

September 3, 2013

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, Muilenburg, McGannon, Flihs, Opp, Heitmann, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Craig Muilenburg, Kevin Nehls, Police Chief Mayou, and representatives of the press.

The meeting was called to order and Councilman McGannon was sworn in.

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

Kevin Nehls addressed the Council at 7:05pm requesting that the record be set straight on what he wanted from the SD Municipal League, but Mayor Hanlon reported there was nothing at any public meeting that needed to be clarified.

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

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

Executive Payroll	457.92	salaries
Administrative Payroll	7,740.79	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,382.92	salaries
Public Works Payroll	28,828.22	salaries
Cultural & Recreational Payroll	22,476.09	salaries
First State Bank	9,260.31	ss & wh
City of Groton	522.51	dep ref, postage
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,150.00	emp savings
April Abeln	450.00	med/dep flex
Ryan Koehler	1,992.08	mileage
Stacy Mayou	63.20	mileage, meals
Justin Myhre	36.73	dep refund
Rosewood Court	50.00	dep refund
Crystal Strom	50.00	dep refund
US Post Office	196.35	postage
A & B Business Solutions	67.92	ink
Border States	3,791.95	electric materials
Buhl's	28.00	rug rent
Chase Visa	1,811.41	motels, bks, supp
Clark Engineering	19,140.41	eng
Crawford	126.00	repairs
Detco	236.16	disinfectants
Duanes	1,617.10	dsl, gas, oil
Ellwein Bros	3,490.55	beer
Groton Independent	233.10	publishing
Groton Township	1,649.66	culvert
HD Supply Waterworks	3,716.06	water materials
Hanlon Brothers	2,158.11	west ditch cleaning
Hanlon, Scott	159.33	mileage
Harry Imp	181.17	repairs
Heartland Waste	6,280.43	garbage hauling
Hydro Klean	651.00	cleaning
J Gross Equip	2,500.00	rent
James Valley Tele	707.62	phone, internet
Johnson, Drew	1,025.00	legal serv
Robert Johnson Const	134,458.02	const
Johnson Bros	4,242.97	liquor
Locators & Supplies	289.50	signs, lens
NW Energy	750.39	nat gas

Olson Backhoe	185.71	digging
Olson Development	1,000.00	dirt
Porter Dist Co	894.25	beer
Republic National Dist Co	3,488.59	liquor
Resco	339.27	electric materials
Runnings	662.49	sharpening, tool
S&S Lumber	337.62	supplies
SD Dept of Health	51.00	testing
SD Retirement	9,534.46	retirement
SD State Treasurer	8,432.67	sales tax
Share Corp	226.61	cleaner, deodorizer
T & R Electric	12,610.00	transformers
Trav's Outfitter	2,399.96	vests
Walmart	100.60	cleaners
WEB Water	14,047.93	water
Weismantel Rent-all	82.00	cutter rent
Western Printing	321.50	printing

The swimming pool was closed for the season on Sunday, Sept 1, with many thanks for keeping it open through this very hot 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. Associated Contractors of Bismarck will be here to inspect the pool, after it is drained, for issues with the diamond finish cutting feet of the swimmers.

A letter from Brown County Historical Society was read which offered the Trinity Episcopal Church ownership to the City of Groton with or without financial support or suggested that the church be moved to Wylie Park. Discussion of the proposal was held and tabled until the next meeting for public input to be sought.

Due to the capping of the School Well, alternatives for supplying water to Olive Grove Golf Course were discussed. Mayor Hanlon has continued discussion with Walt Lenius, Britton, about drilling a surface water well. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Opp to hire Lenius Well Drilling to dig a 5" well by Olive Grove's storage pond and pumphouse, install a pump and winterize it for no more than \$25,000. All future maintenance would be the responsibility of the Olive Grove Golf Course. All members present voted aye.

Bert and Jan Raap were thanked for the donation of padded folding chairs at the Community Center.

McGannon reported that all three air conditioners at the Community Center were aging rapidly and have needed of repairs. At least one replacement will be budgeted in the 2014 appropriations.

A letter of thanks from the Groton Area School for their use of the Community Center for classes during the hot first week of school was read.

A donation from Bill Palmer, Mansfield, of stones for the unknown burials at the Groton Union Cemetery was accepted on a motion by Flihs and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

A thank you was issued to Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Happy Feet Program for the walk/run which donated \$1,100 for the Groton park equipment project.

Mayor Hanlon and Councilperson Muilenburg reported on the Heartland Consumer Power District's Economic Development meeting Aug 26 in Madison which they attended. More youth involvement on city projects will be sought.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize two public works employees to attend the Sept 12-13 Water Wastewater Conference in Aberdeen. All members present voted aye.

The budget for 2014 was discussed. Overages on the 2013 budget were reviewed.

First reading on Ordinance 685, The 2014 Appropriation Ordinance, was given on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Trees at the ice rink that are not in convenient places will be moved to the baseball complex.

It was announced that the Groton Chamber of Commerce had nominated Arlys Doeden for the Dakota Spirit of a Women award.

Council adjourned into executive session for legal matters at 8:40pm on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened in open session at 9:38pm.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to give a bonus of \$.25 per hour for the 2013 season to the swimming pool managers (Kami Lipp, Brenda Madsen, and Karla Pasteur) for the 2013 season. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer