

April 4, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, McGannon, Blackmun, Opp, Peterson, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, representatives of the press, and 24 other citizens.

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 Fliehs and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

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

Executive Payroll	1,015.85	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,365.53	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,631.37	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,345.51	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	27.76	salaries
First State Bank	7,809.23	ss & wh
City of Groton	841.75	dep ref, post, util, phone
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
US Post Office	208.10	postage
Gerald Bermel	14.68	deposit refund
Larry Leidholt Estate	66.83	deposit refund
Associated Supply Co	275.00	school registration
Paul Kosel	180.00	med flex
MidStates Org Crime Info Center	100.00	dues
Alan Zoellner	300.00	hwh sales incentive
1st National Bank	4,344.69	sewer loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	sewer loan
A&B Business Solutions	132.30	toner
April Abeln	24.00	med flex
Border States	1,569.99	strap, bracket, cutout, wire
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	1,019.77	motel, supp, bks,ipad,bbequip
Chief Supply	67.79	belt
Clark Engineering	465.00	engineering
Justin Cleveland	372.60	mileage
Colonial Research	2,837.58	herbicide, cleaner
Cummins Central Power	1,797.20	repair
Darrels	32.00	repairs
Digital Ally	395.00	repair
Cannon Tech	840.48	retro kit
Fastenal	12.27	rods, nuts
Galls	63.04	batteries, cord, shirt
Groton Independent	29.03	publishing
Groton Vet Clinic	9.90	gloves
Harry Implement	83.12	blades
Heartland Waste	6,150.64	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	555.08	phones, internet
Anita Lowary	85.32	mileage
Matheson	8.06	lube
NW Energy	10.61	nat gas
Pressure Washer Central	62.84	swivel
Runnings	550.54	tape, batteries, tools
Sanitation Products	97.37	chain, sprockets
S & S Lumber	179.58	supplies
SD Dept of Health	104.00	testing
SD Municipal League	24.00	meeting reg

SD Retirement	8,047.16	retirement
Specialty Mfg	1,732.04	pipe, metal, welding
Stan Houston Equipment	725.00	saw parts
Verizon Wireless	41.63	gate comm
WEB Water	9,745.99	water
Wells Fargo	8,182.00	06 C&G loan

The hearing for the appeal of the Planning and Zoning decision to deny a special exception for a Dollar General Store to be located on Lots 1-9, Block 4, Randall's Addition to Groton, SD; with vacated alley in Block 4; the north half of vacated 12th Ave lying adjacent to said Block 4, except lots H1,H2, H3, and H4; and Lot 18, Block 11, Randall's Addition to Groton, SD with the south half of vacated 12th Ave lying adjacent to said Lot 18 was held at 7:10pm. Attorney Johnson explained the procedure and Tyler Oliver of Colby Capitol presented responses to concerns raised at the Planning and Zoning meeting. Other members of the audience who spoke were: Gordon Nelson, Paula Kokalas, Todd Kokalas, Doug Sombke, Carol Smith, Dr. Steve Smith, Jeannette Hughes, Carl Schwab, Marcy Blackmun, and Merle Harder. Tyler Oliver responded to questions. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to approve the appeal and grant a special exception to Colby Capitol, LLC to build a Dollar General at 220 E Hwy 12, Groton, SD with conditions that lighting is contained on site, a fence is located on the south side and around the garbage dumpsters, the driveway is relocated to an acceptable distance from the intersection, and drainage is managed under the plan approved by Clark Engineering. Members voting aye were: Opp, Glover, McGannon, Peterson, and Flihs. Blackmun voted nay. Motion carried. Attorney Johnson will present the findings and conclusions at the next meeting. 20 persons left the meeting at this point.

Discussion was held on unowned cat population and licensing cats. Deanna Hendrickson, Dwight Zerr, and Jerry Bjerke spoke to the Council with their concerns. Moved by Flihs and seconded by McGannon to no longer consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance 704. Members voting aye were: Flihs and McGannon. Members voting nay were: Peterson, Glover, Blackmun, and Opp. Motion failed. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting. 4 persons left the meeting at this point

A letter of resignation from Sherwin Nyberg from the Planning and Zoning Commission was read and approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye. Volunteers for Planning and Zoning were asked to contact Mayor Hanlon before the next meeting.

Paul Kosel announced a tree grant was awarded to Groton from Dept of Agriculture for \$1,000 to plant 23 new trees. The Garden Club has already donated \$900 for the matched funds. Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to have the City pay for the \$100 additional required matched funds. All members present voted aye.

Department reports were given by Dwight Zerr, Wastewater Supt., Terry Herron, Public Works Supt.; and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt. Topics included televising 3 blocks of sanitary sewer main and manholes and cleaning lift stations; reconstruction of the backstops at the little fields of the baseball complex; garbage routes will resume to normal pickup on Tuesday, April 12; street sweeping and repairs are starting; the power outage from the burned out cutout; transformer replacement; load management inspections; and superintendent's school. April 1st was the date that all sump pumps should be discharging outdoors. Three left the meeting at this point.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to set Groton Cleanup Week from May 1-9. All members present voted aye.

Lowary announced that the FAA has approved the location of the Gengerke grain handling system. The SD inspector will come soon to get all measurements and bring the markers from the grant. Alan Zoellner was thanked for his offer to plant alfalfa or grass around the landing strip, but more information on height will be gathered. Two left the meeting.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to send Anita Lowary to Finance Officers School in Spearfish June 7-10. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session for personnel matters at 9:15pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:27pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Flihs to give 2nd Reading to Ordinance No. 703, The 2016 Summer Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer