

September 16, 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, Fliehs, McGannon, Opp, Heitmann, Muilenburg, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Kevin Nehls, and the press.

Kiwanis members: Pres. Dan Dalchow, Treas. Charles Raap, Orville Schaller, Larry Wheeting, Jim Ackman, and Kathy Sundermeyer came before the Council to present a check for \$2,000 to be used for the new park playground equipment. Mayor Hanlon thanked them for their generous donation.

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

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

First State Bank	7,701.47	ss & wh
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,150.00	emp savings
April Abeln	216.79	dep & med flex
Anita Lowary	258.88	med flex
SD Municipal League	430.00	conf reg
1st State Bank	10.00	NSF ck chg
1st National Bank	9,604.27	lagoon payment
AFLAC	683.67	emp ins
Arbor Day Foundation	15.00	dues
Avera Queen of Peace	281.60	drug tests
Avera St Luke's	115.00	drug tests
Brown County Treasurer	790.19	prop taxes
Business Forms	640.63	bill forms
Car Quest	389.07	filters, parts
Darrel's Sinclair	171.45	battery,repairs
Dearborn Natl Ins	86.00	life ins
Ecolab	91.50	pest control
Farmers Union Coop	187.50	gas
Groton Ford	107.43	repairs
Groton Independent	37.23	subsc, publish
Groton Vet Clinic	19.80	gloves
Guardian Ins	274.57	emp ins
Hanlon Borthers	13,810.00	doze dump
Heartland Cons Power District	46,084.43	power
Ken's Food Fair	2,122.64	supplies
NEFOG	10.00	registration
Raco Stained Glass	37.50	bricks
RDO-John Deere Credit	306.50	edges
SD Public Assurrance Alliance	42,004.91	ins
SD Supplement Retirement	1,300.00	emp retirement
T & R Electric Supply	3,147.00	transformer
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	10,754.16	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	26,741.52	power
Wright & Sudlow	525.00	extensions

A change order for Robert Johnson Construction for \$25, 019.20 for extra base gravel was approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Janae Hughes came before the Council to discuss the ice rink and the plans for the Carnival of Silver Skates which is set for Jan 26, 2014. A Night at the Movies will be the theme and practice times will start after Christmas.

Department reports were given. Water restrictions were taken off. Illegal dumping in road ditches was discussed.

Travis Kurth and Chuck Padfield came before the Council to report on baseball for 2013. The baseball financial report was presented. Improvements needed for the complex were discussed. Backstop and fence replacement will need \$25,000 to be raised. Chuck Padfield announced that he is resigning from the concession stand operation after more than 15 years.

Only one bid for the 1993 Ford Ranger pickup was received, opened, and read aloud. Greg Anderson's offer of \$280 was accepted on a motion by Opp and seconded by Heitmann. All members present voted aye.

A thank you was issued to Heartland Consumer Power District for the grant of \$1,500 for the installation of energy efficient lighting at the City Shop.

Discussion was held on the offer by the Brown County Historical Society to give the Trinity Episcopal Church to the City. Funding for the maintenance, insurance, and future upkeep would have to be established and still a limited number of people would see the beautiful church. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Heitmann to refuse the gift of the church and encourage the Brown County Historical Society to open the church up for more public viewing by relocating it to Wylie Park or another tourist destination. All members present voted aye.

The 2013 swimming pool financial report was presented.

Opp withdrew his request for have local contractor bonds for local projects due to the added burdens this could present.

Heitmann and Lowary presented a report of the Planning and Zoning meeting on Sept 11. It was confirmed that the grain dryer would be considered part of the grain storage and elevator systems.

Budget requests for 2014 were reviewed. Baseball complex repairs and tree planting or moving at the cemetery were discussed. Moved by Opp and seconded by Brotherton to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 685, The 2014 Appropriation Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer