

Gregory City Council Meeting  
August 17, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Aug. 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Blane Bartling and Maurice Schlaht. Council Member absent was 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 Kyburz, auditorium roof repairs, county development board member, transient contractors, and 3<sup>rd</sup> cent sales tax. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve as written the regular minutes of August 3, 2009. All members voted aye.

RON KYBURZ/SEWER RATES:

Ron Kyburz asked the council about the recent sewer rate increase. He felt the rate was discriminating against customers who water their lawns because the water is not going through the sewer system. The council explained that the rate was going up \$3.00 per month for everyone. After 5,000 gallons of water usage, sewer fees will not increase. Kyburz asked that the council to consider changing the way sewer fees are charged so someone watering their lawn is not penalized. The council did not take any action.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the patch mix used for repairing streets is not working the best. The street crew will seal coat streets this week if weather is cooperative. Discussion was held on drainage problems in residential areas, including Bob Petersen's and Velma Harmacek's. The city crew has been spraying for mosquitoes and chemical has been added to areas with standing water to kill the mosquito larvae.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Schlaht asked about the vehicles parked at the Cenex Soil Center that interfere with the vision of motorists getting on Highway 18 off Felton Avenue. Council Member Peck agreed to look into the situation.

CURB & GUTTER PROJECT/ROTARY CLUB:

The Rotary Club has offered to provide curb and gutter at the city park along the north side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, starting at the veteran's memorial. There was concern about getting the right elevations. The council members agreed to proceed with the project.

## COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Jim Scissons would like to retire from the county development board and is looking for someone to take his place. The council will try to find a new delegate to serve on the board and the matter will be brought up at the next meeting.

## TRANSIENT CONTRACTORS:

There is a city code that indicates all transient merchants must pay a fee of \$40.00 a day or \$75 a quarter of a year or \$250 a year for a license to do business in Gregory. There were questions raised about the definition of a transient merchant. The council agreed that there was a lot of work to be done in Gregory due to the recent hailstorm. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to suspend the license fee for transient contractors for one year. All members voted aye.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> CENT SALES TAX:

The question came up of whether the city could donate 3<sup>rd</sup> cent sales tax funds to the 4-H Club to help them fix the 4-H building roof. Members felt that it would be an appropriate use of funds because the funds would be used to help promote the city. The 3<sup>rd</sup> cent sales tax committee will be asked for their input on donating some funds to the 4-H Club for roof repairs.

## FIRE VEHICLES:

The council was informed that the fire department carries the insurance on all the fire department vehicles, but two of the vehicles are still in the city's name. For liability reasons, it was recommended that the vehicles be put in the fire department's name. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to sign the titles over to the fire dept. on the 1995 Ford 350 and the Dodge 3500 pickups. All members voted aye.

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT:

The July financial report was given to the council. It was noted that sales tax collections are up over 2008.

## 2010 BUDGET:

The 2010 proposed budget worksheets were given to the council. The budget will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

## COUNCIL MEETING:

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

## POLICE DEPT:

The council agreed that a representative from the police department should meet with the council on the first meeting of every month.

AUDITORIUM ROOF:

The auditorium roof is leaking because of the recent hailstorm. More damage is being done after each rain. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to declare an emergency and forgo bidding the new roof for the auditorium and get quotes and proceed to do the roof work providing the insurance reimbursement is close to the actual costs. All members voted aye.

SUMMER HELP:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to give the pool lifeguards and summer park workers a \$50.00 bonus because of the good job they did. All members voted aye.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls/mats.....	62.62
Arnold Songer, board up auditorium windows.....	60.00
Avera Gregory Medical Clinic, office visit/x-rays/brace .....	244.00
B & F Variety, binder/pens/index cards/receipt book/poster board/stencils	23.70
B & L Communications, repairs to police radio.....	337.50
Buche Foods, cleaning supplies/pool pop, candy bars & water .....	670.38
Curley Haisch Estate, 99.77 ton gravel @ 12.50 ton.....	1,247.12
Gregory Building Center, paint/brushes/lumber/hammer bit/anchor	263.02
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance.....	75.00
Gregory County Title Co., 1/2 cost title ins./Lots 1&2 of Block 81, OT	117.75
Gunvordahl & Gunvordahl, warranty deed and certificate of real estate value	53.00
H & J Sales, mower blades .....	22.00
Hawkins Inc., container demurrage charges.....	20.00
Jana Winters, 2009 swimming lessons .....	1,066.00
Office Products Center, paper shredder.....	219.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	9.83
Quartermaster, police dept. gloves .....	4.50
Rosebud Auto Parts, cap screw/oil filters/casters/clamp/fuel filters/mirror/ air filters/bearing/nuts & bolts/belt/door hinge pin .....	187.04
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	3,155.12
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/gas/tire repair/skid loader tires	2,219.19
SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance for fire hall .....	615.00
Stanley E. Whiting, legal services .....	198.00
Verizon Wireless, August cell phone service .....	270.13
Total \$	11,139.90

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Commercial Asphalt, 91.78 ton patch mix .....	7,021.18
Opperman Inc., trucking/47.11 ton patch mix & 91.08 ton rock chips	1,599.08
Spencer Quarries Inc., 91.08 ton rock chips .....	796.95
Total \$	9,417.21

FIRE HALL DEBT SERVICE:

USDA Rural Development, #6 payment on fire hall.....	6,647.00
Total \$	6,647.00

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls .....	13.80
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	15.75
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	1.40
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	1,633.78
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas .....	131.05
Tom's Service, repair shift lever & tie rod/tire repair .....	232.43
Verizon Wireless, August cell phone service .....	125.05
Total \$	2,153.26

SEWER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, man hole on golf course road .....	142.86
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	54.80
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas .....	185.66
Total \$	383.32

WATER DEPOSIT:

Al Pontillo, refund water deposit.....	27.40
Total \$	27.40

Grand Total \$ 29,768.09

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 8/15-16/09  
Jack Wenger, 1.5 hrs overtime

8-5-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	3,130.32
SDRS, retirement .....	1,429.62
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Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment .....	35.00
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	3,790.40
Street Dept .....	3,296.23
Airport.....	249.66
Library .....	446.99
Park .....	862.00
Pool .....	2,878.46
Water Dept.....	2,348.80
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL July 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings .....	1,425.98
Ambulance .....	5,247.50

ADJOURN:

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

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 Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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