

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, J. Petersen, Dyhrkopp, and Faust. City employees Currans, Peterson and Anderson were present. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Alex Bleuer, Steve Stroud, and Dan Hoffman.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by J. Petersen 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. All Ayes. Carried.

City Clerk Currans advised the council that she will attend an IAMU meeting on April 8-9 with Lisa. Spring IMFOA conference will take place in April 2026. Peterson will be attending AWA locating class April 16-17 in Ankeny.

Alex Bleuer addressed the council regarding insurance evaluation. Work Comp, Auto Liability, Cyber Liability, Property, and Inland Marine were discussed and reviewed. Review of Light Plant blankets will be scheduled with Light Plant Board, tabled till next meeting.

The council evaluated the necessity of reducing speed limits on B-14. Mayor Armstrong has reviewed cost estimates and directed City Clerk Currans to proceed with the purchase of two solar-powered speed reduction signs for installation on both westbound and eastbound approaches near EPS. EPS has agreed to provide financial support to offset a portion of the city's expenses for these signs. The County Engineer has also been consulted regarding this initiative.

Petersen reviewed the Public Awareness plan and had the council complete their annual questionnaire. Emergency Plan for the City of Graettinger was reviewed. Public awareness mailings are sent to residents in the spring and fall.

Dyhrkopp introduced Resolution 11-2026, "A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to its gas supply agreements with PEFA Inc, in connection with the reset of the available discount in PEFA Inc gas prepayment project; approving the issuance of bonds by PEFA Inc and related matters." Seconded by J. Petersen. Ayes-4. Resolution adopted.

T. Anderson introduced resolution no. 12-2026, "A resolution approving city grant agreement with Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation" and move that it be adopted. Seconded by Dyhrkopp. Ayes-4. Adopted.

Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation (PACGDC) has awarded three grants to the City of Graettinger: Mechanical Tools for shop \$4497.00, City per capita grant \$35597.15, and a City award of \$34068.00. The Small City Zone sign package grant was not received this year. The Dcat grant for Pool passes was granted for a total of \$2000. Dyhrkopp introduced a motion to approve a Housing Initiative grant for 401 East Olesen & Thu Street. Seconded by J. Petersen. All Ayes. Motion approved. A discussion was conducted regarding a letter of support for the Graettinger Economic Development Council forthcoming grant application for a workforce Housing Incentive Grant, to be funded by the IEDA Grant program. This grant aims to provide affordable workforce housing to residents; the IEDA will require city support to complete. Steve Stroud and Dan Hoffman provided a detailed explanation of the grant dynamics. Dyhrkopp introduced resolution no. 13-2026, "A resolution expressing the city of Graettinger support for Graettinger Economic Development Council, GEDC, application to the IEDA for workforce housing Tax Incentive Program." and move that it be adopted. Seconded by J. Petersen. Ayes-4. Adopted. 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 a plow truck for city. Anderson will be reviewing trucks available and Cities current inventory for trade in. Both tabled till next meeting.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust, to hire Pool Staff: Staci Girres, Pool Manager for the 2026 Pool Season. Motion by Dyhrkopp, to hire seasonal employees: Erin Kulow, Colleen Cook, Olivia Anderson, Bella Anderson, Nick Leonard, Part time: Danica Ringlaben, and Trista Guinn, Pending certification: Brileigh Simington, Lydia Frederickson, and Addaley Girres. Seconded by T. Anderson. All Ayes. Motion carried. Girres will be accepting applications till March 31, 2026. Help Wanted was posted on the city website.

DCAT funding remains at \$2,000 for 2026. The City of Graettinger will provide pool passes to 30 eligible families; eligible families will pay \$50 for a family pass or \$30 for a single membership. Qualifying families have been notified through a letter to GTRA school. Regular prices are \$117.70 for family passes and \$58.85 for singles. The pool is set to open June 1, 2026, weather permitting.

Reminder: The public hearing date for the proposed Property Tax Levy for FY2026-27 is March 30, 2026, at 6 pm.

Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Dyhrkopp to adjourn at 7:35 P.M.

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Amazon	Supplies	\$1,086.21	PEFA	Natural Gas	\$24,421.03
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Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$114.90	IA Pump Works	Supplies	\$4,667.40
IRS	Tax	\$4,006.76	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Blackburn Mfg.	Supplies	\$167.64	Kara Currans	Cell	\$32.88
Central State Lab	Supplies	\$1,857.68	Vans Implement	Supplies	\$59.95
Clayton	Transportation	\$33,237.76	Forsyth Law	Legal	\$125.00
			Roberts Self		
Gr. Market	Library	\$18.54	Storage	Catalyst	\$406.64
GMU	Utilities	\$3,048.25	RDB Inovations	Catalyst	\$1,418.75
			Griffin		
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,363.42	Construction	Catalyst	\$3,400.00
Hawkins	Supplies	\$40.00	Payroll		\$14,082.49
IPERS		\$3,012.38	Total		\$135,030.46
Northern					
Municipal	Dues	\$989.55	Receipts:		
PA CO Treasurer	Contract	\$693.33	General	\$24,245.55	
Pro-Coop	Supplies	\$545.92	Road Use	\$6,505.27	
RVTC	Phone	\$684.64	Emp Ben	\$3,543.02	
Treasurer St of IA	Sales Tax	\$2,271.83	Library Memorial	\$936.59	
Us Cellular	Cell	\$157.89	Debt	\$8,101.85	
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	Catalyst	\$5,970.80	
PA Co Sheriff	Contract	\$5,287.58	Water	\$8,280.84	
GMLP	Deposit	\$375.00	Sewer	\$9,509.69	
JKP	Supplies	\$75.00	Gas	\$67,561.85	
Visa	Supplies	\$1,701.00	Cust Deposit	\$375.00	
Culligan	Supplies	\$8.00	General	\$6,882.77	
Gr. Times	Legals	\$222.72	RUT	\$7,556.70	
GR. Hardware	Supplies	\$1,078.33	Emp Ben	\$5,116.93	
Cengage Learning	Library	\$284.51	Library Memorial	\$200.88	
Team Lab	Supplies	\$2,456.00	Water	\$7,974.13	
Treasurer St of IA	Wet Tax	\$548.14	Sewer	\$7,727.22	
Control Equipment	Supplies	\$627.72	Gas	\$87,941.66	
			Storm	\$1,039.26	

Brandon Armstrong , Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk