

March 7, 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: Flihs, McGannon, Blackmun, Glover, Opp, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Kathy Sundermeier, Paul Kosel, Gordon Nelson, and Sherwin Nyberg.

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 on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

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

Executive Payroll	484.85	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,165.05	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	13,132.53	salaries
Public Works Payroll	17,188.97	salaries
Cultural & Recr Payroll	762.85	salaries
City of Groton	828.84	postage, dep ref, util, sav
Cons Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	7,252.11	ss & wh
US Post Office	209.39	postage
Samantha Miller	148.98	dep refund
April Abeln	38.87	med flex
David Hunter	2,550.00	med flex
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	693.81	books, motel, supp
Clark Engineering	1,937.50	eng
Cummins	1,051.50	repair
Darrels	543.80	tires
Digital Ally	100.00	battery
Les Dohman	480.00	HWH sales inc
Fire Safety First	106.00	ext rechgs, 1st aid supp
Heartland Waste	6,150.64	garbage hauling
Irby	37.69	testing
James Valley Telecomm	548.42	telephone, internet
Jensen Feed & Grain	2,064.60	rock salt
Johnson, Drew	800.00	legal services
Matheson Tri Gas	57.28	arg/CO2
NW Energy	10.00	nat gas
S&S Lumber	84.96	supplies
SD Dept of Health	30.00	testing
SD State Treasurer	9,753.85	sales tax
SD Retirement	7,875.60	retirement
Verizon Wireless	41.61	comm
WEB Water	10,183.79	water

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to hold Equalization Hearings at City Hall, on Monday, Mar 21, immediately following the 2nd monthly meeting and on Tuesday, Mar 22 at 7pm. All members present voted aye.

CPI for 2017 was announced to be 0% and any Opt Out must be completed by July 1.

The dog licensing ordinance will remain the same, but an additional 2 week period will not be given.

Kent Mauck enters the meeting. At 7:15pm garbage hauling bids were opened and

read aloud:

Heartland Waste Management, Mobridge, SD – traditional collection at \$10.45/mon/ residence or container collection at \$12.45/mon / residence.

A-1 Sanitation, Aberdeen, SD – container collection at \$10.50/ mon/ residence.

Mr. Mauck addressed concerns regarding the current service. Costs for local operation were found to be too high to also pay for a truck. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to accept the low bid of \$10.45/ mon/ residence for traditional collection for the April 16, 2016-April 15, 2019 contract. All members present voted aye. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Glover to set the new rate charged to utility residential customers at \$11.00 / mon/ residence effective April 16, 2016. All members present voted aye.

Spring load limits for city streets became effective Mar 8. Garbage routes are restricted to 6th St, Main St, Hwy 37, and Railroad Ave. until spring thaw is complete. Mr. Mauck leaves the meeting. During the discussion Terry Herron and Shawn Lambertz enter the meeting.

Department reports were given by Terry Herron, Public Works Supt.; and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt. Topics included were reconstruction of the backstops at the little fields of the baseball complex; future WAPA rate reductions; and a meeting attended by Lambertz, Lowary, McGannon, Opp, and Flihs with Heartland CEO Russ Olson was discussed.

A cat electrocuted at the top of an electric pole was reported. Complaints of many wild cats living in town and in the storm sewers were discussed. Nelson and Nyberg also addressed the Council regarding the large numbers of cats without homes which are being fed, but not cared for by residents. Moved by Peterson and seconded by Blackmun to give 1st Reading to Ordinance 704, Cat Licensing, which would have cat owners license their pets to help distinguish unclaimed cats from pets. All members present voted aye.

An appeal on how much penalty charges are given to customers that pay only part of their utility bill by the 10th of the month was discussed. The current penalty of 10% of the original bill vs. 10% of the outstanding balance was debated. No relief was grant to Paul Kosel for this appeal and no change in future penalties were made. Lambertz left meeting at this point.

Herron presented quotations from Kampa Construction (\$32,640.00) and Wright and Sudlow (\$36,442.30) for the repair work needed on 6th St. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to accept low quotation from Kampa Construction and proceed with the project. Certificates of insurance will gathered from Kampa Construction. All members present voted aye.

Herron also presented quotations from Kampa Construction (\$1,860.00) and Wright and Sudlow (\$2,340.00) for the curb cut at Cheri's On Main. Any action on this was tabled until the next meeting to discuss cost sharing with Cheri.

Dollar General developers have requested abandonment of the easements on the Randall's Additon property which they are hoping to use. Since water and sewer have already been moved from the easement, the east west easement can be vacated, but the north south electric easement will have to remain in place to provide power to the north side of Highway 12. No action was taken until the property owner petitions the city. Nelson and Nyberg reported on the concerns expressed at hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A SD Recreation Trails Program 80/20 grant for a walking or biking path is available if applications are submitted by April 15. Location, use, and expenses were discussed. Aerial maps will be reviewed for possible locations.

Groton City has received notice that \$50,000 was given by the David Olson estate to meet the needs of the community. Suggestions of the walking path, baseball playground equipment, swimming pool slide, swimming pool observers shelter, and park

improvements were given. Study will continue.

Several additional reports were given on swimming pool comparison to other communities, costs for lengthening the swimming season, number of baseball and softball players, and pool attendance. Recreation prices for 2016 were discussed. Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to raise the daily passes to the pool to: Adults= \$5 per session; Youth = \$3.00 and Seniors = \$3.00. All members present voted aye. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to leave charges for baseball as is, but to be sure Legion, Teener, and Jr. Teener games have a donation hat passed at each game and the proceeds given 50% to the Baseball Foundation for repairs and 50 % to the City for operations. All members present voted aye.

Lowary presented the 2016 annual report. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Peterson to accept the annual report as presented. All members present voted aye.

Lowary present nominating petitions from Scott Hanlon as Mayor (3 year term); Jay Peterson as Ward 1 Councilman (1 year term); David Blackmun as Ward 1 Councilman (2 year term); David McGannon as Ward 2 Councilman (2 year term); and Burt Glover as Ward 3 Councilman (2 year term) and recommended their approval. Moved by Opp and seconded by Flihs to accept the nomination petitions as presented and to cancel the April 12, 2016 election. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Opp to grant a request to close Main Street between E 1st Ave and E 2nd Ave on Sunday, June 19, for a car show that is sponsored by the Groton Lions Club. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to set the renewal date for the group health insurance plan to October 1, 2016 upon the advice of the insurance agent to avoid additional charges under ACA. All members present voted aye.

Council members inspected Community Center tables and chairs to determine if there are any to surplus for sale.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session for personnel matters at 9:02pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:35pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Blackmun to hire the following persons for summer employment: Cemetery Caretaker Brian Gravatt; Baseball Concessions Becca and Chuck Padfield; Baseball Groundskeepers and Assistant Coaches: Adam Herman, Brandon Keith, Brady Keith, Truit Rogers; Swimming Pool Lifeguards: Trisha Keith, Kelli Hanson, Kyler Ell, Halle Dohman, Nicole Koehler, Taryn Rossow, Sydney Thorson, Taylor Gustafson, Isaiah Cutler, Aubrey Wanner, Jasmine Schaller, Marlee Jones, Luke Thorson, Emma Donley, Jackson Oliver, Seric Shabaaz, and Tylan Glover. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Flihs to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 703, The 2016 Summer Salary Ordinance. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer