

Gregory City Council Meeting
March 3, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., March 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following council members were present: Wade Juracek, Stacey Boes, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. Mayor Doug Pochop was absent. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and New Reporter Colleen Flynn.

Council Pres. Kevin Mikkelsen chaired the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: safe routes to school, town well information, auditorium heat, use of pool by Winner children, common garden and executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Boes, seconded by Council Member Juracek, to approve as written the February 18, 2008 minutes. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger met with the council to ask about adding a fax line for the police department and using the surplus fax machine. Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve adding another service line for the police dept. for the fax. All members voted aye. Ellwanger also requested buying some handout materials for a bike safety class for the grade school aged children. The cost would be \$120.00. Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Boes, to purchase the bike safety materials. All members voted aye.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna met with the council and gave them a current price for road oil. Fortuna would like to lock the current price by pre-paying for the oil. Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet, seconded by Council Member Soper, to lock in the road oil price. All members voted aye. The council gave Mark Fortuna permission to attend the Asphalt Conference in Pierre on April 2-3, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Juracek reported that the application period is just opening for the "Safe Routes to School" program. He will fill out the application. Juracek also briefed the council on city well vein information. A former Gregory resident who used to dig wells informed him that there was a good vein of water just west of the "old chicken" farm in Gregory. The high level of nitrates is a concern with the in-town water.

Council Member Mikkelsen reported that a firm had looked at the present heating system at the auditorium and this firm will give the city an estimate for replacement in about one month.

Council Member Soper reported that there was some interest from Winner in possibly busing some children to the Gregory Swimming Pool this summer because the Winner pool is being re-built.

CONCESSION STAND:

The council received a letter from the Youth Recreation Board. The recreation board would like to build a new concession stand to be used by the football and two baseball fields. The current football concession stand would be converted to a restroom facility. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht, seconded by Council Member Juracek, to donate \$5,000 towards the concession stand project.

WATER RATES:

The council looked at different water rates of other towns in South Dakota. A few questions arose about the rates and it was decided to wait on making any decisions about the rates until the next council meeting.

DEBT SERVICE/FIRE HALL:

The council looked at some different options to get the debt service of the fire hall paid off sooner. It was agreed to review the options at budget time and also when the next fire hall payment comes due in the fall.

CONCRETE CRUSHING:

A firm from Nebraska has offered to pay the city 25¢ per ton for the concrete rubble at the lagoons. The firm will crush the concrete. If the city wants to buy the material, it will cost \$13.00 per ton. The council tabled any decision until the next meeting.

COMMERCIAL CLUB:

Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to donate \$2,000 to the Commercial Club for the 4th of July fireworks display. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council reviewed a building permit application submitted by Ed & Leanne Sinclair. The application did not need any variance and the council approved the permit.

AIRPORT ANNEXATION:

The council received a petition from Mayor Pochop to annex the airport land into the city limits without the land that Ranchers Livestock Equipment is renting. After some discussion, the council tabled any decision until the next meeting.

ACH PAYMENTS/PAYROLL:

BankWest is updating and changing the way the city will make payroll direct deposits and automatic water/sewer payments. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to sign the new services agreement with BankWest and designate Al Cerny and Jennifer Keegan as authorized representatives for the City of Gregory, seconded by Council Member Schlaht. All members voted.

2007 FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny presented the 2007 annual report to the city council. The report included the balance sheet and revenue and expense reports for the general, water and sewer funds.

COMMON GARDEN REQUEST:

The council received a request for the use of some city owned land for a common use garden plot. The council agreed it was a noble idea, but the council felt there would be too many problems in making it work.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Boes, to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Allen’s Repair, replace headlight bulb/police dept.....	15.86
Department of Revenue, blood alcohol testing.....	35.00
Frontier Motors Inc., Dodge Charger oil change.....	40.15
Golden West, phone service	798.26
Gregory Commercial Club, fireworks donation	2,000.00
Gregory Iron Works, 7’ cutting edge.....	159.60
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing	234.17
H & J Sales Inc., cutting wheel rent/722 D Grasshopper mower w/bagger	13,228.00
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, aud. furnace/Quilt Stitchery stool repairs	135.64
Jim’s Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	135.00
Jono’s, 2008 pheasant park rent/police dept. gas.....	156.00
Klein’s True Value, paint/roller cover/lockset/light fixture/fittings..	390.61
Little Falls Machine Inc., snowplow shoes.....	322.04
McLeod’s Printing & Office Supply, police dept. warning tickets ...	76.97
Mr. Automotive, gasket/air filters/oxygen refill/floor dry.....	76.70
Office Products Center, laser printer/envelopes/file folders/recorder	870.86
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	5.58
Rosebud Auto Parts, deodorizer/hose/ends/silicone/belts/wiper refill	
fittings/cleaner.....	155.89
Rosebud Farmers Union, fuel oil/propane/diesel fuel/gas.....	3,895.32
Runnings Supply Inc., parts washer/drawer/salt/socket sets/tool chest	

paint brush/supplies/electrical tape/plug/dog food	725.90
Share Corporation, 12 cans carburetor cleaner	151.28
South Dakota Airports Conference, registration/Doug Pochop.....	50.00
The Health Pool of SD, March health insurance	2,461.44
Wm. Krotter Co., shelving/lumber	35.69

Total \$ 26,155.96

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

WATER FUND:

Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, phone service	81.70
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, ball valve/fittings	57.65
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, laser water bills	779.80
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	1.14
Rosebud Auto Parts Inc., wiper blades/pipe adapter/sealant/	26.02
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/propane	355.64
Runnings Supply Inc., heater	43.99
The Health Pool of SD, March health insurance	820.48
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Postmaster, water billing postage	182.52

Total \$ 5,385.94

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Auto Parts, hydraulic fluid/fittings	28.33
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	41.58

Total \$ 69.91

Grand Total \$ 35,896.81

PAYROLL ITEMS APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 4.5 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 2/9-10/08; \$5.50 meal reimb.
 Jack Wenger, 5 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 2/23-24/08; \$6.89 meal reimb.

2-22-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	2,999.90
SDRS, retirement	1,484.64

Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Finance Officer	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	4,366.75
Street Dept	2,961.00
Airport.....	259.25
Library.....	631.70
Water Dept.....	2,570.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Boes, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 8:40 p.m. At 8:48 p.m., the council went out of executive session. The council issued a memo that only city employees shall operate city-owned vehicles and equipment, such as mowers, 4-wheelers, loaders, etc.

ADJOURN:

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

Kevin Mikkelsen, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer