

March 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, Shawn Lambertz, Hugh Dahme, Betsy Dahme, Lon Gellhaus, Chad Locken, and representatives from the press.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,885.54	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	12,936.28	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,865.20	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	2,471.77	salaries
City of Groton	527.40	postage, dep ref, util, sav
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,565.19	ss & wh
First State Bank	10.00	bank fee
SD Municipal Electric Assoc	5.00	meeting reg
US Post Office	204.89	postage
Mandy Kuecker	50.00	rent refund
Nathan Sanderson	201.92	dep refund
Bryce Hanson	300.00	HWH sales incentive
Bert Glover	510.00	HWH sales incentive
Marie Sternhagen	510.00	HWH sales incentive
Marc Johnson	510.00	HWH sales incentive
A & B Business Solutions	173.00	ink
April Abeln	227.63	med/dep flex
Border States	597.99	lamp
Chase Visa	947.48	heater, motels, supp, software, stamps
Clark Engineering	15,300.00	eng
Colonial Research Co	115.01	cleaner
Credit Collections Bureau	105.81	coll fees
Darrels	1,138.95	hoist, battery
Duanes	1,533.67	gas, oil chg, battery, bulbs
Fraternal Order of Police	100.00	dues
Groton Independent	159.61	publishing
H D Supply	9,523.80	valves, gaskets, glands
Cody Hanten	510.00	HWH sales incentive
Harry Implement	11.48	clamp, end, pipe
Heartland Waste	6,082.11	garbage hauling
Irby	90.34	gloves, testing
James Valley Telecomm	697.75	telephone, internet
Johnson, Drew	750.00	legal services
Locators & Supplies	204.87	camera, cable
Locke Electric	1,864.77	LM install, cplg, breakrs, seals, cable
Metering & Tech Solutions	1,826.16	meters
NW Energy	10.71	nat gas
Pauer Sound	5,138.99	amp, speakers, cables
Running's Supply	181.30	battery, cleaner, bolts
S&S Lumber	337.54	supplies
SD Dept of Health	26.00	testing
SD Dept of Public Safety	40.00	police IDs
SD Municipal League	60.00	meeting reg

SD Retirement	7,468.43	retire
SD State Treasurer	9,490.34	sales tax
Verizon Wireless	41.65	wireless
WEB Water	9,423.93	water
Wesco	8,010.76	wire, sockets, cts, bulbs

The following bids for the West Street Reconstruction and Curb & Gutter project were opened and read aloud on Friday, February 28.

Robert Johnson Construction, Mitchell, SD – \$1,274,050.62  
Dahme Construction, Aberdeen, SD - \$1,275,642.14  
HF Jacobs & Sons Construction, Aberdeen, SD - \$1,315,376.20  
AP & Sons Construction, Summit, SD - \$1,381,849.90  
J & J Earthworks, Inc, Milbank, SD - \$1,417,655.60  
Lien Transportation – Aberdeen, SD - \$1,484,515.55

Clark Engineering reported that corrections to the multiplication of prices for the bid of Dahme Construction would result in a total of \$1,450,020.04 and of AP & Sons would result in a total of \$1,381,941.55. A letter from Clark Engineering recommended acceptance of the bid from Robert Johnson Construction. Hugh Dahme requested that their bid be reviewed and allow one multiplication error of line 22 be corrected and leave line 35 at the same total price because the unit price for that item had inadvertently been listed at 100 times higher than wished. These two changes would have made Dahme Construction the low bidder. Lon Gellhaus and Chad Locken spoke on behalf of Dahme Const. They provided legal references where the bids had been corrected in other communities. Attorney Johnson recommended to the Council that the original bid amounts be considered and award the contract to the low bidder. All agreed that both bidders were good, responsible contractors. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to accept the bid of Robert Johnson of Mitchell at \$1,274,050.62. All members present voted aye.

Hugh Dahme, Betsy Dahme, Lon Gellhaus and Chad Locken leave the meeting at this point.

The equalization schedule was discussed. Review of the book will begin after the Mar 17 council meeting. All appointments and completion of the review of the book will be on Tuesday, Mar 18, starting at 6pm.

Shawn Lambertz leaves the meeting at this point.

Finance Officer Lowary presented the nominating petitions turned in by Feb 28. The candidates are: Mayor – Scott Hanlon and Eddy Nehls  
Ward 1 Councilman – David Blackmun  
Ward 2 Councilman – David McGannon and Ron Belden  
Ward 3 Councilman – Gary Heitmann and Burt Glover

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to accept these petitions, set the city election for April 8, 2014 from 7am-7pm at the Groton Community Center and to have Finance Officer Lowary contact persons to make up the election board. All members present voted aye.

Reports were given on the baseball committee meeting, the return of the repainted tiger slide at the pool, the sale of the substation transformer to NW Energy for \$56,000, the sale of the bucket truck to Hecla City for \$12,100, the donation of the Friends of the Library for new books, and a need for a volunteer work day at the Community Center to sort out cupboards.

Muilenburg reported on the Carnival of Silver Skates meeting she attended and on the NECOG meeting she attended.

Councilwoman Flihs leaves the meeting at this point.

Discussion was held on the need for a hoist at the shop. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to purchase a used hoist from Darrels for \$1,000. All members present voted aye.

Councilwoman Flihs reenters the meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for electric equipment inspections at all customer locations. Safety procedures and inspections were discussed. Damage done during tree removal has been repaired.

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2013 annual report. Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Muilenburg to accept this report. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer