

October 7, 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, McGannon, Flieds, Muilenburg, Opp, Heitmann, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Kevin Nehls, Reed Johnson and representatives of the press.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll	461.76	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,962.74	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,925.52	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,376.96	salaries
Culture & Recr Payroll	3,909.07	salaries
1st State Bank	7,549.33	wh & ss
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,150.00	emp savings
City of Groton	487.59	dep ref, postage,trans
David & Melissa Flenaugh	192.83	dep refund
Anita Lowary	30.95	mileage, candy
Kent & Laura Schuster	135.39	refunds
US Post Office	337.77	postage
April Abeln	207.00	dep flex
Branden Abeln	9.00	lunch
Ward Gilchrist	9.00	lunch
Paul Kosel	331.65	mileage, meals
1st State Bank	10.00	NSF chg
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	960.99	07 Flooded Sewer
1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA Loan
1st National Bank	2,985.04	2nd St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Water Loan
1st National Bank	4,344.69	RR Sew Cross Loan
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	West Ditch Sew Loan
A-1 Sanitation	852.80	dumpster rent
April Abeln	345.00	dep flex
Neal Abeln	675.00	weed spraying
Badger Meter, Inc	206.25	gateway fee
Border States	1,511.18	materials
Buhls	30.50	rug rent
Chase Visa	1,276.85	supplies
Clark Engineering	17,580.19	engineering
Cole Papers	86.94	towels
Dakota Pump & Control	1,002.60	impeller
Duane's	2,019.72	gas
Ecolab	91.00	pest control
Ellwein Bros	4,831.90	beer
Farmers Union Coop	1,620.00	dsl
Full Circle Ag	55.00	herbicide
Hanlon Brothers	300.00	frt
Harry Implement	111.04	repairs
Heartland Waste	6,156.81	garbage hauling
HydroKlean	19,935.80	sewer cleaning
James Valley Tele	763.84	phone, internet

Johnson, Drew	1,000.00	legal services
Robert Johnson Const	274,040.51	const
Johnson Bros	5,182.95	liquor
Kens	839.41	gas, supplies
Lien Transportation	713.97	hot mix
Locators & Supplies	90.92	paint
NW Energy	739.10	nat gas
NWPS	3,391.87	power delivery
Olson Backhoe	959.69	digging
Porter Dist Co	872.94	beer
Republic National Dist Co	4,286.07	liquor
Resco	1,882.28	supplies
S&S Lumber	156.91	supplies
Safetycal	348.18	tags
Sanitation Products	762.50	brooms
SD Dept of Health	26.00	testing
SD Federal Surplus Property	437.25	supplies
SD One Call	102.90	notifications
SD Retirement	7,519.62	retirement
SD State Treasurer	7,985.25	sales tax
Share Corp	174.81	supplies
United Lease & Finance	15,482.07	transformer loan
Verizon Wireless	20.53	router
WEB Water	14,717.53	water

A change order for Robert Johnson Construction for a reduction of \$6,134.80 for final quantities was approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Reed Johnson presented information on the Glacial Lake Band Festival to be held Oct 11 in Groton. Nineteen bands plan to participate. He requested the closing of Main Street from Railroad Ave to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave to traffic or parking from 9:30am to 11:30am on Friday Oct 11, and the parade route from N 1<sup>st</sup> St and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, to N 1<sup>st</sup> St and E Railroad Ave, to E Railroad Ave and N Main St, to N Main St and E 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, to E 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and N 1<sup>st</sup> St, and to N 1<sup>st</sup> St to E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Refreshments, bus parking, the judging stand, and the use of the portable bleachers were also discussed. Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Heitmann to approval of the parade route and closing three blocks of Main St. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Opp to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the park equipment grant from SD Game Fish and Parks. All members present voted aye. Fund raising for the project was discussed. The Mayor will appoint a committee to consider the equipment proposals.

