

Gregory City Council Meeting  
April 21, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Pochop; Council Members, Wade Juracek, Stacey Boes, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht and Dan DeSmet. Absent was Council Member 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: trailer house nuisance; dogs running loose; clean up day; vet memorial lights, and; delegate for Randall RC & D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the minutes from April 7, 2008 as written. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

SPN/REPORT ON STREET PROJECT TO SCHOOL:

Representatives from SPN and Associates gave a report on their preliminary engineering cost estimates to improve the Block 6 area of streets to the school. The total estimated cost, including engineering, is \$808,000. The city will apply for a grant to help offset some of the cost and a portion is also being planned to be assessed to the adjoining property owners. The council accepted the report and will fill out an application for the state grant due in August of 2008.

SCOTT ANSHUTZ/THE HOMESTEADER:

Scott Anshutz met with the council to inquire about the liquor operating agreement with the Homesteader. The previous owner had paid the year's (2008) fee for the on-sale operating agreement. Motion was made by Council Member Juracek to waive any further fees for the liquor operating agreement for the new owners and have the new owners sign a new agreement with the city. All members voted aye.

BRYAN NELSON:

Byran Nelson informed the council that the (3B) penny tax committee members had approved advertising through SD Travel Infomap service at a cost of \$350. The group also approved spending \$1200 to help promote a bowling tournament in Gregory that will bring in a large number of visitors. Motion was made by Council Member Boes to approve spending \$350 for the info map service. All members voted aye. Motion was

made by Council Member Schlaht to spend \$1200 from the 3B tax for the bowling tournament. All members voted aye.

**DEPT HEAD:**

Mark Fortuna reported that the crew was working on the park and pool and grading alleys.

**OLDBUSINESS:**

The council reviewed a list of capitol improvement projects along with some possible revenue sources to pay for them. After reviewing the list of projects and costs associated with them, the council discussed accepting the hangar building bid of \$242,500. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht not to build the hangar at this time. All members vote aye.

**TRAILER REMOVAL:**

The council discussed the half torn down trailer house at 7<sup>th</sup> & Church. Council Member Juracek made the motion to give the owners 2 weeks to get the trailer removed or the city will remove it and bill the owners. All members voted aye.

**DOG COMPLAINT:**

Council Member Soper reported that she has received several complaints of dogs running loose. Residents should notify the police department of any dogs running at large.

**CLEAN UP DAY:**

The city will be providing a free city-wide clean up day on May 2, 2008. Details can be found in the Gregory Times Advocate or by calling city hall at (605) 835-8270.

**VET MEMORIAL LIGHTING:**

Kevin Mikkelsen obtained a plan to light the vet memorial in the park using two 18' poles. The poles would not interfere with the view of the memorial. The cost would be \$55.47 per month for 10 years. There was some discussion of using the poles to help light the park. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to do the lighting project for the vet memorial at a cost of \$55.47 per month. All members voted aye.

**RANDALL RC & D DELEGATE:**

The council will not appoint a Randall RC & D delegate until Ken Adams is asked if he wants to continue as the delegate.

**BUILDING PERMITS:**

The following building permits were approved by the council: Ron Wendell, bedroom addition; Clyde Lutz, garage, and; Don Steppat, storage shed.

**LIFEGUARDS/PARK HELP:**

The park committee will review the lifeguard and park help applications and will make the decision to hire.

**AMBULANCE:**

Mayor Pochop informed the council that there was talk going around town that the ambulance service did not need donations because they had enough money on hand. The mayor and council agreed that the ambulance service was doing a great job for the area and the city is lucky to have them and people should continue to support them. The ambulance service had a list of items costing \$172,092 that are needed. At the end of December 2007, the ambulance service had approximately \$115,000 on hand.

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE:**

Mayor Pochop informed the council that they could adopt a new procedure where motions do not have to be seconded.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**GENERAL FUND:**

Al Cerny, airport conference room reimbursement .....	62.40
Avera Queen of Peace Health Services, CDL drug testing .....	166.00
Jack Wenger, mileage & meal reimbursement/Street Maintenance Mtg	125.02
Mark Fortuna, lodging, gas & meal reimbursement/Omaha .....	286.93
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, laser checks .....	287.00
Muth Electric Inc., part for runway lights.....	299.73
Office Products Centers, post it notes/adding machine tape.....	60.31
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	10.06
Randall RC & D, 2008 membership dues.....	50.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity .....	2,301.68
Rosebud Farmers Union, fuel oil/propane/gas/hydraulic oil/ATF fluid	2,775.07
The Health Pool of SD, May health insurance .....	2,461.44
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service.....	232.70
Total \$	9,118.34

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

BALL PARK CONSTRUCTION:

Christensen Sales & Service, finish new ball field electrical work ...	588.10
Total \$	588.10

WATER FUND:

Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity .....	1,200.53
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas .....	385.38
Sensus Metering Systems, water meter software support.....	1,320.00
The Health Pool of SD, May health insurance .....	820.48
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service.....	73.74
Total \$	3,837.13

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity .....	40.84
Rosebud Farmers Union, .....	75.70
Total \$	116.54

BUILDING DEPOSIT:

Clyde Lutz, refund of building deposit/house.....	114.00
Total \$	114.00

Grand Total \$ 18,059.11

PAYROLL ITEMS APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 9.75 hours overtime (snow removal)  
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 4/12/08  
Jack Wenger, 2 hours overtime; weekend water duty 4/5-6/08

4-16-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	3,000.97
SDRS, retirement .....	1,466.00
Aflac, insurance .....	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	12.40
Finance Officer .....	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	4,427.25
Street Dept .....	2,946.50
Airport.....	250.75
Library.....	709.00
Water Dept .....	2,570.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

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Doug Pochop, Mayor

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