

February 19, 2013

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Brotherton, Hanlon, Anderson, Heitmann, Opp, Hamilton, and Mayor Olson presiding.

Mayor Olson showed the plaque presented to the City by the Carnival of Silver Skates for assisting with the Carnival.

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

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

Cons Fed Cr Union	1,050.00	emp savings
First State Bank	6,736.85	ss & wh
Abeln, April	25.00	flex
AFLAC	730.01	emp group ins
Avera Queen of Peace	51.40	drug test
Buhl's	28.00	rug rent
Car Quest	170.24	filters, oil, light
Chief Supply	312.56	boots, jacket, lens
City of Groton	154.85	postage, emp sav
Clark Engineering	3,680.00	eng
Farmers Union Coop	2,876.00	dsl
Fastenal Co	27.45	bolts
Fire Safety First	46.55	wipes, plugs
Gerdes, Jim	100.00	Santa
Guardian Ins	352.92	emp ins
HD Supply Waterworks	656.51	fittings
Heartland Cons Power District	75,443.50	power
J Gross Equipment	48.27	switch, filter
John Deere Credit	339.11	filters, oil, blade
Locke Electric	50.00	serv call
Lori's Pharmacy	39.85	supplies
Lowary, Anita	22.60	mileage
Share Corp	66.04	wipes
SD Supplement Retirement	1,300.00	emp retire
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	10,295.89	health ins
Wesco	618.00	meter
Western Area Power Adm	32,737.79	power

Supt Terry Herron presented estimates on repairs needed at the City Shop. Moved by Hamilton and seconded by Opp to proceed with all repairs and fund them from contingency. Members voting aye were: Hamilton, Opp, Hanlon, Heitmann, and Brotherton. Anderson voted nay. Motion carried. Thirty-three year old light fixtures are also being updated.

The Basin Electric hearing on a proposed transmission line to be held Feb 25 at 6pm at Groton school was announced.

At 7:15pm the following bids for the 2013 chip seal project were opened and read aloud :

Astech, St. Cloud, MN - \$125,240.00  
Bituminous Paving, Ortonville, MN - \$114,700.00  
Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc, Mobridge, SD - \$105,586.00  
McLaughlin & Schulz, Marshall, MN - \$109,740.00  
Topkote, Inc, Yankton, SD - \$96,100.00

Moved by Anderson and seconded by Hamilton to accept the low bid from Topkote. All members present voted aye.

The Municipal League asked for support and contacts to Senators regarding an amendment to SB 51.

The cost of Ecolab pest control at the rubble site will be increasing by 5%. The contract will be reduced to 6 months rather than 12 months.

At 7:30pm John Lendry came before the Council to request forgiveness for his dog fines because he was not aware of the need to license the dogs. After a discussion his request was denied. He then presented photos of unlicensed cars and nuisance properties around the city.

Council members were reminded that the District 6 Municipal League will be in Groton on April 4 at 6pm at the American Legion.

Recreation fees were reviewed and left the same as 2012

Mayor Olson announced that no burials will take place at the cemetery until more snow disappears.

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2012 financial reports on the Enterprise Funds.

Councilmen were reminded of the Feb 22 deadline for submitting election petitions.

A reception for David Hunter will be held upon his graduation from police training.

At 7:53pm Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Hanlon. Council reconvened at 8:07pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Roy L. Olson, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer