

MINUTES

The Grainfield City Council regular monthly meeting was on October 13th, 2025 p.m. at the city office. Harvey Heier, Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members: Darren Racette, Gary Gassmann, Ron Eberle, Ken Wood, Seth Gruber
Absent: none
Mayor: Harvey Heier
Present also: Carol Weber, Derek Herl. Wade Harvey was absent
Guest: Marilyn Mong, Herby Queen, and Colter Allemang

Ken made the motion, 2nd by Gary to approve the agenda and motion carried.

Ron made the motion, 2nd by Gary to approve the minutes of September 8th, 2025 and motion carried 3 to 1.

Maintenance Report: In Wade's absence, Mayor Heier presented Wade's notes. The lift station pump cannot be repaired. A new one will be ordered with an estimate cost of \$18,000.00 and a delivery time of 4-6 weeks. Terry at KRWA assisted Wade in exercising a few turn-offs and replacing a couple of meters. Wade requested approval to order the next round of 23 new meters, excluding two that were replaced in 2011 and are still functioning. Wade needs to keep an eye on these two to make sure they are properly functioning. Ron made the motion, 2nd by Darren to order the next round and motion carried. Park restrooms will be shut off for the winter on October 15th. Two poles were installed at Superior Masonry to prevent trucks from driving onto the private property and damaging the brick culverts. After discussion Seth made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adopt the Water Protection Plan. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Derek reported that they had 1 gas meter run. The department assisted at the bonfire. All fire extinguishers were checked: a few required replacements. Derek left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The council agreed to waive water and sewer charges for the Community Room building and Daycare again this year.

Liquor licenses must now be applied for directly through the State of Kansas. Applicants should apply at least three months before their event to ensure approval. The city office will assist with the new process. The fee remains the same, but two checks will now be required with one to the state and the other to the city at the same rate.

Gary made a motion, seconded by Ken, to approve the liquor license for The Broken Handle. Motion carried.

Vandalism was reported at the city park on the restroom door.

The Council reviewed building permits and discussed the notification process for Dig Safe. Darren will be in for his building permit after he has time to get the new building set.

GCDC, in partnership with the city, will sponsor a citywide cleanup at the end of October.

Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. There are 8 past dues. Gary made the motion, 2nd by Ken to accept the treasurer's report and motion carried.

Bills were read: Bills were presented by Carol with approval to pay the bills. Ken made the motion to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Ron and motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Darren asked about holding a candidate forum for the upcoming city council elections. Mayor Harvey replied that GCDC did not think they would take the lead in organizing this. Time is limited with the election not too far away.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 10th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Darren made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Ken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Weber, City Treasurer