

August 4, 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, Flihs, Blackmun, Muilenburg, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Opp and Glover were absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary and representatives from the press.

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

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

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to approve the change order of \$220.12 credit for Robert Johnson Construction for the west street reconstruction. All members present voted aye.

Glenn Cooper came before the Council to express his disappointment on the cemetery care, especially the mowing of flowers he had planted for six years.

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

Executive Payroll	554.11	salaries
Administrative Payroll	5,986.74	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,257.70	salaries
Public Works Payroll	19,180.23	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	18,608.10	salaries
First State Bank	9,818.52	ss & wh
City of Groton	254.63	postage, chg, dep refund
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
US Postal Service	209.43	postage
Groton Ford	3,500.00	pickup
Paul Kosel	964.00	med flex
Anita Lowary	174.63	mileage,candy
Dustin Cooper	50.00	dep refund
David Dohman	50.00	dep refund
Andy Fonken	50.00	dep refund
Michelle Fordham	50.00	dep refund
Chris Frost	50.00	dep refund
Ward Gilchrist	100.00	dep refund
Kevin Kyar	50.00	dep refund
Shane Reich	50.00	dep refund
Joe Schwan	50.00	dep refund
John Sieh	28.19	dep refund
Gary Thurston	250.00	dep refund
Tu Tu	50.00	dep refund
Associated Supply Co	1,143.95	chemicals, key
Kathy Bjerke	1,142.86	mileage, motel, equip, fees
Border States	3,438.05	materials
Chase Visa	1,944.01	exchanger, chairs, gas, post, domain
Clark Engineering	24,636.28	eng
Darrels	345.90	tires
Duanes	3,080.67	gas
Farmers Union	1,848.50	dsl,gas
Fire Safety First	57.00	recharge fire ext
Groton Fire Department	195.00	fire call
Groton Independent	99.15	publishing
Groton Veterinary	19.80	gloves
Justin Hanson	1,620.00	Teener umpires
Hanten Repair	115.06	repairs

HD Supply Waterworks	642.78	fittings
Heartland Waste	6,273.28	garbage hauling
Jacobson Electric	1,424.23	wiring
James Valley Tele	766.42	phone, internet
Drew Johnson	900.00	legal serv
Robert Johnson Const	280,503.59	st const
Travis Kurth	485.00	Leg umpires
Mike & Jo's	3,095.13	bus repairs
Musco Sports Lighting	664.39	bulbs
NW Energy	1,682.40	nat gas
Olson Backhoe	4,101.80	digging
Palmer Dist	65.00	swivel
Resco	1,606.05	straps
Runnings	82.94	tire, tow mount
S&S Lumber	1,677.54	supplies
SD Dept of Health	402.00	testing
SD Municipal League	10.00	book
SD Retirement	8,059.81	retire
Share	109.40	sweeping comp
T & R Electric	2,045.00	transformers
Verizon	41.61	comm
WEB Water	10,093.93	water
Wesco	2,318.00	sleeves, enclose

The inoperable 1990 gold Dodge Pickup has been replaced by the used white F250 Ford pickup from Groton Ford. The gold pickup was declared junk and will be sold for salvage on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the prices charged for burial lots in the Groton Union Cemetery. Moved by Flihs and seconded by McGannon to raise the grave prices from \$100 to \$200 with the original \$100 continuing to go to General Fund Cemetery and the additional \$100 going to future land purchase (CPC Fund). All members present voted aye.

Project updates were given on the street reconstruction project and water slide.

A quotation from 1st State Bank of Groton for interest of 3.95% on the \$250,000 special assessment bond was received. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg to accept this quotation from 1st State Bank and set the bond closing date for Sept 22 and charge the property owners 4.5% for the 2014 Curb & Gutter Special Assessments. All members present voted aye.

Responses to nuisances, weeds, and tree letters were given. 5 letters have not been delivered and the police officers will hand deliver those. 5 other properties were not cleaned up and the Finance Officer was directed to telephone the owners and give them 5 additional days before fines start.

The Safe Route to School grant funding reviewed and the route was shortened to 4 blocks.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Blackmun to give first reading to Ordinance 693, Preventing Yard Waste on Streets. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Flihs to pass the following resolution for the application for a LWCF grant to replace the playground equipment at the baseball complex. All members present voted aye.

RESOLUTION 14-84

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the

acquisition and/or construction of specific public outdoor recreation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That Scott Hanlon is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Groton with the National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in the financing the the Groton Park Equipment at the baseball complex for the City of Groton, South Dakota and its Environs.
- 2) That Scott Hanlon, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above mentioned federal and/or state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.
- 3) That the City of Groton shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Anita Lowary gave a report on the insurance task force meeting she attended and David Blackmun gave a report on the elected officials workshop he attended.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Flihs to authorize the following persons to attend the following meetings. All members present voted aye.

Justin Cleveland to Police Leadership in Aberdeen Aug 19-20

Anita Lowary to SDML Conference in Spearfish Oct 8-10

Paul Kosel to Safety School in Pierre Nov 11-12.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer