

March 3, 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, Blackmun, Opp and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover & Muilenburg were absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, Stacy Mayou, Terry Herron, and Dwight Zerr.

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 Blackmun and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

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

Executive Payroll	438.66	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,171.28	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,441.91	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,445.48	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	771.39	salaries
City of Groton	159.54	postage,dep ref,sav to pay
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,265.79	ss & wh
US Post Office	408.49	postage
Jessica Osterman	163.20	dep refund
Tu Tu	50.00	dep refund
Danielle Vincent	194.47	dep refund
April Abeln	207.00	dep flex
Applied Concepts	2,895.00	radar
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Cannon Tech	399.84	meters
Chase Visa	680.82	motel,regist,postage,supp
Clark Engineering	3,000.00	eng
Dakota Risk Management	50.00	dep refund
Darrels	339.80	tires
Grand Slam Computers	39.65	mouse
Groton Independent	185.31	publishing
Harry Implement	132.30	filters, blades
Heartland Waste	6,124.89	garbage hauling
David Hunter	23.00	mileage
James Valley Telecomm	896.45	telephone, internet
Drew Johnson	1,650.00	legal services
Anita Lowary	519.63	med flex
Lutheran Social Services	60.00	emp benefits
NW Energy	10.00	natural gas
Running's Supply	137.89	sharpen chains,oil
S&S Lumber	715.97	door, lock, wood, supplies
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testing
SD Retirement	8,072.90	retirement
Share Corp	161.80	cleaner, deodorizer
Verizon Wireless	41.61	dump comm
Wesco	64.12	locks

Police Chief Mayou reported that the 2012 police vehicle has been at Steven Lust Automotive for repairs for over a month. Now the 2008 vehicle is now having problems. Mayou left the meeting after his report.

Wastewater Supt Zerr reported that A-Tech had been in town televising the sewer mains that will be relined. Zerr leaves the meeting at this point.

Terry Herron, Public Works Supt., presented information on sandblasting and painting the swimming pool water slide; arrival of the baseball barriers; trees to move and replace at the cemetery; concerns for the roads this spring; restrictions on the garbage truck route needed by March 17; and street projects.

The W 5th Avenue Reconstruction bids were opened at 2pm on February 25, 2015 and the following were read aloud:

Dahme Const, Aberdeen, SD - Base Bid=\$199,557.30 Surface Alt=\$99,981.20

HF Jacobs & Son Const, Aberdeen, SD-Base Bid=\$209,663.10 Surface Alt=\$84,910.93

AP & Sons Const, Summit, SD - Base Bid=\$213,623.98 Surface Alt=\$84,565.50

Webster Scale, Inc, Webster, SD - Base Bid=\$247,664.66 Surface Alt=\$83,622.64

Lien Trans, Aberdeen, SD - Base Bid=\$224,779.70 Surface Alt=\$78,945.40

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by McGannon to award the W 5th Ave Reconstruction contract to the low total bid less gravel reduction from Jacobs and Son for \$285,383.66 and no street reconstruction projects will be done in 2016 or 2017. All members present voted aye.

The 2015 Resurfacing bids were opened at 2pm on March 2, 2015 and the following were read aloud:

McLaughlin& Schutz, Marshall, MN - \$87,464.85

Topkote, Inc, Yankton, SD - \$79,483.08

The Road Guy Const, Yankton, SD - \$86,031.00

Jensen Rock & Sand, Inc, Mobridge, SD - \$97,501.80

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to award the 2015 Resurfacing contract to the low bid from Topkote, Inc for \$79,483.08. All members present voted aye.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to grant a Brown Bag Permit to the Groton Firemen for the Fire Hall on April 18 for their annual fundraiser. All members present voted aye.

Blackmun reported on the baseball committee's decision on replacing the fence poles and other grounds needs. No one has applied for the concession stand operation yet.

Discussion was held on whether to hire a contractor to mow the park, pool, and cemetery or continue to have employees do the work. The lack of applicants for summer public works employees was discussed. The decision was tabled until the next meeting.

No response has been given by SD DOT on whether the substation access approach can be kept at the current location.

Heartland Consumer Power District's annual meeting will be in Madison on April 11. Council was urged to attend.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to authorize Officer Hunter to attend a Search and Seizure School in Watertown on Mar 11. All members present voted aye.

Equalization hearings were scheduled for Monday, Mar 16, at 8pm and Tuesday Mar 17, at 7pm and, if needed, on Thursday, Mar19, at 7pm on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Blackmun. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary presented nominating petitions from Opp for Ward 2 and Flihs for Ward 3 and none from Ward 1. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to cancel the April 14 Municipal Election and declare Opp and Flihs elected. A Ward 1 Councilman will be appointed at a later date. All members present voted aye

Moved by Flihs and seconded by McGannon to authorize Mayor Hanlon and Finance Officer Lowary to attend the district SD Municipal League meeting in Ipswich on March 18. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer Lowary presented the 2014 annual report. Moved by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to accept this report. All members present voted aye.

At 8:13pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye. At 8:16pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer