

Council meeting April 13, 2026

The Graettinger City Council met in a regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall with Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members, T. Anderson, Alderson, J. Petersen, and Faust, and employees Currans, Petersen, Hoffman, and B. Anderson. Absent: Dyhrkopp. Visitors present: Jason Peton, Deb Harris, and Tiffany Harris

Motion by Alderson, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve the agenda. 2. Motion to pay bills. 3. Motion to approve minutes of previous meetings. 4. Motion to approve financial statements. 5. Motion to approve Graettinger Market Class E Liquor License, Class B wine permit. All Ayes. Carried.

Deb and Tiffany Harris spoke to the Council about updates from Friends of the Pool. The pool is scheduled to open on June 2, 2026. Recently, the Friends of the Pool board received their 501(c)(3) status and will be applying for several grants to make improvements to pool. They also have several fun events planned, including Christmas in July and root beer float Fridays.

The council discussed scheduled tree removals, noting a hazardous tree by Evergreen Park that has closed the walking trail. Petersen will contact tree service for urgent removal due to recent winds shifting the tree. Petersen also gave council update on consumer confidence report, report will be sent to public this week. Motion by Alderson, seconded by Faust to approve report. City Clerk Currans will be attending an IMFOA conference April 15-17 for City Clerks and Petersen and Anderson will be attending an Iowa Pipeline conference April 28-29th.

Brad Anderson updated the council on planned street improvements for the summer. The council discussed these upgrades, which include alleys and several street cuts. They also considered installing a new manhole riser on Brown Street and possibly paving that street. Anderson has reached out to vendors for bids on the summer street work but has postponed decisions until the next meeting while awaiting contractor reviews. Additionally, the council intends to install solar speed signs on B-14, this summer, to increase awareness and slow down traffic approaching city limits.

The Council reviewed the City's EMC insurance policy, the Council reviewed increases in coverage from two million to five million, pending a cost assessment; discussion and review took place, and this increase will be considered with Light Plant. Alderson introduced Resolution 9-2026, "A resolution approving a new insurance proposal with Phillips Stafford Insurance Group," and moved for its adoption. Seconded by T. Anderson, resolution adopted. Ayes-4.

Motion by Alderson, seconded by Faust, to hire additional pool staff for the 2026 Pool Season. Head Lifeguard Colleen Cook and Nick Leonard. Employees: Oakley Joyce, Addaley Girres, Braden Koenck, Danica Ringlaben pending certification. Seconded by Faust. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The demolition grant for 504 E. Kent St. has been postponed until the necessary paperwork and ownership verification are completed. The council reviewed and discussed food truck licensure and fees, but no actions were made. Forms and fees will remain the same.

Alderson made a motion to amend Section 3.12, Drug Screening and Alcohol Abuse, of the Graettinger Employee Handbook. Faust seconded the motion. Employees will be required to review and sign an acknowledgement of the revised Section 3.12.

Alderson introduced Resolution 8-2026, "A resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Sterling truck. ," and moved for its adoption. Seconded by T. Anderson, resolution adopted. Ayes-4.

T. Anderson introduced Resolution 10-2026, "A resolution authorizing a transfer of funds." and moved for its adoption. Second, by Alderson, resolution adopted. Ayes-4.

Nuisances reviewed due to city complaints. Residents must clean up nuisances or face a penalty. A reminder to clean up properties was sent with utility billing.

A public hearing for the budget adoption for fiscal 2026-27 will be held April 27, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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Amazon	Library	\$738.84	Currans Kara	Cell	\$32.88
Arnolds Motor	Supply	\$9.28	Traffic Logix	Solar Signs	\$5,156.00
IRS	Tax	\$6,068.33	RDB Inovations	Catalyst	\$600.00
Bomgaars	Supply	\$421.91	Freedom and Glory Griffin	Flags	\$285.65
Clayton	Transportation	\$28,768.70	Construction	Catalyst	\$4,775.00
Dakota Supply	Supply	\$52.16	Borchers Matt	Rebate	\$150.00
Energy Economics	Supply	\$3,785.18	Friends of the Pool	Grant	\$2,155.00
Gr. Business Club	Dues	\$50.00	Musgrove Yates	Rebate	\$150.00
Gr. Market	Library	\$40.75	Gr. Senior Center	Grant	\$2,160.00
GMU	Lights	\$2,558.42	Lakeshore Learning	Library	\$887.69
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,847.85	Payroll	Total	\$21,299.12
Hawkins	Chemical	\$40.00	Total	\$134,299.81	
Health Consultants	Contract	\$604.94	General	\$27,689.92	
IAMU	Dues	\$2,823.00	Wild Rose	\$9,313.33	
IPERS		\$4,348.08	RUT	\$11,824.85	
PA CO Treasurer	Landfill	\$693.33	Emp ben	\$3,639.11	
Pro- Coop	Gas	\$843.20	Library Memorial	\$1,160.58	
RVTC	Contract	\$449.39	Debt	\$8,101.85	

Spencer Trophy	Library	\$17.00	Catalyst	\$10,273.57
Stalls Farm	Supply	\$8.98	Water	\$10,661.23
Treasurer St of IA	Tax	\$1,577.06	Sewer	\$5,842.57
Us Cellular	Phones	\$157.89	Gas	\$45,792.80
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	Receipts:	
PA Co Sherrif	Contract	\$5,287.58	General	\$13,033.21
River Valley	Vac Rental	\$144.00	Wild Rose	\$83,434.15
APGA SIF	Dues	\$19.00	RUT	\$7,897.06
Dearborn	Insurance	\$652.65	Emp ben	\$512.13
Unity Point	Testing	\$42.00	Lost	\$8,573.73
Visa	Supply	\$1,474.31	Library Memorial	\$1,617.70
Culligan Water	Water	\$21.00	Water	\$14,917.57
Gr. Times	Legals	\$290.79	Sewer	\$12,626.77
Gr. Hardware	Catalyst	\$10,698.95	Gas	\$99,580.51
Cengage Learning	Library	\$142.19	Total	\$248,672.97
Van Wert Co.	Supply	\$867.62		
RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85		
HHH Corp	Garbage tags	\$648.47		

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

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk