

Gregory City Council Meeting
June 1, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., June 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Blane Bartling, Kevin Mikkelsen, Chad Peck and Maurice Schlaht. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the agenda with the following additions: spiking permit; District III membership resolution; tree issue; library roof; concrete disposal; cat problem, and grass mowing. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve, as written, the regular minutes of May 18, 2009. All members voted aye.

ONE-DAY BEER LICENSE:

The council held a hearing for the granting of a one-day beer license to the Gregory Golf Club for June 9, 2009 in the City Park and July 3, 2009 at the industrial park. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the one-day beer license to the Gregory Golf Club for June 9, 2009 and July 3, 2009. All members voted aye.

CDBG SEWER LAGOON HEARING:

The council held a hearing concerning the city's application for a CDBG Grant/SRF Loan to construct a new sewer line to the lagoons. The total estimated cost is \$557,000. There were four different funding options given, with the total cost dependent upon grant dollars received. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the authorizing resolution using wastewater system revenues to pay back any SRF loan funds received for the project. All members voted aye

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has identified the need for the Gregory Wastewater Systems Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory proposes to apply for up to \$500,000 in Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program funds at an interest rate of 2.25% for up to 10 years, 3.0% for 11-20 years, or 3.25% for 21-30 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is eligible for state assistance for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory pledges to repay the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan by using wastewater system revenues; and

WHEREAS, with the submission of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program application, the City of Gregory assures and certifies that all Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program requirements will be fulfilled; then

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gregory City Council duly authorizes the submission of this Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Gregory be authorized to execute the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program application and be the authorized signatory on all pay requests and related documents concerning the Gregory Wastewater Improvements Project.

Dated this 1st day of June 2009.

SIGNED:

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

S E A L

ATTEST:

Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the street and park employees were busy mowing and picking up branches. The pool is ready except for the baby pool, which still needs some work done to it. Fortuna would like to buy a VFD converter for the lift stations at a cost of \$1,400. The council agreed to allow the purchase.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Mills reported that the airport committee had met with airport Manager Ken Adams. Adams had some concerns about an individual talking advantage of the airport facilities (fax, computer, etc.). It was suggested that the airport could use more jet fuel capacity. Cost estimates will be obtained to see if this is feasible.

2ND READING OF WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE:

Ordinance #206, an ordinance amending Sections 50.03 & 50.04 of Chapter 50 (Water) and Ordinance #207, an ordinance amending Section 51.01 of Chapter 51 (Sewer), were placed on their second readings. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinances #206 & #207. All members voted aye.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Mayor Dan DeSmet appointed George Johnson as City Attorney for the City of Gregory.

WILDLIFE ASSESSMENT:

The council reviewed an agreement with USDA Wildlife Services to do a wildlife hazard review. Of some land the city would like to purchase to protect the runway at the

Gregory Airport. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to sign the agreement with USDA Wildlife Services for \$3,500 to do the wildlife hazard review at the airport. All members voted aye.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The council considered a proposal by Shawn Claussen to keep his own health insurance and have the city pay for a supplement. The city would save \$342.00 in insurance costs. The city needs 75% of the employees covered by the present insurance carrier. The council agreed to pay for Shawn Claussen's supplement in lieu of paying for his regular insurance.

HOUSE REMOVAL:

The council agreed to remove Jeff Kolbe's house under the same terms that the city would help with the removal of Rick Lutt's house.

BUILDING PERMITS:

The council reviewed the building permit submitted by Justin and Jennifer Keegan for a garage. The Keegan's asked the council to consider granting them 4' of city right of way so that the garage could be placed on an existing slab of concrete. If not feasible, they would like to build up to the existing lot lines. The council tabled any action until the next meeting.

A building permit was submitted by Cheryl Smutny to place a pre-built home at 314 Spencer Avenue. There were no variances needed. The council approved the building permit.

SUMMER HELP:

The council agreed to hire the following summer help: Halee Wendell, \$8.25 per hour; Melissa Tiede, \$8.50 per hour; Corena Johnson, \$7.30 per hour; Carrie Hemeyer, \$7.30 per hour; Mercedes Colford, Taylor Anshutz, Erika McClellan, Paxton Johnson and Michaela Beck, \$6.55 per hour.

SPIKING PERMIT:

A spiking permit hearing will be held for Mary Bob's Bar on June 15, 2009.

DISTRICT III:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to join District III Planning & Development at a cost of \$1,910 per year and retain Gerrie Soper as the council representative. All members voted aye.

TREES:

The council received concerns about trees at 410 Whittecar Avenue and 216 W 7th Street. It was agreed to contact someone about cutting them down.

LIBRARY:

Council Member Soper reported that the roof on the Gregory Library was leaking. It was agreed to advertise for proposals to fix the roof.

CONCRETE REMOVAL:

The council gave approval to haul some concrete to the lagoon area.

CAT PROBLEM:

The problem of cats running in the city was discussed again. People are still complaining about the problem. The police department will be consulted about doing some different things to better help the situation.

PUBLIC NUISANCES:

Mayor DeSmet discussed the problem of public nuisances in the form of unkept lots and houses. He reviewed the city’s ordinance and took several pictures of lots and houses that need attention. Notices will be sent out to owners of lots that need mowing. Once a notice is received for mowing, the owner has 5 days to mow or the city will mow and charge the owner. There are several houses that need to be either torn down or major repairs need to be done. The owner’s will also be notified.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner	21.73
Christensen Sales & Service, airport electrical materials	9.18
Concrete Surfaces, pool crack sealer	270.60
Dakota Auto Care, 2005 Chevy/recharge A/C system	129.19
Dakota Plains Chapter, lifeguard/WSI training materials	455.79
Dockendorf Equipment Co., repairs to airport Gasboy system	1,630.96
Golden West, June phone service	825.81
Gregory Iron Works, grasshopper iron work	12.38
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing	431.07
H & J Sales Inc., grapple fork & bucket rental/trimmer knives/ spark plug/mower quill assy	314.40
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, flapper	3.89
Hawkins Inc., caustic soda/chlorine/pool chemicals	3,174.90
Jim’s Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	140.00
Johnson Eklund Law Office, legal fees	761.22
Klein’s True Value, bleach/glove/bulb/drain opener/measuring cup/ tape/dish soap/keys/batteries/test plugs	92.71
Mr. Automotive, air & fuel filters.....	63.84

Office Products Center, copy paper/toner.....	74.99
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	9.19
pool beginning cash.....	25.00
Public Safety Equipment Co LLC, holster (S. Claussen).....	95.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, abrasive wheel/nitrile glove/carb cleaner.....	69.53
Runnings Supply Inc., cable/bolts/screws/couplers/strapping/chain link/ sand mix/safety hasp/drill bit/plug/Teflon tape/pipe thread/snap link/ mower parts/silica sand/fittings/paint/brushes/tubing/keys/ pressure gauge/grinding wheel.....	322.91
SMC, 24.15 ton aglime.....	185.96
Sun Gold Trophies, retirement plaque for Janice Tilton.....	53.00
The Health Pool of SD, June health insurance.....	2,136.50
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, repair sprinkler system/park & ballfield.....	291.89
Wm. Krotter Co., pool entry lockset.....	45.99
Total \$	11,647.63

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	7.46
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, June phone service.....	81.54
Gregory Times Advocate, 2008 drinking water report.....	159.23
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, materials for pitless well conversion/ submersible pump cable/splice kit.....	1,660.25
Hawkins Inc., chlorine/hydrofluosilicic acid.....	552.27
Office Products Center, copy paper.....	39.99
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	.78
Runnings Supply Inc., electrical tape/wire stripper/fernco/plug/flags.....	45.54
SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, 2010 drinking water fee.....	600.00
The Health Pool of SD, June health insurance.....	854.60
Tripp County Water User District, water service.....	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage.....	195.44
Total \$	7,234.10

SEWER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, repair sewer main/between 9 th & 10 th on Main.....	962.65
Department of Revenue, wastewater testing.....	350.00
Gregory Times Advocate, notice.....	10.88

Total \$ 1,323.53

FELTON AVENUE BOND SINKING:

BankWest, 1st half bond payment 12,800.00

Total \$ 12,800.00

Grand Total \$ 37,290.26

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 1 hr overtime; weekend water duty, 5/23-24-25/09

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 5/16-17/09

5-27-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings 3,164.57

SDRS, retirement 1,547.30

Aflac, insurance 122.48

Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment 219.23

City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges 10.00

Finance Officer 1,635.20

Police Dept..... 4,573.25

Street Dept 3,230.79

Airport..... 280.32

Library 737.67

Park 1,920.50

Pool 429.55

Water Dept..... 2,648.80

General Government Bldg 250.00

Economic Development..... 200.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 8:50 p.m. At 8:55 p.m., Mayor DeSmet took the council out of executive session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer