

Gregory City Council Meeting
April 4, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Maurice Schlaht, Kevin Mikkelsen and Chad Peck. Council Member absent was Blane Bartling. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: ROCS Resolution, library report with resolution, and water project contract with SPN. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of March 21, 2011. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna reported that he was getting some road oil from the state for patching, and that the hose on the sewer jet machine was stuck in a sewer line along 3rd Street. He also reported on the asphalt conference that he attended. Lastly, Fortuna informed the council that water system leak detection can be provided by the Rural Water Association free of charge. A few service line water leaks have been found.

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger reported that the Gregory Prom will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 and that extra officers will be on duty. Ellwanger is also planning to have the police department attend a storm watchers class in Colome, SD next week.

AIRPORT CONFERENCE:

Finance Officer Al Cerny reported on the airport conference meeting that he attended in Watertown, SD. The city's airport is rated as a medium service airport, based on runway length and facilities. Congress has not determined any dollar amount to be given to the airports for improvements at this time. Other topics were security, promotions and notams for airports.

NEW BUSINESS:

BURKE STAMPEDE RODEO CATTLE DRIVE:

The Burke Stampede Rodeo Committee had earlier asked the council members about having the cattle drive go through Gregory's Main Street on the way to the Burke rodeo grounds. The council members have not received any negative feedback about the drive, so the council agreed to have the cattle drive go through Gregory's Main Street.

AIRPORT PLAT:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve of the following resolution. All members voted aye.

RESOLUTION

“BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Gregory, South Dakota, that the plat showing Gregory Airport First Addition in the SW ¼ of Section 17-T97N-R72W of the 5th P.M., Gregory County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof.”

AIRPORT LAND PURCHASE TAXES:

Council Member Soper made the motion to pay the property taxes on the airport land being purchased and deduct the cost from the final purchase price, if the purchase agreement is signed. All members voted aye.

PEDESTRIAN PATH:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to sign the grant amendment to the Gregory Pedestrian Path (Amendment # 2 to Agreement # 713888). All members voted aye.

CENSUS/CITY WARDS:

The council members reviewed a ward redistricting map following the 2010 census prepared by District III. Ward III would expand to include Rosebud Ave. All three wards would be close in population. The council would like to use 7th Street east of Rosebud Avenue all the way to the east city limits as the dividing line between Ward II and I. A census study will be done and the council will review again the wards at a later date.

ROCS RESOLUTION:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to adopt the following resolution in support of the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. Ayes: Gerrie Soper, Chad Peck, Maurice Schlaht & Kevin Mikkelsen. Nays: Tim Mills. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gregory continues to have a high incidence of poverty and unemployment and these conditions severely affect the quality of life for many of our neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. has utilized Community Services Block Grant and other funding leveraged from that source to successfully and efficiently provide services and opportunities to low-income and unemployed residents; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Block Grant provides not only funding but by law assures local control through a mandated board structure and flexibility to address changing local needs; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Community Services Block Grant is targeted for drastic reductions in multiple federal budget proposals, putting the entire range of services and opportunities provided by the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. at risk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Gregory is fully supportive of the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. and urges that adequate funding for the Community Services Block Grant be adopted in the Congressional appropriations process to assure the continuation of so many vital services to the citizens of the City of Gregory.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The council reviewed the March financial report from the library. Use of the library was up over last year.

LIBRARY RESOLUTION/TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve of the following resolution to keep the Gregory Library classified as a public library in the state of South Dakota and to remain tax-exempt and eligible for grants, and also approve the appointment of trustees, so that the Gregory Library remain compliant with State Codified Laws for South Dakota Libraries. All members voted aye.

RESOLUTION

In honor of National Library Week (April 10-16, 2011), we would like to officially recognize the Gregory Public Library as a South Dakota Public Library funded both by the City of Gregory and private donations and historically supported by the Gregory Library Club, which is delegated to appoint trustees from its membership to serve on the Gregory Library Board of Trustees.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES:

1. The term limit for appointed members of the Library Board of Trustees is 3 years and a trustee can be reappointed for additional terms if they wish to continue serving.
2. We approve the current list of Trustees serving on the library Board as appointed from the membership of the Gregory Library Club and also recognize that terms end at the end of their third year with new trustees taking their place in January.

Current list of trustees: Kathy Kayl, Bonnie Johnson, Joan Bloom, Pat Mattson, Kristi Roeder and Cheryl Smutny.

SPN CONTRACT:

The council reviewed a contract with SPN & Associates for work on the city water project. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve signing the contract. All members voted aye.

6TH STREET PROPOSAL:

The council discussed changing the terms of the 6th Street Project by lowering the assessment amount and removing the sidewalks. Al Cerny will check with the state audit office to determine if the city can re-submit the assessment proposal with different terms without a waiting period.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to pay the claims as presented.
All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, mileage reimbursement/Airport Conference @ Watertown ...	245.82
Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner.....	23.68
B & F Variety, pencils	5.24
Bartling Welding & Machine, 86 IHC truck/snow plow & skid loader repairs	598.40
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, lodging/Asphalt Conference @ Pierre	86.00
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, lodging/Airport Conference@ Watertown	166.00
Finance Office, SDDOT, non-participating preliminary engineering/5 th Street	801.59
Galls An Aramark Company, breath testing mouthpieces	75.98
Genesis Lamp Corporation, airport light bulbs.....	90.52
Golden West Telecommunications, April phone service.....	757.42
Gregory Building Center, library exterior east doors.....	4,102.38
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/annual report/business review	1,001.20
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, plumbing supplies for eye wash station ..	309.85
Health Pool of SD, April health insurance.....	2,250.45
Insurance Benefits Inc., 2 million airport liability 4/1/11 to 4/1/12.....	5,157.00
Jeff's Gregory Body Shop, tow charges to city yard	37.10
Johnson Pochop Law Office, attorney professional fees.....	325.00
Kevin Rayman, park tree stump removal in park	311.25
Klein's True Value, furnace filter.....	2.58
Meyerink Farm Service Inc., skid steer mounting bracket	100.00
Mr. Automotive, oval light/light grommet/air filter/acetyl	70.31
Office Products Center, copy machine service contract/toner cartridges	271.98
Opperman Inc., 5.5 hrs snow removal with trucks.....	412.50
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	21.17
Rosebud Auto Parts, valve cover gasket/gasket/air filters/seal/switches/ wrenches/fuel treatment/adaptor/gloves/clamp/circuit breaker/u-bolt	269.89
Runnings Supply Inc., chain/spray paint/batteries/fittings/spark plug/paint/ cable ties/gloves/cutting wheel/nuts & bolts/socket/grinding wheel/ pliers/welding helmet headgear/springs/brake fluid/sprayer/steel rod	339.30
SD Municipal League, Dist. 4 Meeting April 13, 2011 @ Dallas/registration	270.00
Soil Testing Laboratory, ball diamond soil testing.....	42.00
Wilson Heating & Cooling, heating system repairs @ city hall	671.39
Total \$	18,816.00

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT 2010:

American Fence Company, airport wildlife fence/payment #2.....	63,370.78
Helms & Associates, airport wildlife fence engineering fees	3,405.43
Total \$	66,776.21

WATER FUND:

Appera, coveralls.....	7.81
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Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West Telecommunications, April phone service.....	41.82
Gregory Times Advocate, 2010 Drinking Water Report	173.00
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, bushings.....	6.90
Health Pool of SD, April health insurance.....	900.18
Klein's True Value, adapter.....	7.58
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	2.06
SD Municipal League, Dist. 4 Meeting April 13, 2011 @ Dallas/registration	72.00
Tripp County Water User District, April water service	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage.....	193.48
Total \$	4,441.83

SEWER FUND:

Rural Development, April loan payment/Phase I.....	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

BUILDING DEPOSIT:

Rick & Sue Hogue, building deposit refund	120.00
Total \$	120.00

Grand Total \$ 94,439.04

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 4/2-3/11

Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 3/26-27/11; .5 hr overtime (snow removal by auditorium)

3-30-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,494.24
SDRS, retirement.....	1,523.04
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment.....	219.23
City of Gregory, galls payment.....	25.00
Mayor/Council	4,775.00
Finance Officer	1,708.01
Police Dept	4,056.38
Street Dept.....	3,346.56
Airport.....	250.29
Library	880.21
Water Dept.....	2,507.20

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to adjourn. All members voted aye.

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Dan DeSmet, Mayor