

Gregory City Council Meeting
November 3, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Nov. 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Wade Juracek; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Chad Peck, Maurice Schlaht and Tim Mills. Absent were Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: Ron Beavers building permit; salary amount for BID Executive Director; dog cleanup complaint; airport land rent damages and; use of city's rubble site. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the minutes from October 20, 2008 as written. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM/VISITORS:

The Gregory City Council met with four Gregory County Commissioners to discuss the 24/7 sobriety program. The county commissioners asked if the city's police department would continue the testing for the 24/7 Program. The council was in agreement that the city would continue the testing as it is a worthwhile program. The commissioners will follow up on the paperwork that was submitted, so that the state will reimburse the city for any expenses incurred with the program.

DEPT HEAD REPORT:

Mark Fortuna reported that the public works employees were cleaning sewer mains and picking up tree leaves. He presented a cost estimate of \$300-\$400 to get the hookup for a single place generator to be used at the sewer lift stations if power was ever down. The wiring at the Whittecar lift station needs updating and Fortuna is looking at an alarm system that would call if the lift stations failed. He is also getting a cost estimate for a 3-point hookup for the new airport tractor.

EMERGENCY PLANNING:

Mayor Juracek wants the city to get an emergency plan put together. He will be putting together a list of people that he would like to include in the plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Juracek read a letter of thanks from Encore Aviation that thanked Airport Manager Ken Adams for his recent help in getting a flight plan filed for a pilot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The council discussed the parking lot lighting cost of the St. John Lutheran Church lot. The lights from the lot also help with people using the parking lot for events at the auditorium. Any further action on sharing some of the cost of lighting was tabled until the school can be contacted to see if they would be interested in paying for some of the cost.

ACCESS PERMIT:

The council reviewed a highway access permit for another access into the roadside park area to serve as an entrance into a proposed commercial building site area. The council agreed to proceed with the permit application.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The October report was reviewed. General fund expenses are up slightly from 2008 and revenues are down approximately \$30,000.

AIRPORT AWOS:

The city has recently received word that the Gregory Airport will receive an all-weather operating system or AWOS from the state. With this device, pilots can get a report on current weather conditions at the airport. The estimated cost of the AWOS System is \$80,000.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council received a building permit application from Ron Beavers for a 12' addition to his garage. He was asking that the city change the right of way from 100' to 80' so he could use 10' of the right of way for his garage. The council denied the request. The question was asked why the council did not grant this right of way reduction request when they had done so in the past for other people. The councils' response was that the prior right of way requests should not have been allowed and the practice of granting the right of way requests should stop at once.

BID EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper that Ron Kyburz, the current Executive Director of the BID group, be paid \$400.00 per month for his services. All members voted aye.

DOG COMPLAINT:

The council received a complaint concerning certain dogs on leashes causing a waste problem on his lawn. The council asked that people respect the property of others. If this continues to be a problem, then the council will address it.

AIRPORT RENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to give Justin Vosika a \$200 rent reduction on the last half of the 2008 airport rent because he had to cut some corn down because of runway regulations. All members voted aye.

DUMP SITE:

The council discussed the use of the city's rubble site to dump construction rubble once the city receives permission to do so. A request was received to take an older house to the site and have the city haul the debris free of charge to help with city beautification. There was discussion on charging something to get the city's cost back. The issue was tabled until the city gets permission to haul construction rubble to the site.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:

Mayor Wade Juracek, Al Cerny, Dave Nicholas and Dwight Ellwanger met and discussed the Safe Routes to School application.

POLICE DEPT. MEETING:

Mayor Juracek met with the police department and they discussed school patrols, speeding on Felton Avenue and Highway 18, getting a digital speed indicator and the 24/7 Program.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve payment of the following claims. All council members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, meal reimbursement/airport commission mtg.....	28.52
Appeara, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls/mats	39.68
Dell Marketing L.P., airport computer/monitor/wireless router	630.68
Golden West, phone service	805.24
Gregory Building Center, library door knobs/airport level	91.97
Gregory Iron Works, iron for airport	24.76
Gregory Public Library, media storage tower.....	388.45
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing	269.58
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, auditorium A/C repair/filter/coupler	173.73
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	140.00
Klein's True Value, cleaning supplies/signs/bulbs/liquid plumber ...	44.67
Leidholt, McNeely & Leidholt, aud. heating/cooling pay request #1	35,900.00
Mark Fortuna, mileage reimbursement/airport commission mtg	140.40
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	13.23
RDJ Specialties Inc., police dept coloring books	127.17
Runnings Supply Inc., steel tubing/nuts & bolts/antifreeze/coupler/paint fittings/lawn winterizer & fertilizer/lock pin/shells/batteries	308.48

The Health Pool of SD, November health insurance	2,563.80
Tom's Service, airport car oil change	40.05
Total \$	41,730.41

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

WATER FUND:

Alis Veren, water bill overpayment44
Appera, coveralls.....	6.19
Dean Engel, water bill overpayment.....	.40
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, phone service	81.55
Gregory Building Center, blade/concrete block	29.49
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, bushing/fittings/plug/valve	142.04
Petty cash, postage reimbursement76
Runnings Supply Inc., cap/dehumidifier/adapter/tote	224.92
Safety Benefits Inc., OSHA Trenching Training.....	60.00
The Health Pool of SD, November health insurance	854.60
Tom's Service, Ford pickup oil change/air filter	63.55
Tripp County Water User District, monthly water service	3,000.00
Southeast Technical Institute, Red Flags Rules Training	79.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage	190.35
Total \$	4,770.29

SEWER FUND:

Department of Revenue, wastewater testing.....	255.00
Total \$	255.00

WATER DEPOSIT:

Susan Feyereisen, refund water deposit.....	5.00
Total \$	5.00
Grand Total \$	51,045.70

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 10/18-19/08; 2 hrs overtime

10-29-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,116.02
SDRS, retirement	1,531.40
Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23

City of Gregory, lawn mower payment	200.00
Finance Officer	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	4,600.88
Street Dept	3,848.00
Airport.....	369.75
Park	49.50
Library.....	555.70
Water Dept	2,580.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

Wade Juracek, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, City Finance Officer