

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, Dyhrkopp, Alderson, Faust, and J. Petersen. City employees Currans, C. Hoffman, and Anderson were present. Visitors: none

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson to approve consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve the agenda. 2. Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve bills. 4. Motion to approve financial statement. 5. The motion to approve Liquor and Sunday Liquor Licenses for Hillcrest Golf and Country Club is pending proper paperwork. All ayes carried.

Brad Anderson informed the Council that Well 7 is now operating properly. OQ testing is finished, and the Public Awareness plan has been distributed to residents.

Alex Bleuer, representing Phillips Stafford Insurance Group as an insurance broker, attended the council meeting, via phone, to address matters pertaining to City Insurance. The council evaluated and discussed the city’s existing insurance policies. Upon motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust, to allow Alex Bleuer to conduct a review and solicit quotes for municipal insurance coverage on behalf of the city.

Dyhrkopp introduced Ordinance no. 239, “An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the city of Graettinger, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to billing for water service utility rates.” Then the ordinance was read and discussed. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the first reading of said ordinance. Aye-5. Motion carried. Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to waive the rule requiring said ordinance be read at three separate meetings and move that it be adopted. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

City Clerk Currans conducted a review of the billing forms presently utilized by the city for delinquent accounts. City Utility has proposed revisions to these forms to address overdue payments more effectively. Dyhrkopp moved, and Petersen seconded, to implement new billing forms for delinquent bills and to share the form fees between the city and the Light Plant. Currans also reviewed Midwest Technology phone proposal for Cloudtalk Advantage Program for City, Midwest is running a promotion to update telephone systems. City will review with Light Plant, tabled till next meeting.

The council reviewed the necessity of lowering speed on B-14. City Clerk Currans requested a quote for two solar speed reduction signs to install for westbound and eastbound traffic near EPS. EPS has agreed to contribute funds to help reduce the city's cost for purchasing the signs. The County Engineer has been contacted, and the matter has been tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Faust, seconded by T. Anderson to set a public hearing for the Proposed Property tax meeting for budget for fiscal 2026-27 for March 30, 2026, at city hall at 6:00 P.M. All thanks. Carried.

The City of Graettinger renewed two CDs, the city was given a rate of 2.01 instead of 2.25 for renewal, auto renewal will be yearly in January.

The Council discussed potential ideas for the PACGDC City award, focusing on projects and improvements that could benefit the community. Among the items reviewed were the need for new roofs at both City Hall and the Library, and plow truck for city, a three-point landscape rake, tabled till next meeting.

Next Meeting is March 9,2026

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Amazon	Library	\$1,756.94	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$9.28	Scholastic	Library	\$935.97
IRS	Tax	\$3,973.59	Parallel	Supplies	\$71.03
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$39.99	Kara Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Clayton	Transportation	\$40,037.47	Weekly Bulletin	Subscription	\$180.00
			Griffin		
Estherville Daily	Subscriptions	\$59.00	Construction	Catalyst	\$3,900.00
Gr. Market	Library	\$27.08	Jill Montreuil	Utilities	\$111.43
GMU	Lights	\$3,785.70	Robert Subbert	Demo	\$5,000.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,368.13	Payroll	Total	\$14,373.07
Hawkins	Chemical	\$100.00	Claims Total	\$152,703.32	
IMFOA	Dues	\$50.00	General	\$24,413.81	
IAMU	Training	\$3,115.83	RUT	\$5,140.01	
IPERS		\$3,041.19	Emp Ben	\$3,544.02	
Menards	Supplies	\$42.42	Library Memorial	\$490.20	
PA Treasurer	Landfill	\$693.33	Debt	\$8,101.85	
Pro Coop	Gas	\$446.93	Catalyst	\$12,281.51	
RVTC	Contract	\$1,079.17	Water	\$9,769.47	
St of IA	Sales Tax	\$2,743.17	Sewer	\$8,300.80	
US Cellular	Cell	\$157.89	Gas	\$75,406.65	
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	Cust Deposit	\$255.00	
Able 2 Products	Supplies	\$256.91	Receipts		
PA Sherrif	Contract	\$5,287.58	General	21778	
GMLP	refund	\$143.57	RUT	9580.14	
St Hygienic Lab	Testing	\$249.50	Emp Ben	139.52	
JKP	Supplies	\$72.00	LOST	12796.55	
Airgas	Supplies	\$58.76	Lib Memorial	103.94	
Visa	Supplies	\$698.51	Water	9630.4	
Culligan	Water	\$7.50	Sewer	10023.19	
GR. Times	Legals	\$136.88	Gas	70706.81	

GR. Hardware	Catalyst	\$8,632.96	Storm	1321.87
Cengage				
Learning	Library	\$456.91	Total	142000.92
Treasurer	WET	\$585.94		
Pefa	Natural Gas	\$23,861.79		
IA Pump Works	Supplies	\$4,667.40		

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk