

GRAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

The Grainfield City Council met in regular session on June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Mayor Harvey Heier called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Darren Racette, Marilyn Mong, Ron Eberle, Ken Wood, and Seth Gruber
Absent: None

Also Present: Carol Weber, Wade Harvey, and Derek Herl

Guests: Herby Queen, JoAnn Zimmerman, Jill Bell, and Bonnie Wood

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Seth Gruber, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried.

Jill Bell thanked the Council for the gift card she received for the work she does in the park. She stated that it was not necessary, as she enjoys the work and likes to help.

Bonnie Wood provided a handout on income and expenses for the Council to review.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Report

Derek Herl reported no runs during the last month. The fire truck was sold, and the city will be receiving a check from Purple Wave. Derek would like to apply for a grant for a firefighter training site. The Council agreed that he may use his own judgment regarding the construction of the training facility.

Derek reported that there are two T-ball teams and one sling-pitch team participating this season. Games are scheduled on Wednesdays throughout the month of June.

Maintenance Report

Wade Harvey reported that he ordered new brackets for the street signs and still needs to install them. The shade structure that GCDC wanted installed by Ken Wood and Wade Harvey did not work out, so GCDC will donate it to the Summer Recreation program.

Wade sent the chlorinator in to be rebuilt and also ordered filters to determine if he can repair the chlorinators himself. He is ordering supplies for the duplexes.

The city will pay for the concrete that was removed from the sidewalk during Brooke Briggs' remodeling project.

Carol Weber and Ken Wood volunteered to put up the flags on Flag Day since Wade will be on vacation.

The possibility of installing a flagpole in the City Park was discussed. Ken Wood provided information on a 30-foot flagpole and will bring additional information back to the Council at the next meeting.

Herby Queen discussed budget information with the Council.

Carol Weber researched sewer account finances dating back to 2019 and prepared a handout showing that sewer expenses have exceeded revenues most of the years during this time. There is also a potential pump replacement anticipated at a cost of approximately \$17,764.00, and the sewer fund does not currently have sufficient reserves to support that expense while continuing to make the two loan payments each year.

This additional revenue would help:

- Reduce reliance on the General Fund.
- Build reserves for equipment replacement.
- Better position the City for future grant and loan opportunities.

After discussion, it was recommended to increase the sewer rate by \$3.00 per month. Ken Wood made a motion, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried 3-2.

Ron Eberle informed the Council that he has a generator he would be willing to sell to the city if needed. He described the equipment and accessories included and stated an asking price of \$5,000.00. After discussion, the Council determined that a purchase was not necessary at this time.

Financials

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There are currently 4 past-due accounts. Seth Gruber made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

Bills

Council approved payment of the bills, including two bills that were received late on Monday. Motion made by Seth Gruber, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business

Harvey Heier and Carol Weber reported on two meetings they recently attended: A Budget Meeting in Colby and a League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) meeting in Oakley. Both meetings were very informative, and they shared highlights from each with the Council.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion made by Ron Eberle, seconded by Seth Gruber. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Carol Weber
City Treasurer