

November 17, 2014

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

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

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

First State Bank	7,125.00	ss & wh
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
SD State Treasurer	7,260.75	sales tax
1st State Bank	10.50	bank fees
April Abeln	218.50	dep care
AFLAC	906.52	emp ins
Avera Queen of Peace	116.80	drug tests
Batteris & Bulbs	2,070.00	batteries
Car Quest	451.78	repairs
Chief Supply	143.29	uniforms
Clark Eng	6,000.88	engineering
Dacotah Bank	63,482.37	pool loan
Dearborn National Life	90.50	life ins
Groton Independent	126.40	publishing
Guardian Ins	218.76	emp ins
Heartland Cons Power District	38,824.31	power
Hedahls Auto Parts	88.94	muffler
Kay's Computing	94.98	tester
Ken's Food Fair	1,402.26	gas, cleaners
McGannon Plumbing	1,073.27	repairs
Meierhenry Sargent	2,500.00	legal services
NW Energy	3,403.56	power delivery
SD Supplement Retirement	4,800.00	emp retirement
Share Corp	363.46	ice melt
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	14,378.45	health ins
Wells Fargo Bank	35,468.95	2009 C&G loan
Western Area Power Adm	26,952.74	power

Department reports were given.

Water rates were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance 700, Water Rates Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

At 7:15pm the 2014 Special Assessment Role Hearing was held with Martha Farnen and Wendy and Stan Monson Jr. coming before the Council. Their concerns were the approach payment costs and the failure to receive notice that the costs of the approaches would be an extra charge. The hearing was tabled until the next meeting to check with the engineer and public works department.

Cleanup of the nuisance property for the Jim and Linda Stearns on W 3rd Ave was discussed. A letter will be sent requesting more information on their plans.

Drew Johnson, attorney, reported that the airport needs to stay open to the public if the City of Groton will continue ownership of the land. The runway dimensions will have to be widened and lengthened to the original measurements. An air space application will be filed on the Gengerke bins. The County will be reminded of the need for notification on all construction within 3 miles of the airport. The renter will be reminded to keep the grain planted the required distances from the runway.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to declare the jail and a 100 ft lot be declared surplus and request appraisal quotations on the land. All members present voted aye.

Lowary was authorized to attend the election school in Pierre on Dec 11 on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

At 8:42pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Muilenburg for discussion on personnel. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:02pm.

Moved by Muillenburg and seconded by Glover to give second reading to Ordinance 699, 2015 Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer