

Gregory City Council Meeting  
March 2, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Mar. 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent was Council Member Chad Peck. 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: fire dept.; Doug Pochop (parking lot lighting), and Bonnie Johnson (community garden). Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of Feb. 16, 2009. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The council held a public hearing on a request from the Gregory Fire Dept. for a drink-spiking permit for the Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Ball to be held at the Gregory Auditorium. Nobody was present for the hearing. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the spiking permit for the Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> dance. All members voted aye.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

Bonnie Johnson met with the council to ask about getting water from a fire hydrant to water the community garden plots. The council agreed to the request.

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Winnie Jo Jons, ROCS Transit Director, met with the council to explain and answer questions about the public transit system. The estimated cost to the city to run a bus 20 hours a week will be \$2500-\$3500 per year. The council agreed to proceed with the public transit. A committee of Council Member Kevin Mikkelsen, Lyle Martin and some members of the Horizons LeadershipPlenty class will meet with Winnie Jo Jons to work out the details.

PARKING LOT LIGHTING:

Doug Pochop and Doug Steffen met with the council to ask the city to pay for 3 months of lighting on the Lutheran Church parking lot that is used for auditorium events. The cost is estimated at \$100.00 per month. Motion was made Council Member Schlaht to pay the 3 months cost of parking lot lighting. All members voted aye.

#### DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna reported that they were using the new jet-cam water and sewer line inspection system. Fortuna has checked the price of road oil and it has not gone down much.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### PLANNING & ZONING MEMBERS:

Mayor DeSmet appointed the following members to the Planning & Zoning Commission: Bonnie Johnson, Donna Schmitz, Dan Fiebelkorn, Sam Flakus and Doug Pochop. Finance Officer Al Cerny and Mayor DeSmet will serve as executive office members. Motion was made Council Member Mikkelsen to approve of the appointments. All members voted aye.

##### WARD II VACANCY:

Mayor DeSmet decided to wait on filling the Ward II council vacancy until after the election since two people have filed petitions for this position.

##### AIR SHOW:

The council agreed not to spend the \$6,000-\$6,500 for the air show with the stunt pilot during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

##### NEW BUSINESS:

##### FIRE DEPT:

Mayor DeSmet wanted to mention his and the city's thanks to the fire department members for their service to the community.

##### AUDITORIUM HEATING/COOLING:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to pay the auditorium heating and cooling contractor the remaining 10% of the contract for the auditorium project. All members voted aye.

##### ANNUAL REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the council the annual report on the city's finances for the year 2008.

##### FIRE SIREN:

The council received some information about the cost and effectiveness of placing an additional fire siren to help out with coverage for the south part of Gregory. The cost was estimated at \$12,000 for the equipment with installation being extra. A \$2,000 grant was made available to the city through the county emergency planning to help with the purchase. The council agreed to table the fire siren proposal at this time because of the budget concerns and possible future grants.

STIMULUS PROJECTS:

The council discussed possible future stimulus money and projects that the city might want to pursue. The city has had some engineering done on the street project to the school; drainage in the west part of town; outfall sewer pipe to the lagoon; and the airport hangar building. There is a need to get preliminary engineering done on any other projects the city might want to pursue if grant money becomes available. The council agreed to have SPN Engineering meet with them to discuss some engineering.

POLICE OFFICER:

Some council member had met earlier and interviewed two people for the open police officer position. The council agreed to authorize Chief Dwight Ellwanger to make an offer to one of the people interviewed.

SPEED ZONE:

The city has not heard anything official yet on the proposed speed zone change at Hwy 18 & 47. The D.O.T. Commissioners had held a hearing in Pierre about the change. Council Member Soper had a request to change the speed zone on the east side of Gregory. The council agreed not to pursue any changes on the east side of Hwy 18 going through Gregory, but they will ask the police department to enforce the current speeds.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve payment of the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats.....	40.28
Dakota Fluid Power Inc., replace telescopic cylinder/IHC dump truck	1,223.81
First Fidelity Agency, notary bond/Al Cerny .....	50.00
Golden West, March phone service.....	872.25
Gregory Iron Works, pin for hoist/cutting.....	15.00
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/police officer position	302.56
Jono's, 2009 rent on pheasant park.....	120.00
Klein's True Value, towels/toilet paper/deodorizer/lock/shelf/cloth.	181.12
Leidholt McNeely & Leidholt Cooling & Heating, aud. remaining 10%	7,940.00
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, traffic tickets .....	87.43
Office Products Center, paper/black toner cartridge .....	262.99
Opperman Inc., trucking /414.92 ton rock chips .....	4,709.34
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity/fire dept bulbs .....	3,882.32
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/diesel fuel/tire repair/gas/tank gauges wiper blades/tire balancing/oil change .....	2,027.06
Runnings Supply Co., drill bits/cable ties/gear lube/vinyl rings/connectors cutoff wheel/terminal kit/wire/nuts & bolts/plug/battery/hardware	237.58
Secretary of State, notary public commission renewal/Al Cerny .....	25.00
The Health Pool of SD, March health insurance .....	1,709.20
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	14.06

Total \$ 23,700.00

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

Gregory Lanes, added bowling tournament prize money ..... 500.00

Total \$ 500.00

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, March loan payment ..... 4,285.00

Total \$ 4,285.00

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls ..... 6.34

Department of Revenue, water-testing ..... 49.00

Golden West, March phone service ..... 81.28

HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., meter resetters ..... 240.93

Mark Fortuna, mileage/lodging reimbursement/Rapid City ..... 662.13

Rosebud Electricity, electricity ..... 1,565.93

Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas ..... 418.53

Spann Construction Services Inc., 48" meter pit ..... 148.00

The Health Pool of SD, March health insurance ..... 854.60

Tripp County Water User District, water service ..... 3,000.00

Petty Cash, postage reimbursement ..... .76

US Postal Service, water billing postage ..... 185.49

Total \$ 7,212.99

SEWER FUND:

Avera Gregory Medical Clinic, Hepatitis B vaccines/Fortuna & Jacobsen 216.00

Flexible Pipe Tool Company, jet-cam video inspection system w/accessories 16,391.91

Gregory Iron Works, sewer truck camera mount..... 147.67

Karl's, (2) DVD RWs ..... 31.98

Klein's True Value, batteries ..... 14.98

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity ..... 59.98

Rosebud Farmers Union, gas ..... 169.28

Runnings Supply Inc., spray paint/batteries/hex key set/plug/connector 111.81

Sanitation Products Inc, swivel joint for vactor sewer machine..... 216.56

Share Corporation, 55 gal lift station cleaner ..... 2,294.90

Total \$ 19,655.07

Grand Total \$ 55,353.06

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 2/28/09 & 3/1/09  
Jack Wenger, 10 hrs overtime

2-18-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	3,293.18
SDRS, retirement .....	1,659.50
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	17.96
Mayor .....	400.00
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	5,073.63
Street Dept .....	3,061.60
Airport.....	249.66
Library .....	509.80
Water Dept.....	2,728.80
General Government Building .....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

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Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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