

April 6, 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: Blackmun, Flihs, McGannon, Opp, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, Stacy Mayou, Terry Herron, Shawn Lambertz, Dwight Zerr, and Jay Peterson.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll	958.14	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,485.89	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	12,367.37	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,234.21	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	320.70	salaries
First State Bank	7,355.95	ss & wh
City of Groton	688.90	postage, dep ref, util
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
US Post Office	1.24	postage
Jim Gerdes	100.00	Santa
Branden Abeln	9.00	meal
Dwight Zerr	9.00	meal
Paul Kosel	469.00	med flex
Anita Lowary	75.90	mileage
SD Supplemental Retirement	60.00	emp retirement
Scott Hanlon	23.00	mileage
Matt Tollifson	133.11	dep refund
1st State Bank	20.00	NSF chgs
WEB Water	10,375.19	water
Luverne Baseball Assoc	275.00	Legion Tourn
1st National Bank	2,985.04	2nd St sewer loan
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE sewer loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St water loan
1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA loan
1st National Bank	960.99	07 flooded sewer loan
1st National Bank	4,344.69	RR crossing sewer loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St sewer loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	west sewer loan
April Abeln	526.50	dep & med flex
Badger Meter Inc	237.00	meter comm
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	739.52	post, motel,supp,fees,bk,meal
Chief Supply	82.93	uniforms
Clark Engineering	483.75	engineering
Dakota Tree Co	1,575.00	move trees
Darrels	18.00	repair
Galls	65.73	uniforms
Gary's Engine & Repair	76.92	repairs
Groton Ford	852.71	repairs
Groton Independent	202.57	publishing
Harry Implement	15.23	filter
Heartland Waste	6,121.27	garbage hauling
Hydro Klean	8,398.72	sewer insp & cleaning
James Valley Tele	694.40	phones, internet
Johnson, Drew	1,200.00	legal services

Ken's Food Fair	207.68	supplies
Locators & Supplies	76.06	handles
Anita Lowary	308.70	med flex
Menards	42.99	coffee pot
NWPS	4,442.08	power delivery
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
RDO-John Deere Credit	375.82	edges
Sanitation Products	340.00	broom
S & S Lumber	196.91	supplies
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testing
SD Retirement	7,829.36	retirement
Specialty Manufacturing	34.51	metal
Tammy's Upholstory	104.00	repairs
United Lease & Finance	15,482.07	transformer lease
Verizon Wireless	41.61	gate comm
WEB Water	9,041.99	water

Police Chief Mayou reported that the 2012 police vehicle has been taken Steven Lust Automotive for repairs again. Mayou left the meeting after his report.

Terry Herron, Public Works Supt, reported that the pool slide was taken to Hutterville for sandblasting and they would be taking it to Watertown for powder coating. It should be complete at the end of the week. The cemetery cleanup was started. Blackmun thanked the Public Works Department for all their work at the baseball complex with the backstop and fence.

Wastewater Supt Zerr reported that A-Tech had been in town televising the sewer mains on the 5th Avenue street reconstruction project and he has started the street sweeping for 2015.

SD Dept of Environment and Natural Resources presented awards for continued operation of a safe drinking water system for the last fourteen years. Also Mayor Hanlon presented Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr with their DENR awards for operating and maintaining the water system.

Asst Electric Supt Lambertz reported on changing transformers and crossarms.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to have Groton Spring Cleanup Week from May 2-9. All members present voted aye.

Zerr and Lambertz left the meeting at this point.

Street conditions were discussed. Since the frost is not out of the ground sufficiently, truck restriction for garbage and delivery trucks will continue for at least 2 more weeks.

Herron leaves the meeting at this point.

Councilman Opp suggested that Peddlers Licenses be reinstated in Groton. They were removed in 1980s because national and state laws struck down Green River Ordinances, but several concerns for safety, updating sales tax information, and discouraging traveling merchants from taking sales from local businesses were discussed. The idea was tabled until the next meeting to get feedback from citizens.

Bev Sombke enters the meeting at presented information from the Groton Garden Club. The Garden Club has \$900 available for tree planting. Also the Arbor Day tree needs a location for planting. The new tree grant, which was being applied for, that would double the investment in tree planting up to \$2,000 was discussed. A location in the City Park will be found for the Arbor Day tree planting. Council expressed thanks for this thoughtful gift.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to authorize the following persons to attend the following meetings: Anita Lowary to the Heartland Annual Meeting on April 10 in Madison and the Human Resources and Finance Officers School on June 9-12 in Pierre; David McGannon to the Code Enforcement School on May 6-7 in Mitchell; and Burt Glover or a Chamber member to attend the iGrow – Small Business Seminar on April 24 in Sisseton. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to extend the current Pepsi Cola exclusive contract for the baseball complex for one more year. All members present voted aye.

At 7:49pm the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye. Jay Peterson was also asked to stay to be interviewed. At 8:08pm the Council reconvened into regular session.

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to hire Curt Schumack as cemetery caretaker at \$12.00 per hour and to hire Chuck Padfield as baseball concession stand manager at 75% of the net profit. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to appoint Jay Peterson to the Ward 1 Council position, replacing Michelle Muilenburg. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer