

GRAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

The Grainfield City Council met in regular session on July 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, Ken Wood, and Seth Gruber

Absent: None

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

Guests: Herby Queen, Serenity Thomas, Dan Godek, and John Reimer

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

Public Comments

Serenity Thomas, representing Gove County Medical Center, requested approval of a liquor license for the Park Party to be held on August 7, 2026. Seth Gruber made a motion to approve the liquor license, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

The Council discussed passing any applicable fees associated with the liquor license and resolution prepared by Steve Hirsch on to the hospital. Serenity Thomas left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

John Reimer, representing Viking Industrial Painting, reviewed the water tower inspection report with the Council and answered questions regarding the findings. He left the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Dan Godek discussed three upcoming community events and asked if the Council had any additional requests or concerns. He left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Derek Herl reported that the department responded to three runs during the past month. The department's pumper truck was also tested. Derek Herl left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Maintenance Report:

Wade Harvey reported the following:

He will work with Daryl Zerr to install water meters at the duplexes. QMC is expected to install the sidewalk in front of the Opera House where Brook's water meter has been installed. The city will attempt to obtain a mailing address for Don Goetz regarding mowing his lot. The muncher for the sewer pond has been ordered. Flags will be installed on Thursday for the 4-H event. A new security camera has been ordered for the park. The west side of town needs to be sprayed for weeds.

The Council reviewed Ordinance No. 160-GO, noting that the reconnect fee differs from the previous Ordinance No. 104-GO. Ken Wood made a motion to increase the utility reconnect fee from \$40.00 to \$50.00, seconded by Darren Racette. Motion carried.

Seth Gruber made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Gove County Fair Board, seconded by Darren Racette. Motion carried. Herby Queen discussed the 2027 budget and

informed the Council that the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) would increase. The Council discussed compensation for preparing the City's budget. Ken Wood made a motion to pay Herby Queen \$250.00 for budget preparation, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried. Carol Weber will submit the required form notifying the County Clerk that the City intends to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

The Council reviewed the Kansas Water Office Loan Amendment following the sewer loan paydown. Ron Eberle made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Darren Racette. Motion carried.

Financials:

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Seth Gruber made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

Bills:

Council approved payment of the bills. Motion made by Seth Gruber, seconded by Ken Wood. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Marilyn Mong expressed concerns regarding the Hi-Plains Coop lots, stating that the weeds are overgrown and there are odors and mice infestation. Wade Harvey reported that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been contacted. Adam Weber's lot was also discussed regarding mowing.

Marilyn Mong asked whether Mike Bainter's fence was included on his building permit. It was explained that once a permit application is approved and the fee is paid, the applicant has six months to complete the approved project.

Darren Racette reported that two motorcycles have been traveling through town at excessive speeds.

Wade Harvey reported issuing Jon Bucher a warning citation regarding dogs running at large and gave Jon Hejny a verbal warning.

The Council reminded residents that all dogs and cats must be registered with the city. Registration allows the city to identify and contact owners when animals are found running at large.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Seth Gruber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darren Racette. Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Carol Weber
City Treasurer