

Gregory City Council Meeting
October 5, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Blane Bartling and Kevin Mikkelsen. Council Members absent were Tim Mills and 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: Rick Lutt, storage units at 613 Spencer, and drainage concerns along Felton Ave. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to add storage units and drainage concerns to the agenda and approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve as written the regular minutes of September 21, 2009. All members voted aye.

BID LOAN REPAYMENT:

The council discussed the delinquent BID loan made to Dakota Laundry. The original loan amount was \$10,000 and there is approximately \$6,500 left to pay. The borrowers have not been made any payments since June of 2009. The council agreed to give them one more deadline to start making payments otherwise the city will file a claim in small claims court.

SEWER LINE HOOKUP:

Justin Parkis met with the council to inquire about hooking onto the city's sewer system. He was given a cost estimate of \$12,000-\$15,000 to run a line under Highway 47. He will look at other ways to fix his sewer problem.

STORAGE UNITS:

The council had a request from Rick Lutt to have the council's permission to place some storage units at 613 Spencer Avenue. The council denied permission to place the storage pods in that area.

BIKE PATH:

Don Nemer met with the city council to discuss the possible removal of some blue spruce trees by his apartment complex along Rosebud Avenue. Nemer does not want the trees cut down to make room for the bike path. He indicated that he would give an easement to allow the path to go north of the trees, closer to his apartment building. The area will be looked at on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. before a final decision is made.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that four wells have been re-done to eliminate the buildings above the wells. They have 1.5 to go. Fortuna will check on the drainage on Felton Avenue by the Joe Belak residence.

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger reported that he has been busy with accident reports. Shawn Claussen is doing well at the state school for law enforcement training. Ellwanger requested that an outdoor light be placed on the city hall building. The Council agreed to the request.

ONE-DAY MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve a one-day malt beverage license for the Gregory Golf Club to serve at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Sat., October 31, 2009 for the Pheasants Forever Banquet. All members voted aye.

AIRPORT GRANT AGREEMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to authorize Mayor Dan DeSmet to sign a grant agreement with the State of South Dakota for financial assistance for engineering services for an environmental assessment review for purchase of land, design for wildlife fence and a wildlife assessment done by the USDA. All members voted aye.

CROSSWALK ON HWY 18:

The council was informed that according to state and federal guidelines, a crosswalk and the necessary signs can not be placed at Highway 18 and Felton Avenue unless at least there is one block of sidewalk on both sides of Highway 18. The council agreed that a cost estimate should be obtained for the two blocks of sidewalk that is needed.

3RD CENT SALES TAX REQUEST:

The city received a 3rd cent sales tax request for \$500.00 to be used to promote and advertise a Christmas concert. The proceeds from the concert would go to help Wear 'N Wares. The 3rd cent sales tax committee had already approved the request. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve spending \$500.00 for promoting a Christmas concert for the benefit of Wear 'N Wares. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

A building permit application was received from Airwave Wireless LLC to place an antenna on the Verizon tower. Since no variance was required, the council agreed to the building permit request.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT:

The council reviewed the September financial report. Sales tax revenue was up over last year.

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	6.34
Christensen Sales & Service, repairs to in-town well.....	28.46
Golden West, October phone service	81.67
Graham Tire Mitchell, water pickup tires.....	499.52
Gregory Building Center, jumping jack tamper rent/bits	33.15
Gregory Iron Works, boring & tapping wellfield adapters.....	45.00
H & J Sales, rent cut off saw	80.50
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, hose adapter/plugs/clamps/fittings/pump cable	403.60
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., tubing/couplings/plugs/meters & meter parts	1,636.50
Klein's True Value, electrical tape/connectors.....	25.85
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	1.06
Rosebud Auto Parts, battery	34.95
Runnings Supply Inc., hose clamps/propane tank/connectors/hole saw/pipe thread	130.73
Rural Development, October loan payment.....	4,285.00
The Health Pool of SD, October health insurance.....	882.18
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage	199.08
Total \$	11,373.59

SEWER FUND:

Bender's Sewer & Drain, clean & inspect 4500 ft sewer line	19,800.00
Gregory Times Advocate, wastewater improvement project (FNSI)	10.88
Karl's, DVD-R discs.....	19.99
Klein's True Value, remote control	16.99
Rosebud Auto Parts, fuel line & filter/heater hose/air & oil filter/antifreeze	65.11
Runnings Supply Inc., hardware/sealant.....	25.69
Waylor Enterprises, rebuild city lift stations	71,694.82
Total \$	91,633.48

WATER DEPOSIT:

Monica Pochop, refund water deposit	2.00
Total \$	2.00
Grand Total \$	124,426.11

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 9/19-20/09
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 9/26-27/09

9-30-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	3,744.72
SDRS, retirement	1,611.52
10/5/2009	4

Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Mayor/Council	4,750.00
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	5,279.40
Street Dept	3,281.28
Airport.....	280.32
Library	682.38
Water Dept.....	2,348.80

AMBULANCE PAYROLL September 2009:

BankWest, withholdings	1,546.20
Ambulance	5,884.75

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer