

MINUTES

The Grainfield City Council regular monthly meeting was on March 10, 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 and Gary Gassmann, Ken Wood
Absent: None
President: Harvey Heier
Present also: Carol Weber, Derek Herl, Wade Harvey
Guest: Marilyn Mong, JoAnn Zimmerman, Herby Queen, Kay Haffner, Bonnie Wood and Marilyn Thummel

New Council member Seth Gruber was sworn in.

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

Gary made the motion, 2nd by Ron to approve the minutes of February 10th, 2025 and motion carried.

Bonnie Wood— director of the library gave the council updates on the library.

Marilyn Thummel had concerns that she cannot keep the stray cats and dogs out of her garage. She says she cannot hear the tornado siren at her house. Wade is to check into what it would cost to put another pole up on the West side of town.

Kay with GCDC updated the council on their projects.

Maintenance Report: Wade asked the council if he could use the city equipment to get the fire training area ready for the fire department. He is trying to get out to use the grader more. He has used the street sweeper to clean out some valleys. Ks Rural water is doing a test at the water wells. He will have a report next meeting to crack seal the streets this summer. Gary asked about fixing the 2 valleys at the school this summer.

Fire Chief Report: Derek reported 3 fires (grass, house, and Bale.) He would like to purchase a commercial washer to wash up their gear at the firehouse after a fire that will cost around \$5000.00. The annual nut fry is on March 23rd. He had to order a new pump for the fire truck.

He got permission to use the ball diamonds for soccer that will start next month. Bonnie, Kay and Derek left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Water & Sewer Rates were discussed. Ron made the motion, 2nd by Darren to leave the rates the same.

The cat/dog licenses are due April 1st. Everyone with a pet is required to get a tag and show proof of their up to date shots.

Discussion was held concerning the reorganization and appointments of the council board and all non-elect positions.

President of the Council: Gary Gassmann

City Maintenance: Wade Harvey

Fire Chief: Derek Herl

City Clerk: Wade Harvey

City Treasurer: Carol Weber

City Attorney: Steven Hirsch

City Judge: Tony Haffner

Judicial Clerks: Carol Weber and Wade Harvey

City Newspaper: Gove County Advocate

City Accountant & Auditor: Mapes and Miller, (Don Tilton & Stephanie Heier)

City Depositor: The Bank

Beautification Committee: Carol Weber

Commissioner of Parks & Recreation: Seth Gruber

Water: Ron Eberle

Wastewater: Ken Wood

Streets: Gary Gassmann

Fire: Darren Racette

Grainfield City Librarian: Bonnie Wood

Grainfield Volunteer Firefighters: Chief Derek Herl, Brian Rathgeber, Ron Eberle, Dexter Herl, Ken Wood, Trina Rathgeber, Mark Schmidtberger, Dave Herl, Wade Harvey, Randy King, Mark Schmidtberger, Jon Henjy, and Braylan Fields.

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

The Emergency Response Plan was reviewed with Ron making the motion to approve, 2nd by Ken and motion carried.

Discussion on a dog running at large. Wade will give a written warning.

There was discussion on the clean up process.

Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. There are 10 past dues with some shut off letters going out. Ken 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. Gary made the motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Ken and motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Harvey had 2 bids on mowers. Nothing was decided at this time. Harvey is going to a state funding program in WaKeeney.

The next meeting will be on April 14th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Seth and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Weber, City Treasurer