

GRAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

The Grainfield City Council met in regular session on April 13, 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, and Ken Wood

Absent: Seth Gruber

Also Present: Carol Weber, Wade Harvey (Fire Chief Derek Herl absent)

Guests: Herby Queen, Bonnie Wood, Kay Haffner, Joann Zimmerman, Brooke Briggs, Von Tuttle

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

Brooke Briggs requested a separate water meter for the building she purchased on Main Street. The Council approved the request.

Bonnie Wood, Librarian, requested a letter be sent to the State Library Board regarding the previous budget. Council approved the request. Bonnie Wood and Brooke Briggs left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Kay Haffner, representing GCDC, reported plans to apply for a grant to improve the basketball court, including sanding down, repainting lines, relocating the tetherball, purchasing a portable pickleball net, and installing adjustable basketball goals. Ron Eberle suggested the City consider splitting the remaining balance after grant funds are applied. A date for spring cleanup will be determined.

Gove County Hospital requested to reserve the park on August 7, 2026, for a summer event. Darren Racette made a motion, seconded by Ken Wood, to approve the request, including issuance of a liquor license and rental of the concession stand for that day. Motion carried.

Von Tuttle with Aqua Pump presented his bid for a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) and explained its operation. Ron Eberle made a motion, seconded by Ken Wood, to accept the bid. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Report:

Wade Harvey reported no fire runs. The department plans to list the 1975 Chevy pickup on Purple Wave for sale.

Maintenance Report:

Wade Harvey reported he will obtain paint for the National Honor Society to paint crosswalks.

He discussed receiving a letter containing incorrect information provided by a council member regarding a building permit and stressed that all permit questions should be directed to the City Office or himself, as the office maintains the official ordinance book with correct information. Wade approved three building permits this month.

Wade reported passing the KDHE inspection and noted he attended and benefited from the water/wastewater conference in Wichita.

B&H Paving received approval to chip seal the entire town, including Front Street, with the county covering its portion.

Wade will obtain cost estimates from Midwest Energy to repair the outfield lights at the ball diamond and will present them at the next meeting.

Ron Eberle made a motion, seconded by Ken Wood, to sign the grant agreement for the duplexes. Motion carried.

Carol Weber reported applying for a Midwest Energy grant for street sign improvements. The city was awarded \$850.00. She also applied through Kansas Rural Water for sewer loan forgiveness. The city received \$141,840.88, which will be applied directly to the loan balance and restructured through KDHE for continued payments on the remaining balance.

Financials

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There are three accounts past due. Ken Wood made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried.

Bills:

Council approved payment of bills. Motion made by Darren Racette, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Darren Racette inquired about drainage issues in his valley and possible solutions.

New Business: None

The next regular meeting will be held May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion made by Ken Wood, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Carol Weber

City Treasurer