

Gregory City Council Meeting  
February 18, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, February 18, 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 Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent was Council Member Dan DeSmet. 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: auditorium heating, park mower, city hall heating/cooling, snow guard at fire hall and airport committee report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve as written the February 4, 2008 minutes, seconded by Council Member Schlaht. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Mark Fortuna reported that there were some plugged culverts in town which are froze up causing some water to back up. Most of the problem is from snow being pushed into the end of the culverts.

AUDITORIUM HEATING:

Kevin Mikkelsen reported that he will be having a contractor come to look at the auditorium heating system this week.

PARK MOWER:

Mark Fortuna presented information on buying a new grasshopper mower with a bagger. A 5' deck diesel mower costs \$13,550 and a gasoline mower costs \$11,405. Motion was made by Council Member Juracek to purchase the diesel mower at \$13,550, seconded by Council Member Boes. All members voted aye.

CITY HALL HEATING/COOLING:

The council discussed the heating costs of city hall and the ambulance garage. Fuel oil is used and the costs are going higher every year. It was agreed that the garage doors need to be winterized in the ambulance area and that a cost estimate for a different heating and cooling system should be reviewed. Al Cerny will contact some different area contractors to get a price on doing some re-modeling in the council room.

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE:**

Gerrie Soper gave the council a report on the tentative schedule for the airport dedication and air show scheduled to be held on July 5, 2008.

**FIRE HALL:**

A quote for a snow guard system for the fire hall was received. The amount quoted was \$7,840.90. The council tabled any action until the fire department has looked at the quote.

**TRAILER HOUSE:**

Al Cerny reported that the trailer house at 7<sup>th</sup> & Church did not have any liens against it and the taxes are paid up. There is a mortgage owed to Marie Palmer and Marie will try to get everything signed over to her and then clean up the trailer house. The council agreed to help her in the clean up.

**WATER STUDY:**

A report was given to the council about the costs of producing 1,000 gallons of city water versus the cost of 1,000 gallons of rural water. The report showed that the cost to produce 1,000 gallons of city water was \$1.06 and the cost of rural water was \$1.15, but when the city's loss ratio was added in, the actual cost to the city was \$1.48. Water rates for a number of towns were looked at. It was agreed to review the city's water rates at the next meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A financial report for January 2008 was given to the council. It was agreed that the debt against the fire hall should be reviewed at the next council meeting.

**RESOLUTION – BANKWEST & FIRST FIDELITY:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN  
APPROVED BANKING DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory currently leases city owned property at the Gregory Municipal Airport to a company known as Rancher's Welding.

WHEREAS, BankWest/First Fidelity Bank has loaned money to Rancher's Welding to help that company construct a building and operate its business at the Gregory Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is not permitted by the FAA to allow mortgages to be placed upon the property at the Gregory Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS, because BankWest/First Fidelity Bank cannot mortgage the property where the Rancher's Welding building is constructed, BankWest/First Fidelity Bank desires to have a mortgage on the Rancher's Welding building to help secure its loan.

WHEREAS, BankWest/First Fidelity Bank will be submitting legal documents to the City of Gregory which, if executed by the Mayor, would enable BankWest/First Fidelity Bank to use the Rancher's Welding building as collateral should Rancher's Welding default on its the BankWest/First Fidelity Bank loan obligations.

WHEREAS, the Gregory City Council has no objections to BankWest/First Fidelity Bank mortgaging or collateralizing the Rancher's Welding building as long as the City owned real estate under or near that building is not mortgaged or otherwise encumbered.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Gregory City Council authorizes the Mayor of Gregory to execute the banking documents submitted by BankWest/First Fidelity Bank after those documents have been reviewed and approved by the Gregory City Attorney.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by City Council Member Stacey Boes, and seconded by City Council Member Wade Juracek. Upon roll call vote, the Resolution was carried by the following vote: Ayes, 5; Nays, 0.

Dated this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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Doug Pochop, Mayor

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

**WEB SITE IMPROVEMENTS:**

Motion was made by Council Member Juracek to pay for some extra enhancements to the city's web site, seconded by Council Member Mikkelsen. All members voted aye.

**CLAIMS:**

The council agreed not to make a donation to the After Prom Party due to the fact that the city does not make donations to school activities of this type. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve, as presented, the following bills. All members voted aye.

**GENERAL FUND:**

Al Cerny, reimbursement/fee to file quit claim deed.....	10.00
Appeara, coveralls/towels/mats .....	39.24
ATI, airport refueling seminar registration/Mark Fortuna.....	300.00

Barco Municipal Products, 25 steel sign posts .....	738.18
Buche Foods, police dept garbage bags/paper bags/duct tape .....	10.36
Galls, police dept boots/evidence bags/seat belt cutter/uniform shirts	221.47
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service .....	270.00
Louie's Grocery, airport coffee, cups & decon/city hall cleaning supplies	21.28
Mark Fortuna, reimbursement/grader part .....	21.00
Mr. G's, police dept gas .....	44.96
Office Depot, paper/ink cartridges .....	91.96
Opperman Inc., 40.45 ton sand delivered/5.25 hrs hauling snow .....	612.18
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	10.76
Plains Printing Co., airport business cards/Ken Adams .....	35.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	2,672.56
South Dakota Airports Conference, conference registration/Deadwood, SD	150.00
Stone Manufacturing., 200 dog tags .....	64.56
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service .....	238.10
Jim Peitz Aerosports Inc., air show down payment .....	1,625.00

Total \$ 7,176.61

AIRPORT CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT 2007:

Helms & Associates, engineering services .....	2,803.10
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Total \$ 2,803.10

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls .....	5.52
Hawkins Inc., container demurrage .....	5.00
Office Depot, paper .....	25.99
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	.26
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	1,196.43
SD Assn of Rural Water Systems, tech conference registration .....	130.00
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service .....	75.20

Total \$ 1,438.40

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	40.84
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Total \$ 40.84

Grand Total \$ 11,458.95

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 1/26-27/08  
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 2/16-17/08  
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 2/2-3/08; 1 hr overtime

2-8-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	2,897.17
SDRS, retirement .....	1,455.38
Aflac, insurance .....	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, wage garnishment.....	59.00
Finance Officer .....	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	4,012.00
Street Dept .....	3,289.64
Airport.....	267.75
Library.....	805.10
Water Dept.....	2,280.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL JANUARY 2008:

BankWest, withholdings .....	1,303.20
Ambulance .....	5,253.35

ADJOURN:

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

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Doug Pocho, Mayor

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