

February 3, 2014

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: McGannon, Muilenburg, Flihs, Opp, Heitmann, Brotherton (by telephone) and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Terry Herron, Deb Olson, Fred Johnson, Brenda Englund, and representatives from 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 Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Scott Thorson and Bary Keith enter the meeting at this point.

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

Executive Payroll	438.66	salaries
Administrative Payroll	7,888.43	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,931.23	salaries
Public Works Payroll	26,228.48	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	2,612.17	salaries
First State Bank	7,484.19	ss & wh
Consol Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
City of Groton	536.16	dep ref, postage, sav, util
US Post Office	198.32	postage
Brenda Hockhalter	213.20	dep refund
SD Municipal League	70.00	reg
SD Municipal Electric Assoc	60.00	reg
United Lease & Finance	15,125.00	loader pay
Border States	290.00	meters
Cannon Tech	1,500.00	LM mit fee
Chase Visa	270.33	banner,software,supplies
Clark Engineering	17,000.00	eng
Cole Paper	113.84	bags
Colonial Research	70.76	ice melt
Dakota Electronics	1,378.70	radios
Darrel's Sinclair	682.80	tires, repairs
Duane's	2,599.16	gas, dsl, tires, oil chg
Farmers Union Coop	1,970.00	dsl
Gall	84.00	gloves
Heartland Waste	6,082.11	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	737.87	phones, internet
Johnson, Drew	1,000.00	legal serv
Locke Electric	456.07	repair
NW Energy	10.67	nat gas
Patios Plus	3,181.13	labor
Runnings	206.25	paint, blade
S&S Lumber	3,943.57	materials
SD Dept of Health	26.00	testing
SD Retirement	9,657.61	retirement
SD State Treasurer	9,554.50	sales tax
SD Federal Surplus Property	43.50	supplies, chair
Verizon	41.61	data comm
WEB Water	9,015.93	water

Public Work Supt Herron explained what happened with the Washington and 3rd Ave water break. Discussion was held on other valve boxes in the 2014 street project area and whether to replace all of them before the street project.

Fred Johnson and Brenda Englund addressed the Council asking what it would take to make their private driveways located between Lots 2 & 3, Walter's Subdivision become a public street or alley. Discussion was held on platting requirements and alternatives for snow removal and maintenance. More study is needed. Fred Johnson, Brenda Englund and Deb Olson left the meeting.

Separation of the asphalt from the 2014 street reconstruction was discussed. Financing the whole project may prove to be less expensive than dividing the project. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Opp to bid the project as one contract for completion of the base and surface in 2014. All members present voted aye.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

The annual Chamber of Commerce meeting for Feb 7 was discussed and members were encouraged to attend.

A request from PAC to have a family swimming pool season ticket donated for their fund raising carnival was granted on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Travis Kurth enters the meeting at this point. Scott Thorson, Bary Keith, and Travis Kurth discussed the future of Groton's baseball program, the difficulties currently existing and parent complaints. McGannon reported that volunteers were addressing some of the capital improvements that are needed. Mayor Hanlon was encouraged to appoint an advisory board to help prioritize the needs and advise on the division of teams.

A remedy for the cut feet and toes at the swimming pool will be sought from Associated Pool Builders.

A number of new job listings will be included in the summer jobs advertisement and hiring will occur April 7.

The news reports that the school was interested in having the police office at the school were discussed. To answer many questions, the school will be invited to the Feb 18 meeting.

At 8:43pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg. All members present voted aye. At 8:58pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer