

MINUTES

The Grainfield City Council regular monthly meeting was on August 11th, 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.

The budget hearing was conducted. Seth made the motion to approve the budget, 2nd by Gary and motion carried.

Present: Council members: Darren Racette, Gary Gassmann, and Seth Gruber
Absent: Ken Wood and Ron Eberle
Mayor: Harvey Heier
Present also: Carol Weber, Derek Herl and Wade Harvey
Guest: Marilyn Mong, Herby Queen and Ron Zimmerman

Seth made the motion, 2nd by Darren to approve the agenda and motion carried.

Seth made the motion, 2nd by Gary to approve the minutes of July 14th, 2025 and motion carried.

Maintenance Report: QMC has the valley at the grade school completed. Wade will work on getting the 4 way stop signs put up. He has the parts to get the grass hopper running. He will get bids on crack sealing vs. chip sealing. October or November we should have the blades for the lift station to replace. Discussion on the Variable Frequency Drives and how much they will cost. He will bring that information back to the council at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Report: Derek reported that they did not have any fire runs. He ordered new gloves for the fire department. The compressor at the fire department went out and has had it repaired. They will have a hose test in September. Derek left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of hosting a candidate forum. The council agreed it would be beneficial to post the minutes, ordinances, and forms on the new website. Seth will follow up with Kay on this matter.

Darren referenced a copy of a prior ordinance in his possession at his house which stated that golf carts may be used for agricultural purposes. It was noted that three ordinances were repealed with the adoption of the current ordinance, and the provision regarding agricultural use of golf carts was not included in the newly adopted ordinance.

Herby stated that his building permit lists August 17th as the expiration date and therefore believes he still has time. His pile of wood remains on the property. Harvey commented that once Herby demonstrates progress on the project, the council will move forward accordingly.

Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. There are 10 past dues with shut off letters for 2 on August 25, 2025. Gary made the motion, 2nd by Seth to accept the treasurer's report and motion carried.

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

New Business: Marilyn Mong inquired about the old city sign and asked who had made it. It was noted that Mark Heier had built the sign, and it is currently stored at the shop. The Council agreed to allow GCDC to place rock around the sign, and Kay reported that the rock will be donated.

Wade will secure the two chairs in the park by chaining them to the fence.

The Council discussed trees overgrowing into the streets, and Harvey asked Wade to speak with the respective property owners regarding trimming.

Old Business: None

The next meeting will be on September 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Seth made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Gary and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Weber, City Treasurer