

February 2, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Flihs, Opp, Blackmun, Muilenburg, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, Shawn Lambertz, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, and Jim Stearns.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	8,032.32	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,278.65	salaries
Public Works Payroll	24,492.27	salaries
Cultural & Recreational Payroll	918.35	salaries
First State Bank	8,005.42	ss & wh
Consol Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
City of Groton	672.70	dep ref, post,emp sav, util
US Post Office	206.59	postage
Wally & Darlene Fischer	29.69	dep refund
Drake Patterson	141.99	dep refund
Jordan Steen	196.23	dep refund
Collen Carmen	100.00	dep refund
Chase Visa	646.37	sftwre,jacket,lights,supp,meal
Clark Engineering	5,250.00	eng
Dakota Pump & Control	1,560.00	annual insp
Dakota Supply Group	1,748.52	repairs, lights, ballasts
Darrels	82.40	tire repair
Groton Chamber of Commerce	490.00	annual dues
Groton Independent	102.42	publishing
Scott Hanlon	89.60	mileage
Heartland Waste	6,140.85	garbage hauling
IRBY	60.02	testing
James Valley Tele	821.65	phones, internet
Johnson, Drew	1,575.00	legal serv
Locke Electric	197.24	materials
Anita Lowary	8.30	books
Menards	124.68	ice melt
Mid-States Organized Crime Center	100.00	dues
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
S&S Lumber	303.68	supplies
SD Board of Certification	18.00	cert renewal
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testing
SD Retirement	10,215.71	retirement
Verizon	41.61	comm
WEB Water	10,243.19	water

Department reports were given.

Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt., presented the proposed sewer relining project for 2015. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to authorize Hydro Klean of Watertown to proceed with the project. All members present voted aye.

Zerr leaves the meeting at this point.

Terry Herron, Public Works Supt., presented the proposed map for the 2015 chip/seal project. March 2 was set as the bid date on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on the Hwy 37 project for 2016 and possible repositioning of the substation entrance; schools that were attended; needs for summer help, cemetery care, mowing, tree trimming, water main on 4th St, borings on Hwy 37, and the swimming pool slide.

Finance Officer Lowary was directed to start the advertisement process for summer laborers for a March 16 consideration date.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

Shawn Lambertz, Asst Electric Supt., reported on meetings he had attended, safety needs, wire replacements, and transformer change outs.

Lambertz leaves the meeting at this point.

At 7:52pm Jim Stearns came before the Council to report that he did not have a signed contract for the removal of the structure at 105 W 3rd Ave. Attorney Johnson declared that the City will proceed with removal and that Mr. Stearns will be notified of the exact date of the removal by the contractor.

Blackmun reported on the last baseball committee meeting, the need for the city to continue operating the concession stand, and progress on the field.

The Council was reminded that the circulation period for nominating petitions had begun.

At 8:08pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. At 8:48pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer