

GRAINFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – March 9, 2026

The Grainfield City Council met in regular session on March 9, 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
Absent: Ken Wood, Seth Gruber

Also Present: Carol Weber, Derek Herl, Wade Harvey
Guests: Herby Queen, Bonnie Wood, Kay Haffner

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved with two corrections.

Kay Haffner, representing GCDC, provided an update on the duplex project. A meeting with all involved parties is scheduled for March 20 to continue discussions.

Bonnie Wood, Librarian, provided handouts for council review.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Derek Herl reported no fire runs. The annual Nut Fry will be held March 15 and is open to the public. He stated the department would like to sell the 1975 Chevy pickup. Once details are provided, Carol Weber will post the notice on Nex-Tech for sealed bids.

Derek also reported that summer recreation soccer will begin in April, utilizing the practice field and ball diamonds. The fire department plans to burn off the practice fields and ball diamonds this weekend.

Maintenance Report:

Wade Harvey reported that he turned the old lift station pump back on. He measured the well depth and noted that water levels have not changed significantly since last February. He will continue exercising valves, having completed approximately half of the town so far.

He has attempted to use the grader and continues working on installing street signs. He plans to spray the park prior to attending school in Wichita. Two VFD bids for the well houses have been received; this item was tabled until next month.

New Business

- **Liquor License – Opera House**

Darren Racette made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Opera House, seconded by Marilyn Mong. Ron Eberle abstained. Motion carried

- **Animal Licensing Enforcement**

Ron Eberle made a motion to send letters to all households regarding dog and cat licenses. Discussion followed regarding compliance and vaccination costs. Darren Racette noted that his dog belongs to his wife and stated he would not be tagging it. Marilyn Mong inquired about obtaining vaccinations locally and stated she had been unable to reach the veterinary office. No second was made; motion failed.

Note: Licensing ensures animals are current on vaccinations for public safety.

- **Mileage Reimbursement Rate**
Darren Racette made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.67 per mile, seconded by Marilyn Mong, motion carried.
- Emergency Response & Water Conservation Plans**
Ron Eberle made a motion to approve the Emergency Response Plan and Water Conservation Plan, Ron made the motion, seconded by Darren Racette, motion carried.
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Financials

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ten accounts remain past due. Ron Eberle made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Darren Racette. Motion carried.

Bills:

Council approved payment of bills, including a \$500.00 contribution to CS&BBQ. Motion made by Darren Racette, seconded by Ron Eberle. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

Additional Discussion

- Marilyn Mong inquired about a city clean-up. It was noted that only one was held last October and that GCDC typically organizes the event.
- Marilyn Mong asked about golf cart licensing fees: \$25.00 for the initial tag and \$5.00 annually for the sticker.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Carol Weber
City Treasurer