

May 2, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at City Hall at 7:00pm for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Peterson, Opp, Blackmun, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. McGannon was absent. Also present were Attorney Johnson and Finance Officer Lowary.

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

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

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

Executive Payroll	7,149.64	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,052.10	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	11,464.12	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,647.06	salaries
City of Groton	405.82	emp sav, def ref, post, trans util
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,150.00	emp savings
First State Bank	8,332.64	ss & wh
Tim & Faye Berndt	50.00	Heartland appl rebate
Lena Cox	221.35	deposit refund
Les Dohman	200.00	Heartland HWH rebate
Fred & Melanie Johnson	100.00	Heartland HWH rebate
Alan & Sharon Zoellner	100.00	Heartland HWH rebate
Morgan Holler	127.89	deposit refund
Duane Rude Estate	36.33	deposit refund
Paul Kosel	366.75	Hrtld appl rebate,medflex,mile,meals
Anita Lowary	38.31	mileage, candy
US Post Office	201.45	postage
Associated Supply Co	8,834.73	chemicals
Beadle's Inc	2,320.00	trees
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	1,684.21	tables, motel, cover, post, data, meet
Crawford Trucks & Equip	896.49	repair
Dakota Electronics	75.40	repair
Dakota Supply Group	58.59	fan motor
Darrels	136.30	filter,repairs,battery
DSS Apparel	91.00	DARE tshirts
Ecolab	98.96	rodent control
Farmers Union Coop	507.22	dsl,gas
Fastenal	5.06	bolts
Groton Daily Independent	52.40	publishing
Heartland Waste	6,157.20	garbage hauling
J & M Aircraft Supply	50.46	windsock
James Valley Tele	555.78	phones, int
Drew Johnson	1,650.00	legal services
Liquid Engineering	2,890.00	tower inspection
NW Energy	11.22	nat gas
Old Bank Floral	30.00	mem plant
RACO Stained Glass	12.50	pool brick
Runnings	75.53	hand pump, oil
S & S Lumber	163.50	supplies
SD Dept of Health	326.00	testing
SD Retirement	7,611.92	retirement
Dan Sunne	150.00	med flex
T & R Electric	20,102.00	transformers
Verizon Wireless	41.61	comm
WEB Water	10,749.19	water

Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to adjourn the 128th City Council sine die. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

The 129th City Council convened immediately following the 128th Council's adjournment with the following members present: Flihs, Peterson, Opp, Blackmun, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. McGannon was absent. Also present were Attorney Johnson and Finance Officer Lowary. All members renewed their oath of office.

Mayor Hanlon appointed Anita Lowary as Finance Officer and Drew Johnson as City Attorney. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to approve these appointments. All members present voted aye.

An election of officers for the 129th Council was held. Blackmun nominated and Peterson seconded the nomination for McGannon as President. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for McGannon for President. All members present voted aye. Opp nominated and Glover seconded the nomination for Blackmun as Vice President. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Blackmun for Vice President. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon made the following advisory committee appointments:

NECOG Representative – Jay Peterson

Planning & Zoning Representative – David Blackmun

Committees:

1. Chairman 2. Co-Chairman

Electric

Transit

Insect & Weed Control

Airport

1. McGannon

2. Blackmun

Water

Swimming Pool

Skating

Economic Development

1. Glover

2. Peterson

Streets

Baseball

Storm Drainage

Other Recreation (Tennis, Basketball, Golf)

1. Blackmun

2. McGannon

Wastewater

Cemetery

Civil Defense

Community Center

1. Flihs

2. Opp

Finance Office

Legal

Library

Insurance, General Adm, Elections

Code Enforcement

1. Peterson

2. Flihs

Solid Waste

Rubble Site

Parks

Forestry

Liquor

1. Opp

2. Glover

Police

1. Mayor

2. Blackmun

Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to approve bills at each regular meeting of each month and authorize the Finance Officer to pay payroll and all regular monthly bills in a timely manner to avoid penalties and take advantage of discounts. All members present voted aye.

Dollar General's request for abandonment of water & sewer easements in vacated 12th Ave between Main St and 3rd St was tabled until June to keep any appeals from changing the request.

Second reading of Ordinance 704, Feral Cat Regulations, was given on a motion by Opp and seconded by Flihs. All members present voted aye.

A budget training workshop will be held in Aberdeen on July 13. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to authorize April Abeln, David Blackmun, and Scott Hanlon to attend this workshop. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon appointed Justin Olson to fill the remainder of the 5 year term of Sherwin Nyberg. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to approve this nomination. All members present voted aye.

Public Works Supt Terry Herron, Wastewater Supt Dwight Zerr and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt enter the meeting and presented department reports. Discussion included planting trees, asphalt street repairs, chip and seal projects, gravel for Aspen Avenue, water tower inspection results, baseball backstops rebuilt, airport grass seeding, rubble site dozing, sewer pump replacement, manholes to replace, televising 2 blocks of sewer main, transformer replacement, LED street lights, and training opportunities. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to authorize Shawn Lambertz to attend the May 23 management school in Aberdeen. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon received the 15th consecutive annual DENR Clean Drinking water award for Groton City and he presented awards from DENR to Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr for operating an excellent system.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp into adjourn into executive session to discuss legal matters at 8:06pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:32pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer