

Gregory City Council Meeting
January 7, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Pochop; Council Members, Wade Juracek, Gerrie Soper, Kevin Mikkelsen, Dan DeSmet and Maurice Schlaht. Council Member absent was Stacey Boes. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the meeting agenda: building permit for Ace's Backhoe Service; update on the sidewalk grant program; update on grant search for handicap auditorium doors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to approve as written the December 17, 2007 council meeting minutes.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council members reviewed the building permit application for Ace's Backhoe Service to build a 50' x 70' garage. The building permit did not require a variance and the council members had no objections to the application.

SIDEWALK GRANT PROGRAM:

Wade Juracek reported that he is still waiting for the state to call him back about the "safe sidewalk" program. The federal government has given the State of South Dakota \$1,000,000.00 for funding the program.

AUDITORIUM DOOR:

Gerrie Soper reported that Bonnie Johnson is researching for grants to help put in a handicap door at the auditorium.

WELL HOUSE BUILDING:

Kevin Mikkelsen informed the council that he had been approached by some Odd Fellow Lodge members about getting the well house building fixed up that is adjacent to the Odd Fellows Lodge. The council agreed that the building should be fixed up.

ORDINANCE #202:

Ordinance #202, an ordinance supplementing the 2007 Budget, was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council

Member Schlaht, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #202. All members voted aye.

RECEIPTS REPORT:

The council reviewed a list of city receipts from September through December 2007. A question about airport fuel sales came up. The fuel sales were recorded with a general journal entry and not a receipt. The billing of the school for the use of city water to heat and cool the new school was also discussed. The school will be billed at \$.08 per square foot for the use of the city's water to heat and cool the new school building.

PRELIMINARY DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the council a preliminary December financial report. The figures will change some because not all 2007 receipts and bills are in yet.

RANCHER'S RESOLUTION:

The following resolution was presented to the city council:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN APPROVED BANKING DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory currently leases city owned property at the Gregory Municipal Airport to a company known as Rancher's Welding.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Economic Development has loaned money to Rancher's Welding to help that company construct a building and operate its business at the Gregory Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is not permitted by the FAA to allow mortgages to be placed upon the property at the Gregory Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS, because the South Dakota Board of Economic Development cannot mortgage the property where the Rancher's Welding building is constructed, the South Dakota Board of Economic Development desires to have a mortgage on the Rancher's Welding building to help secure its loan.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Economic Development will be submitting legal documents to the City of Gregory which, if executed by the Mayor, would enable the South Dakota Board of Economic Development to use the Rancher's Welding building as collateral should Rancher's Welding default on its loan obligations.

WHEREAS, the Gregory City Council has no objections to the South Dakota Board of Economic Development mortgaging or collateralizing the Rancher's Welding building as long as the City owned real estate under or near that building is not mortgaged or otherwise encumbered.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gregory City Council authorizes the Mayor of Gregory to execute the banking documents submitted by the South Dakota Board of Economic Development after those documents have been reviewed and approved by the Gregory City Attorney.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by City Council Member Dan DeSmet, and seconded by City Council Member Maurice Schlaht. Upon roll call vote, the Resolution was carried by the following vote: Ayes, 5; Nays, 0.

Dated this the 7th day of January, 2008.

Doug Pochop, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

GREGORY COUNTY VALUE ADDED PROGRAM:

Gregory County Development Corporation is sponsoring a “Creating Value-Added Communities” program for all communities in Gregory County. Each community can send up to four volunteers for the program. Council Member Soper volunteered to participate in the program.

AVERA GRANT:

The council reviewed some grant information from the Avera Foundation about grants to help community wellness. Mayor Pochop agreed to pass the information on to some community groups.

ELECTION DATE:

The council agreed to set the municipal election date for April 8, 2008. Terms are up for the Mayor’s position and one Council Member position in Wards I, II & III.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

The request to attend an annual report workshop in Mitchell was approved.

SNOW REMOVAL:

The council members voiced a concern over the lack of snow removal on the sidewalk in front of Vision Care Associates. Al Cerny will talk to the Vision Care employees about removing the snow.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht, seconded by Council Member Mikkelsen, to pay the following claims. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, mats/towels/coveralls	62.09
BG's Electronic Service, in dash cd receiver.....	110.00
Genesis Lamp Corporation, airport runway bulbs	47.92
Golden West, phone service	818.96
Gregory Animal Clinic, animal control	39.90
Gregory Building Center, silica sand/gutter/hanger/steel.....	55.92
Gregory Farm Service, duel fuel filter.....	20.00
Gregory Lanes, city Christmas party	1,200.00
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/wall of honor/subscription	255.61
H & J Sales Inc., grasshopper repair parts.....	196.40
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, auditorium stool/fountain/faucet repairs nutrition center stool repairs	316.66
Klein's True Value, cap/cutting wheel/UPS shipping/cleaning supplies	43.12
Michael Todd & Company, blades/nuts & bolts	862.49
Mr. Automotive, wire/marvel oil	13.80
Office Products Center, legal pads.....	7.80
Petty cash, postage reimbursement/car wash.....	28.25
Postmaster, postage stamps.....	41.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, bearing/fuses/terminals/seat belts/wipes/hose/fittings halogen bulb/wiper blade/battery/guard/test light/engine heater	499.01
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity/2 lights/shorting caps	3,023.56
Runnings Supply Inc., ext. cord/pin/hardware/rivets/welding rod/nuts & bolts connector/plug/antifreeze/fittings/drain cleaner/gloves/shells/boots/fuse	351.44
Sanitation Products, mushroom shoe for plow	427.32
Sheehan Mack Sales and Equipment Inc., seal/adapter.....	40.21
The Clean Zone, 25 car wash tokens	131.25
The Health Pool of SD, Jan. 08 health insurance	2,461.44
Tom's Standard, 4 tires/street dept.	535.80
Total \$	11,589.95

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, Jan 08 payment.....	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	5.37
DENR, Board of Operator Certification, 2008 certification renewal/M. Jacobsen	24.00

Department of Revenue, water testing.....	61.00
Golden West, phone service	81.38
Klein's True Value, plunger	7.99
Petty cash, postage reimbursement84
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	1,143.41
The Health Pool of SD, Jan. 08 health insurance	820.48
Tom's Standard, oil change	54.65
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Postmaster, water billing postage	183.30
Total \$	5,382.42

SEWER FUND:

Department of Revenue, wastewater testing.....	280.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	37.96
SD Dept of Environment & Natural Resources, 2008 wastewater fee	1,500.00
Total \$	1,817.96

WATER DEPOSIT:

Lucille Blake, refund of water deposit.....	20.00
Total \$	20.00
Grand Total \$	23,095.33

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 12/15-16/07
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 12/22-23/07; 12/25/07; 1/1/07
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 12/29-30/07; 6 hrs overtime

12-28-07 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	2,979.68
SDRS, retirement	1,471.98
Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment.....	219.23
Credit Collections Bureau, wage assignment	80.00
Finance Officer	1,467.20
Police Dept.....	4,348.50
Street Dept	3,321.51
Airport.....	224.00
Library.....	643.30
Water Dept.....	2,180.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL DECEMBER 2007:

BankWest, withholdings	1,298.53
Ambulance	4,975.00

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Mikkelsen, to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Doug Pochop, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer