

Gregory City Council Meeting
June 4, 2007

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were preset: Mayor Doug Pochop; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Stacey Boes, Wade Juracek, Maurice Schlaht, Kevin Mikkelsen and Dan DeSmet. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna and news reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: Birkeland sidewalk, public nuisance, park drainage, 7th Street water main, delegate to Southern Missouri Waste, auditorium generator and abandoned houses.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve the minutes of May 21, 2007 as written. All members voted aye.

VIC SCHMITZ/STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Vic Schmitz met with the council to inquire about closing the platted cul-de-sac between Lots 19 and 18 in Pleasantview Addition. A petition will be presented to the council at the next meeting to close the cu-de-sac.

FIRE DEPT:

Brad Christensen reported that Gregory was the only town on the county fire advisory board to vote for an opt out for fire department funding. The prospect of a county-wide fire funding opt out is not good. There was discussion of the need to upgrade equipment to meet ISO ratings which in turn can lower or raise insurance premium costs. Some more information on the ISO rating process will be obtained to try and find out what the city should be doing.

ALLEY RESOLUTION TO VACATE:

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Lorraine M. Nemer is the property owner of Lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Block 78 of the Original Town of Gregory. Adjacent to her property is a platted, but unimproved, alley which comes to a dead-end halfway through Block 78 of the Original Town of Gregory.

Pursuant to SDCL 9-45-10, Lorraine M. Nemer has submitted to the City Council a verified "Petition to Vacate an Unimproved Alley" which is formally described as follows, to-wit:

The platted alley adjacent to Lots 1-6 of Block 78 of the Original Town of Gregory.

WHEREAS, that the City Council, pursuant to SDCL 9-45-11, caused to be published once each week, for two consecutive weeks, the "Notice of Hearing" upon said Petition;

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to SDCL 9-45-11, held a hearing on said Petition on June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gregory City Hall;

WHEREAS, the City Council having deemed it expedient that said matters should be proceeded with;

IT BEING RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the unimproved, platted alley adjacent to Lots 1-6 of Block 78 of the Original Town of Gregory, be vacated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gregory City Finance Officer shall cause notice of this Resolution to Vacate be published and the same be filed with the Gregory County Register of Deeds pursuant to SDCL 9-45-12.

The foregoing resolution was offered by City Council Member Soper and seconded by City Council Member Boes. Upon roll call vote the resolution carried by the following vote: AYES, 6; NAYS, 0.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2007.

Doug Pochop – Mayor City of Gregory, South Dakota

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny – City Finance Officer

ONE DAY BEER LICENSE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve a one-day malt beverage license for the Carlock Softball Association at the Gregory Auditorium for June 23, 2007. All members voted aye.

POOL:

Pool Manager Brandy Bearshield met with the council to discuss selling some concession items at the pool, including freeze pops and candy bars. The council agreed to purchase a small freezer and try selling some items.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPT. REPORT:

Mark Fortuna reported that the fire hydrants had been flushed and flow tested. Four fire hydrants were found to be leaking and they will be fixed. There was also a sewer main adjacent Hwy. 47 that had surface water leaking into it.

OLD BUSINESS:
WARNING SIREN:

The storm siren has been moved from 1st Street to a location east of Mr. G's. Council Member Juracek asked why the siren was moved to this location since the council had voted to move it to another location in Hill's Addition. Mayor Pochop agreed that only council decisions should be changed by the council.

STORM WATCHERS:

The council discussed having the storm watchers use the city's fire trucks for weather watching if they wanted to. The council agreed that all Gregory weather watchers should sign an application form and that the city's radio should be removed from the private vehicle of one of the weather watchers.

AUDITORIUM GENERATOR:

Council Member Mikkelsen stated that when the REC had time, they would install the necessary equipment to use a PTO generator at the auditorium.

PARK DRAINAGE:

Council Member Soper asked about the drainage ditch on the south side of the park. A storm sewer system would be very expensive and there is still the problem of water drainage in the field west of the park. It was agreed to clean the ditch and fill the bottom with rock.

7TH STREET WATER MAIN:

Mark Fortuna estimated it would cost between \$6,000 -\$8,000 to run a water main from 7th & Whittecar, one half block west. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to install the water main. All members voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:
ORDINANCE #199:

Ordinance #199, an ordinance setting forth mowing requirements for grass and weeds, was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet to

approve the first reading of Ordinance #199 with the change to 8" high grass or weeds, seconded by Council Member Juracek. All members voted aye.

DISTRICT III MEMBERSHIP:

Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council Member Soper, to maintain the city's membership in Planning and Development District III for the year 2008. All members voted aye.

EASEMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht, seconded by Council Member Boes, to pay \$500 for an easement to run a sewer main over the property of Paul Vaughn's. All members voted aye.

ABANDONED HOUSES:

Council Member DeSmet asked if there was a way to tax abandoned houses higher if the owner doesn't agreed to tear them down. There is a process to condemn the houses that may be used if the need is there.

BIRKELAND SIDEWALK:

Jason Birkeland and Ken Rajewich would like to replace the sidewalk from the alley to the front of their businesses and place it on an assessment roll. The council agreed to the request.

PUBLIC NUISANCE COMPLAINT:

Council Member Mikkelsen received a complaint from Jacob Knittel about a neighbor running lawn mowers and causing a lot of noise. There person will be checked to see if he has a sales tax license and is running a business.

DELEGATE TO REGIONAL LANDFILL CENTER:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to nominate Kevin Mikkelsen to serve as the city's delegate to the Southern Missouri Recycling and Waste Management System, seconded by Council Member Boes. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council approved a building permit for Lawrence Neuharth to build a garage. The permit does not require a variance.

STREET WORK:

Plans for street work, including seal coating, will be completed in the near future.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet to pay the following claims as presented with the exception of withholding 10% from the Steffen Construction bill, seconded by Council Member Schlaht. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, reimbursement for typewriter knob.....	7.13
Arnold Pool Company, water testing supplies.....	74.69
B & F Variety, pool supplies	6.74
Concrete Surfaces, pool crack filler materials	286.00
Craig Vosika, work on library stools	40.00
Golden West, phone service	880.73
Gregory Animal Clinic PC, animal control	79.80
Gregory Building Center, caulk gun.....	25.99
Gregory Iron Works, welding repairs/ford truck	23.10
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing	324.98
Gregory's, Ranchers Welding groundbreaking ceremony/coffee & cookies	33.92
H & J Sales Inc., tiller work/knives/blades/deck work.....	223.25
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, pool plumbing repairs.....	81.40
Hawkins Inc., chlorine/soda ash/sodium hypochlorite/caustic acid/flowmeter	2,850.14
Jono's, police dept gasoline	35.58
Karl's, police dept vhs tapes	3.98
Klein's True Value, key/transmitter/cleaning supplies/timer/fittings/towels toilet paper/hooks/bleach/paint/brushes.....	357.05
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, laser checks	299.00
Michael Todd & Company, grader tooth.....	99.86
Mr. G's, police dept gasoline.....	33.23
Opperman Inc., gravel/patch mix trucking	1,439.98
Petty cash, pool beginning cash on hand	25.00
postage reimbursement/car wash	3.50
Runnings Supply Inc., parts/turf food/spreader/fittings hose clamps/sprayer muriatic acid/pipe thread/ fuel filter/shovels/paint	531.43
SD Dept. of Public Safety, test airport fuel pumps.....	10.00
Share Corporation, wax for pool slide	159.73
Wm. Krotter Co., roof cement	13.23
Total \$	7,949.44

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, June loan payment	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

OBSERVATION PARK PROJECT:

Steffen Construction, park walking trail curb (90%).....	19,354.00
Total \$	19,354.00

BALL PARK CONSTRUCTION:

SMC, 73.45 ton aglime	514.15
Total \$	514.15

INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Arens Engineering, industrial park construction plans	2,760.00
Total \$	2,760.00

WATER FUND:

Golden West, phone service	82.76
HD Supply Waterworks LTD, de-chlorinating supplies/fire hydrant testing	452.80
Petty cash, postage reimbursement58
SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, 2008 drinking water fee	600.00
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Postmaster, water billing postage	185.64
Total \$	4,321.78

SEWER FUND:

Paul Vaughn, easement/industrial park sewer	500.00
Runnings Supply Inc., concrete mix	17.47
Total \$	517.47

Grand Total \$ 39,701.84

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 5/19-20/07 & 6/2-3/07
Jack Wenger, 1 hr overtime; weekend water duty 5/26-27/07

6-1-07 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,250.34
SDRS, retirement	1,497.50
Aflac, insurance	31.80
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	230.77
Credit Collections Bureau, wage garnishment.....	80.00
City of Gregory, wage garnishment.....	30.00
Finance Officer	1,467.20
Police Dept.....	4,591.00
Street Dept	3,026.63
Airport.....	224.00
Pool	980.56
Park	695.00
Library.....	568.50
Water Dept	2,20.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

ADJOURN:

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

Doug Pochop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Cerny, City Finance Officer