

MINUTES

The Grainfield City Council regular monthly meeting was on July 14th, 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, Ron Eberle, Gary Gassmann, Ken Wood and Seth Gruber
Absent: None
Mayor: Harvey Heier
Present also: Carol Weber, Derek Herl and Wade Harvey
Guest: Marilyn Mong, Herby Queen, Joann Zimmerman, Tanya Allemang, Colter Allemang, Aaron Taylor, and Wendell Mong

Ron made the motion, 2nd by Gary to approve the agenda and motion carried.
Seth made the motion, 2nd by Ron to approve the minutes of June 9th, 2025 and motion carried.

Maintenance Report: Wade has been hauling branches and grass clippings. He got a bid for new street signs. $\$36.50 \times 100 = \3650.00 . GCDC would like to contribute \$500.00 for the project. Ron made the motion 2nd by Gary to get the new signs and motion carried. The hopper is running but may need a new fuel pump added to the repairs. Wade and Daryl will be digging and putting in the new meter for the housing project east of town. The water samples have to be taken to Colby. Quinter, Gove, Grinnell, Park, and Grainfield will all take their turn once a month. Wade will clean out the culverts on front street. Wade got his new maps and would like to have them laminated.

Fire Chief Report: Derek reported that they did their hydrant test and everything passed. They had two fire runs last month. They are looking into getting new gloves and lighter SBAs. He will get a quote.

Derek is done with summer rec this year. There were a total of 10 games. Derek left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Marilyn Mong, along with Wendell Mong, addressed the council in response to the clean-up letter they received. Wendell explained that he is currently restoring a pickup and that another vehicle on the lot is being used for parts.

There was considerable discussion regarding the importance of maintaining the lot, particularly mowing and trimming, to prevent potential health and safety concerns associated with inoperable or junk vehicles.

Colter Allemang and Aaron Taylor were also mentioned during the discussion, as both have vehicles in need of repair but currently lack the funds to do so

Council member Ron Eberly kindly offered his assistance to anyone needing help with clean-up or repairs.

No official action was taken during this meeting. Copies of the ordinance being followed by the council were provided to all involved. The ordinance in question is consistent with those adopted by neighboring towns, as it was drafted by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Herby wanted a copy of his building permit and will be on the agenda at the next meeting as his 6 month is up. Colter and Aaron left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The council discussed a request from the Grinnell After Harvest Committee to use the aluminum bleachers currently stored at the city shop. The council agreed to allow their use.

Andrew Teeter addressed the council regarding his interest in planting trees on his property along Cleveland Street. He was advised that the trees must be planted at least 15 feet to the east, within the boundary of his property.

We received the approval letter for the tree and brush open burning.

The Green River Ordinance was reviewed, and it was confirmed that ice cream trucks are permitted to operate within city limits.

An update on the clean-up letters was provided. Comments submitted to the city were read aloud by Carol, and the council will continue to monitor the situation moving forward.

Carol also presented the proposed budget to the council. A budget hearing will be held at the next regular meeting in August, prior to the start of the regular council session.

Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. There are 5 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. Gary made the motion to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Seth and motion carried.

Old Business: Gary asked Darren if he planned to tag his golf cart, as required. Darren responded that he does not intend to do so.

New Business: None.

The next meeting will be on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Ron made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Seth and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Weber, City Treasurer