

Council Meeting

The Graettinger City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. With Mayor Armstrong presiding. Present were council members T. Anderson, J. Petersen, Faust, Dyhrkopp and employees Currans, Petersen, C. Hoffman, and B. Anderson. Absent: Alderson. Visitors: Alex & Megan Helmich and Leslie Faust.

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Anderson to approve consent agenda. 1. Motion to approve agenda. 2. Motion to approve minutes. 3. Motion to approve bills. 4. Motion to approve financial statement. 5. Motion to approve a Side Street Saloon Class C Retail Alcohol License. Pending paperwork. 6. Motion to approve a special outdoor permit for Lucky Wife for September 2026. Pending paperwork. All ayes. Carried.

Megan and Alex Helmich approach the council regarding a residential demo grant they would like permission to apply for, the PACGDC grant is for the demolition of home located on N. Lincoln Ave. A second commercial demo grant has also been submitted for property at 108 N Washington Ave. A Motion was made by Dyhrkopp, seconded by J. Peterson to accept grant applications and informed city clerk Currans to submit to PACGDC when pictures and invoices are completed. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Leslie Faust, Library Director, informs council she is looking into a bathroom remodel at Library. The Friends of the Library will be completing remodel with an addition of a baby changing table and new sink, tabled till next meeting.

Currans advised the council she will be out of town for an IPERS compliance training course on Sept 28, 2026. The City Hall will be closed.

City Clerk Currans read a letter from Auditor Jeri Maher with Cornwell, Frideres, Maher and Assoc. informing the Council that no journal entries or adjustments were required for city for FY2025 and no deficiencies were reported. The auditor did provide several recommendations to strengthen internal controls, including improved segregation of duties, which the City will begin implementing. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by J. Petersen to approve the Outstanding Obligations Report and submit it to state.

B. Anderson reported that Blacktop Services has completed street repairs, including street cuts and chip-and-seal work. Anderson also stated that curb repairs are needed on W. Olive St. and that a section of sidewalk on W. Robins Ave. should be repaired after heaving caused by the original Robins Street expansion work. Anderson will look at options for repairs to the affected section in order to restore the sidewalk to a level surface for public use. Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by Faust to approve repairs. All Ayes, motion carried. Discussion continues regarding tree removal on S. Wilson Ave, a tree had fallen due to tornado last May over a drainage ditch, tabled till next meeting. Petersen reports he has removed three utility services from lots, with one going back in for a new home.

Council Member Faust informed the Council that Citizens Park currently has no hand-drying stations available. The previous hand-towel system was removed due to outdated equipment. At this time, wall-mounted hand-sanitation units are in place for public use. Discussion tabled till next meeting.

City Clerk Currans advises the council that pool will be closing on Aug 14, 2026.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution No. 27-2026 "A resolution approving the road use report", Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted.

Dyhrkopp introduced resolution No. 28-2026 "A resolution authorizing a transfer of funds for Loan Robins Street Project." Seconded by T. Anderson. Ayes: 4. Resolution adopted.

The City Council reviewed the current municipal boundary line and discussed a potential annexation of property located on the north side of town. The landowner is in the process of completing a formal survey, and once that survey is submitted, the proposed annexation will be evaluated further by the Council and the City's legal team to determine next steps.

The council reviewed pictures of nuisances of property owners. Nuisance abatement letters have been sent, and a city cleanup has been scheduled. Residents will have to remove, clean up, or discontinue nuisances or be assessed a penalty.

Peterson and B. Anderson will keep Citizens Park bathrooms open for Labor Day. The pickleball and basketball courts will be cleaned. Motion by T. Anderson, seconded by Faust to approve the closing of Robins Street and S. Washington Ave for the Labor Day Celebration. All ayes. Motion carried.

26-Aug

Amazon	Supplies	\$661.81	Van Wert	Supplies	\$2,026.55
Arnold Motor	Supplies	\$263.94	RVTC	Loan	\$8,101.85
Atlas Stamp	Notary	\$30.50	Gordon Flesch	Copier	\$908.55
IRS	Tax	\$6,073.34	City Laundering	Supplies	\$39.35
Clayton	Reservation	\$6,875.26	CIT Sewer	Sewer	\$7,114.95
DSG	Supplies	\$5,370.57	Parallel	Supplies	\$115.52
Gr. Market	Supplies	\$1,654.10	Kara Currans	Conference	\$221.90
GMU	Utility	\$4,595.53	Masters MFG	Tire repair	\$25.00
Harris Sanitation	Contract	\$5,569.07	Roger Thorsen	Rebate	\$100.00
Hawkins	Supplies	\$828.03	Shelby Jones	Utility Refund	\$425.00
IAMU	Dues	\$526.00	Griffin CONST	Catalyst Nielsen	\$4,450.00
IA League of Cities	Dues	\$915.00	Hoss Contracting	Catalyst Nielsen	\$2,000.00
IA One Call	Locates	\$17.90	Marty Brennan	Rebate	\$100.00
IPERS		\$3,117.82	Payroll		\$25,868.47
IA Rural Water	CEU	\$520.00	Total		\$124,556.56
Larry Lair Exc.	Supplies	\$900.00	General		\$46,615.46
PA CO EMS	Annual	\$2,802.00	RUT		\$5,347.99
PA CO Treasurer	Landfill	\$693.33	Emp Ben		\$3,769.17
Pro-Coop	Gas	\$1,219.91	Debt		\$8,101.85
RVTC	Phones	\$774.01	Catalyst		\$16,545.42
Siouxland Health	Pool	\$418.00	Water		\$10,320.73
Treasurer St of IA	Sales Tax	\$340.22	Sewer		\$10,100.01
Wellmark	Insurance	\$8,353.77	Gas		\$19,773.45
PA Co Sheriff	Contract	\$5,393.33	Cust Dep.		\$425.00
IA DNR	Water Permit	\$210.00	Storm		\$3,557.48
Dearborn	Life Ins	\$652.65	Receipts:		
Unity Point Clinic	Testing	\$42.00	General		\$19,747.05
Midwest Fence	Pool	\$344.70	RUT		\$9,807.43
Culligan	Water	\$21.00	Emp Ben		\$663.78
Gr. Times	Legals	\$184.53	LOST		\$11,264.12
Gr. Hardware	Catalyst Nielsen	\$10,670.75	Water		\$14,152.94
Cengage	Library	\$56.95	Sewer		\$11,528.09
Team Lab	Supplies	\$699.00	Gas		\$14,139.55
PEFA	Natural Gas	\$2,264.40	Cust Dep.		\$2,229.11
			Storm		\$1,524.14
			Total		\$85,112.21

Motion by Dyhrkopp, seconded by T. Anderson to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

Brandon Armstrong, Mayor

Kara Currans, City Clerk