

MINUTES

The Grainfield City Council regular monthly meeting was on May 12, 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, Seth Gruber
Absent: None
Mayor: Harvey Heier
Present also: Carol Weber and Wade Harvey, Derek Herl
Guest: Marilyn Mong, Herby Queen, and Dina Heier

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

Ron made the motion, 2nd by Seth to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025 and motion carried.

Dina Heier representing the wellness committee along with NHS would like to apply for a grant to put in cross walks and signage at the 4 corners of the school. If they receive the grant, she will be back to discuss it with the council. They will be doing the walk and roll to safety again in August.

Maintenance Report: Wade had the lift station cleaned out. They will come back in 6 months. The valleys were discussed and it was agreed to do the north one by the school.

Fire Chief Report: Derek reported one control burn. He will call dig safe to do the burn pit by the sewer pond. They will serve the meal at CS&BBQ on Sunday night.

Recreation – Derek says soccer is finished and they have enough kids for T-ball, sling pitch and player pitch. The whole month on June will have about 7 home games.

With the mapping done now and meters all accounted for. The council says to add the sewer service to one building that was overlooked. Wade will check with the property owner to make sure there is no sewer service going to that building.

Herby has Wade helping him with the wood pile that needs cleaned up and he said he would have it done by CS@BBQ weekend. Gary stated that there are parts of town that need enforced yet. Herby said section 7 says the Compliance officer needs to go and inspect and felt like Wade did not do this. Wade wants to step away for this and wants Harvey to appoint someone else. Gary and Seth offered to drive the town and to come back with a list for discussion at the next meeting. A compliance officer will be appointed or a solution will be made for someone to do this job.

There was question if council members follow themselves the ordinances that are in place. Darren has checked with another attorney and he says the council needs to rewrite ordinances as the members and clerks have changed. During the discussion Darren expressed disagreement with the existing ordinance and indicated an unwillingness to comply with its provisions. He has a golf cart that he does not think

applies to the ordinance. The council acknowledged the concern including possible review or amendment of the ordinance, if deemed necessary. Harvey and Seth emphasized the importance of leading by example in upholding city ordinances, regardless of personal opinion, to maintain public trust and ensure consistent enforcement.

Discussion on Stray Cat Management

The council discussed the current procedures for handling stray cats within city limits. It was noted that stray cats have been captured and transported to farms that are not registered with the city, which is following existing ordinances governing animal control and relocation. Steve Hirsch, the city's attorney was contacted about the situation and was okay with the handling of the cats. The ordinance says to register with the city each year. These regulations are intended to ensure that animals are properly registered, identifiable as pets, and current on vaccinations, which are critical for preventing the spread of potentially deadly diseases. It was emphasized that part of responsible animal management includes respecting the property rights of others. When a stray cat or dog enters someone's property, it is important to handle the situation in a way that does not infringe upon the rights of that property owner.

The water tower has been inspected. The condition report on the water tower was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Carol presented the treasurer's report. There are 7 past dues with one being served papers on. Gary made the motion 2nd by Ron to accept the treasurer's report and motion carried.

Bills were read: Bills were presented by Carol with approval to pay the bills. Seth made the motion to pay including the bill to fix the dumpster for ½ the cost of purchasing a new one and for purchasing two traps at a discounted rate for future trapping, 2nd by Ken and motion carried.

Old Business: GCDC purchased a tarp to be put up in the park for the volleyball matches.

New Business: None

The next meeting will be on June 9th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Ken made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Seth and motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Weber, City Treasurer