A letter from Deb Olson was read and the donation for pool passes for low income families as a memorial to Roy Olson was accepted.

Baseball fence repairs were discussed and fund raising were also discussed.

At 7:30pm no one appeared at the public hearing for the rubble site permit renewal. Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to submit the application to the state of South Dakota for renewal. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Brotherton to pass the following resolution appointing Mayor Hanlon as Groton Community Foundation representative. All members present voted aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-107  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADVISOR AND AUTHORIZING  
ADVISOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GROTON COMMUNITY FUND**

WHEREAS GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA (hereinafter "GSD") and the LUTHERAN COMMUNITY FUND (hereinafter "Foundation") did on December

24, 1997 create a charitable fund known as "THE GROTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND" (hereinafter collectively the "FUND") whereby all gifts conveyed by or on behalf of GSD to the FUND or contributions by individual donors to the FUND are irrevocable contributions to the FOUNDATION to carry out the FOUNDATIONS charitable purposes, and

WHEREAS the agreement entered into by and between the FOUNDATION and GSD is in full force and effect, and

WHEREAS it is necessary for the GSD to appoint the chair of the board of directors to act as Advisor on behalf of the CITY who can execute agreements with the FOUNDATION and work with the FOUNDATION in making suggestions to the FOUNDATION as to how distributions from the FUND may be made, and

WHEREAS Roy L Olson as Mayor of GSD has been acting as advisor to the FOUNDATION for such purposes, and

WHEREAS Roy L Olson will no longer be serving as Mayor of GSD effective August 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS it is necessary for GSD to appoint a successor to take the place of Roy L Olson as Advisor to the FOUNDATION,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GROTON: That Scott Hanlon as the newly appointed mayor of GSD is hereby appointed as Roy L Olson's replacement to serve as Advisor to the FOUNDATION,

The local activities relating to the FUND will be under the direction of a board of directors which have been previously appointed by the mayor.

The Mayor of the City of Groton is authorized to appoint replacements to the board of directors upon the death, resignation or relocation of any member of the board of directors. The Mayor may, in the Mayor's discretion, appoint additional persons to serve on the board of directors.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Brotherton to set the interest rate charged in the 2013 special assessment for curb and gutter at 5%. All members present voted aye.

The Heartland Consumer Power District area budget meeting is set for Oct 24 at the Groton American Legion at 11am. All Council members and employees are encouraged to attend.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize Paul Kosel to attend the annual SDPAA safety conference on Nov 20-21 in Mitchell. All members present voted aye.

Lowary presented information from the NEFOG meeting on health insurance and grants.

Kosel reported on the Cannon metering and load management school especially on new billing trends.

The South Dakota Broadband Technology grant for \$6,202.20 was received and will used for computer upgrading for load management and meter reading. Mayor Hanlon was authorized to sign the grant documents on a motion by Muilenburg and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon reported that lightening had struck the water tower about 6:10pm on Friday Oct 4. Damages were done to the water control system and to the water meter reading systems. Repairs and insurance will be sought.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to move 10 trees at the cemetery to along the north boundary for now. All members present voted aye,

The state installed the new traffic signs from the grant throughout town, but misidentified the speed limits from 20 mph as 25 mph. Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to Ordinance No. 686, Amending the Speed Limits on Side Streets in Groton City. All members present voted aye.

The 1987 bucket truck was declared surplus with the value of \$20,000 on a motion

by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the Safe Route to Schools grant. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg to fund all new and repaired sidewalk at 100% of cost from the school and extending out along the proposed route until the grant funding is completely used. All members present voted aye.

Dogs causing disturbances, running at large and showing vicious tendencies were discussed. The fine schedule from the Clerk of Courts was reviewed. Problem dogs will be addressed and fined and may be banned from the City.

The 2014 street project on W 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and the adjoining streets will be bid with an alternate to include asphalt matting.

Proposed changes in the personnel manual will be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer