

Gregory City Council Meeting  
September 8, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tues., Sept. 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Chad Peck, Blane Bartling and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent were Mayor Dan DeSmet and Council Member Maurice Schlaht. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: trees along Highway 47, building permit, hail insurance report and audit report. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve as written the regular minutes of August 17, 2009. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM: RICK LUTT/STORAGE BUILDINGS:

Rick Lutt met with the council to ask them to reconsider and allow him to move in several metal storage containers on a lot located west of the bowling alley. Lutt showed several pictures of "questionable" storage buildings throughout Gregory. After reviewing the pictures, motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to allow the placement of the metal storage units on the lot west of the bowling alley provided that the units follow the city's setback regulations. Ayes: Bartling, Peck, Mikkelsen; Nays: Soper. Motion carried.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger reported that Shawn Claussen is going to SD Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training in Pierre to become a certified law enforcement officer. The council agreed to hire Dan Sedillo to help out on weekends while Claussen is attending school. Steve McDowell recently attended DARE training and will be teaching the DARE Program in the county schools. The Gregory Police Dept. recently hosted a highway safety class. The three Gregory Officers each received a new PBT kit valued at \$600.00 each for attending the class. Ellwanger reported that the 24-7 Program went from a 2-hour to a 1-hour time for participants to get tested daily.

OLD BUSINESS:

The council did not have a recommendation to replace Jim Scissons on the county development board. Al Cerny will check with the Gregory BID group for volunteers.

BUILDING PERMIT:

Darla Jordan submitted a building permit application to move a house onto a lot at 11<sup>th</sup> & Spencer. There will be an 8' variance on the 11<sup>th</sup> street side but the house will line

up with existing structures. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the building permit submitted by Darla Jordan. All members voted aye. Bonnie Johnson submitted a permit to move a carport on to her property. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the permit submitted by Johnson. All members voted aye.

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET SIDEWALK:

The city had received a request to get a sidewalk constructed along 6<sup>th</sup> Street running to the school. If the city was to start a project to build a new sidewalk, the construction could not start until Oct. 19, 2009, if the council was going to special assess the sidewalk. The council agreed that the existing sidewalk to the north side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street should be cleared of overhanging trees and cleaned up so that students use it more often.

#### PONCA VALLEY SCHOOL:

The council was informed that the Gregory County Historical Society would take over the Ponca Valley School building situated along Highway 47 if the city ever received title to the building. The council agreed to turn the building over to the historical society if the city received title to the schoolhouse.

#### DRAINAGE STUDY:

The city recently received \$9,000 from the South Central Water Development District to help pay for a drainage study of the town. It was agreed to apply to the state for the remaining \$9,000 to complete the study.

#### HIGHWAY 18 CROSSING:

The Council had received concerns about students from Hill's Addition crossing Highway 18 & Felton Avenue. The state had been contacted earlier and some issues were raised by the state, including sidewalks on Felton, the number of people crossing Highway 18, and handicap ramps. Al Cerny will contact the state again and find out just what can be done about the situation.

#### SDMS SALES TAX PROPOSAL:

The SDML is exploring the possibility of working on legislation that would enable city's to add another one-cent sales tax to help provide revenue to towns to develop large capitol improvement projects. The local towns would still have to vote the extra one-cent sales tax in if the state would allow it. After some discussion, the council members did not want to support the proposed legislation.

#### AUDIT REPORT:

A short report on the draft 2007-2008 audit report was given.

#### 2010 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #210, an ordinance outlying the 2010 city budget and authorizing the property tax levy for 2010, was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Council

Member Mikkelsen to approve of the first reading of Ordinance #210. All members voted aye.

TREES/HWY 47:

Council Member Bartling reported that he had recent complaints about poor visibility caused by trees at the intersection of Hwy 47 and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. It was agreed that the trees would be trimmed or cut down. Notices will be sent out to the landowners and the city street department will cut or trim where possible.

INSURANCE CLAIM:

The city received the insurance adjuster's estimate of damage on the city buildings caused by the August hailstorm. The council members will review the estimates and decide on what should be repaired at the next council meeting.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to pay the following claims as presented and to bill out the Hanson Pipe & Precast invoice to the responsible parties. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, mileage reimb/recording & transfer deed reimb .....	95.81
Appeara, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls/mats .....	64.47
Avenet LLC, website service & maintenance .....	396.00
B & F Variety, binders.....	19.99
Department of Revenue, pool water testing.....	96.00
July-August 2009 pool sales tax .....	220.09
Galls, An Aramark Company, police dept. boots & holster .....	95.97
Golden West, September phone service .....	931.51
Gregory County Hwy Dept., county hwy dept payment received.....	13,075.00
road maintenance .....	37.50
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing .....	334.68
Hawkins Inc., pool chemical pump/container demurrage charges ....	471.95
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage service pickup .....	200.00
Ken Adams, reimbursement for airport EAA subscription dues .....	40.00
Kens Body Shop, install door pins & bushings on blazer .....	28.00
Kleins True Value, duct tape/goggles/thermometer/cleaning supplies towels/filters/air fresheners.....	233.48
M & J Auto Inc., cell phone/carry pouch (Jack Wenger).....	119.99
Mr. Automotive, urethane/power washer fittings/odor absorber.....	36.98
North Forty Ag, case of Schaeffer 15W30 oil .....	95.10
Office Products Center, ink cartridges & toner cartridges .....	448.98
Opperman Inc., 44.67 ton patch mix trucking .....	536.04
Rosebud Auto Parts, bearings/grease/packer parts/battery for blazer	204.54
Runnings Supply Inc., fittings/brush/tray liner/nuts & bolts/fertilizer gear lube/welding rods/lighter fluid/hole saw .....	205.51
Sand Construction Inc., machine hire at tree dump .....	336.74
SD Municipal League, SDML convention registration/Al Cerny .....	100.00



8-17-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	48.28
Water Dept .....	300.00

8-19-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	3,386.27
SDRS, retirement .....	1,574.46
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	131.89
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,389.76
Street Dept .....	3,696.91
Airport.....	280.32
Library .....	924.39
Park .....	308.30
Pool .....	2,614.03
Water Dept .....	2,388.81
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

9-2-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	2,573.51
SDRS, retirement .....	1,490.80
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment.....	25.00
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	.99
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,530.41
Street Dept .....	2,879.14
Airport.....	284.70
Library .....	561.63
Park .....	54.00
Water Dept .....	2,348.80
Economic Development.....	200.00

ADJOURN:

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

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Tim Mills, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Cerny, Finance Officer