

February 16, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Opp, Peterson, and Vice President Blackmun presiding. Glover, McGannon and Mayor Hanlon were absent. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Jerry Bjerke, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier.

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

Councilman Glover enters the meeting at this point.

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

Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,401.33	ss & wh
AFLAC	782.32	emp ins
Buhl's	31.70	rug rent
Car Quest	329.48	repairs
Dearborne Natl Ins	88.00	life ins
Jim Gerdes	100.00	Santa
Groton Ford	298.24	repairs
Guardian Ins	233.63	emp ins
Heartland Cons Power District	71,202.83	power
Ken's Food Fair	423.43	gas, supplies
Lori's	41.19	batteries, flowers
MJ's Sinclair	917.57	gas
RDO	19.44	bolt
SD State Treasurer	7,496.13	sales tax
SD Supplement Retirement	1,140.00	emp retirement
Share Corp	165.23	soap
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	12,548.62	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	32,737.79	power

Asst Police Chief Jerry Bjerke went over the 2015 police report with the City Council. He also reported on tickets for vehicles that had not moved from the street after the 24 hours after plowing; the difficulty in licensing dogs each year; and training opportunities.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to authorize Officer Justin Cleveland to attend the Sex Offender's School on Mar 29-30 in Deadwood. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to table the discussion on revising the dog licensing ordinance until the next meeting. All members present voted aye.

Bjerke left the meeting at this point.

A request for a curb cut (handicap access) in front of Cheris on Main was discussed and more information on costs will be presented at the next meeting.

2015 recreation report was given by Finance Officer Lowary. The need for a final copy of the lease agreement on the soccer land with the school was discussed. Cost reductions and rate increases on swimming and baseball were discussed. More information will be given at the next meeting.

Paint SD program is again available. Any individual or organization interested is encouraged to contact City Hall

Finance Officer Lowary reported on the Heartland Customer Meeting she had attended.

No word was received on a sponsor for a car show on June 19 on Groton Main St, so the request was again tabled.

Finance Officer Lowary reminded everyone that nominating petitions were due by 5pm on February 26, 2016.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to adjourn at 8pm for executive session on personnel. All members present voted aye.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 8:25pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Flieds to hire: Pat Krause, baseball coordinator, Kathy Bjerke, softball coordinator and coach; and Kami Lipp, Brenda Madsen, and Karla Pasteur as managers of the swimming pool for 2016. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

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David Blackmun, Vice President

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Anita Lowary, Finance Officer