07 flood sewer repair |
| 1st National Bank               | 7,670.84  | Main St sewer         |
| Border States                   | 3,253.00  | switch                |
| Brandt, Kay                     | 510.00    | hwh sales incentive   |
| Chase Visa                      | 720.02    | repairs, supplies     |
| Clark Engineering               | 12,754.69 | engineering           |
| Colonial Research               | 104.63    | cleaner               |
| Darrel's Sinclair               | 16.00     | repair                |
| Duane's                         | 2,437.14  | gas, oil chg          |
| Ellwein Bros                    | 5,366.30  | beer                  |
| Galls                           | 564.92    | vests, pepper spray   |
| Groton Area Fire & Rescue       | 112.80    | fire call             |
| Groton Independent              | 143.26    | publishing            |
| HD Supply                       | 4,347.25  | fittings              |
| Heartland Waste                 | 5,293.14  | garbage hauling       |
| James Valley Tele               | 687.64    | phones, internet      |
| Johnson Bros                    | 7,023.88  | liquor                |
| Johnson, Drew                   | 1,800.00  | legal services        |
| Lawson Products                 | 63.52     | screws, washers       |
| Locators & Supplies             | 88.94     | paint                 |
| Lowary, Anita                   | 139.86    | mileage               |
| Mac's                           | 1,062.00  | racks                 |
| Menards                         | 49.94     | bits                  |
| NW Energy                       | 10.69     | nat gas               |
| NWPS                            | 2,797.09  | power delivery        |
| Porter Dist Co                  | 1,481.10  | beer                  |
| Republic Bev Co                 | 2,822.91  | liquor                |
| Resco                           | 707.76    | arrestors             |
| S&S Lumber                      | 417.18    | supplies              |
| SD Dept of Health               | 26.00     | testing               |
| SD Fed Prop Agency              | 204.00    | supplies              |

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| SD Workers Comp    | 1,449.00  | work comp      |
| SD Retirement      | 8,207.55  | retirement     |
| SD State Treasurer | 10,287.57 | sales tax      |
| WEB Water          | 8,515.13  | water          |
| Wesco              | 309.60    | brackets, kits |

Department reports were given.

Bev Sombke came before the Council to discuss tree donations for the park and baseball complex by her family and the Groton Garden Club. She also requested assistance from the City in keeping planters watered during the summer.

The plat of Anderson's Second Subdivision from Jay Peterson was tabled until questions on access could be answered.

At 7:15pm the only bid on the surplus sale of Original Plat, Block 20, Lot 12 was from Melissa and Neil Gilbert for \$901.00. Moved by Anderson and seconded by Opp to accept this bid and issue a deed for the property. All members present voted aye.

Doug Hamilton and Anita Lowary gave reports on the Heartland Power annual meeting they attended in Howard, SD on March 23. Discussion was held on the information regarding the federal administration's changes in Power Management Administrations policies. Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Hanlon to pass the following resolution requesting assistance from Congress to overturn Energy Secretary Chu's policies. All members present voted aye.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0402

WHEREAS, Energy Secretary Steven Chu issued a memorandum on March 16, 2012 directing major changes for the federal power marketing administrations (PMAs) that would fundamentally damage their core mission of reliable power at affordable cost; and

WHEREAS, PMAs are responsible for marketing and transmission of hydropower generated at federal multi-purpose projects and hydropower is sold to consumer-owned electric utilities including the city of Groton, South Dakota at cost-based rates; and

WHEREAS, an important factor in the federal power program's success is the basic principle that the beneficiaries pay for the programs in which they participate and cost-based rates are a critical element of economic development and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the success of the federal power program is due in large part to a focus on cost-based rates, improving system reliability and prudent transmission development that helps promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, many of the program initiatives suggested by Secretary Chu's memorandum have already been implemented by PMA customers including demand response programs, wind generation, and energy efficiency programs; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Chu's directives, at the least, risk rate increases for federal power customers and, at worst, threaten the integrity of federal power program; and

WHEREAS, the city of Groton, South Dakota believes that Secretary Chu's plan would increase costs unnecessarily for our customers and cripple the benefits of federal power.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the city of Groton, South Dakota is strongly opposed to reforms of PMAs as directed by

Energy Secretary Steven Chu in his March 16, 2012 memorandum. We ask Congress to take immediate steps to prevent implementation of the directives issued to the PMAs in the memo issued by Secretary Chu.

Mayor Olson reported on the meeting with the school regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> St project. Plans are now at the SD DOT for approval.

Councilmen were encouraged to attend the NECOG annual meeting on May 10 in Aberdeen and the Code Enforcement Workshop in Pierre on May 9-10.

Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Opp to authorize Mayor Olson to sign the change order for AP & Sons for \$8,455.00 on the West Sewer Project for repairs to the pipe under the creek which was damaged by Schmidt Construction during the creek cleaning project. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Olson vetoed the 3/19/12 resolution to forgive penalty charges to Ron Belden for the Jan utility billing due to an addition error. The Mayor presented his reasons in writing, statues of authority, and a survey of other communities' penalties. The Council chose not to reconsider the resolution.

The requirement of 5 ft wide sidewalk for sidewalk replacement, repair, and new installation was discussed. Since most existing sidewalks are 4 ft wide, costs, consistency, and length of repairs also were discussed and tabled until more information was available.

Quotes for stump grinding at the cemetery came in at \$2,500 from Sperry Tree Service and \$3,037.50 from Doore Tree Service. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Opp to accept the Sperry quotation and try to do all the stumps in the cemetery in 2012 by using the budgeted amount plus \$1500 from contingency. All members present voted aye.

Policies for power rates were reviewed. Regular curbside residential garbage service will be allowed April 10. Vandalism at the baseball complex was discussed.

At 8:23pm 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 8:45pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.

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Roy L. Olson, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer