

Gregory City Council Meeting
July 16, 2007

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Council Members, Wade Juracek, Stacey Boes, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent was Mayor Doug Pochop. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and news reporter Cheryl Sperl.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: dog question, abandoned house, building permit, water line quote and new minimum wage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to approve as written the July 2, 2007 minutes. All members voted aye.

SIDEWALK RESOLUTION:

The council reviewed a proposed resolution of necessity to place a new sidewalk on the south side of Ken's Body Shop and Dakota Auto Care. The resolution would give the owners 5 years to pay for the assessment at a 9% rate. Motion was made by Council Member Boes, seconded by Council Member Soper, to approve the resolution of necessity for the sidewalk improvements. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Brad Christensen asked the council if some electric cord reels could be placed in the fire hall ceiling so that electric cords would not have to be strung on the floor. The estimated cost is \$1,000.00 Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet, seconded by Council Member Juracek, to proceed with the project. All members voted aye.

BID GROUP/RON KYBURZ:

Ron Kyburz from the Gregory BID Group met with the council to ask the city to pursue getting the adjacent railroad right of way that runs by the roadside park. The elevator is willing to give the city the right of way in exchange for some fill dirt around their buildings. Kyburz would also like the city to talk the state about getting ownership of the roadside park. Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to pursue getting the roadside park and adjacent railroad right of way. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Mark Fortuna informed the council that they had been mowing, painting the tennis courts and working on the walking trail.

GREGORY HOUSING:

The fiscal yearend financial report was given to the council for Gregory Housing. The report was submitted by Marvin Gies.

AIRPORT HANGAR:

The Gregory Airport hangar project was tabled until the next meeting.

7TH STREET WATER LINE:

Spann Construction submitted a quote of \$5,383.46 to place a water line from 7th & Whittecar west along 7th Street. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to accept the Spann Construction quote of \$5,383.46. All members voted aye.

PETITION TO VACATE:

The council received a petition to vacate an unimproved street from Trish Keiser, Elizabeth Barrett and Marianne VonSeggern. The street is located south of Gregory Building Center. Motion was made by Council Member Boes, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to accept the petition and schedule a hearing on vacating the street. All members voted aye with Wade Juracek not voting.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council received a building permit from Duane Kahler to place a storage shed on his lot. He asked for a 3' variance along the alley. Action on the permit was tabled until the site could be looked at.

MINIMUM WAGE:

The new federal minimum wage law for minimum wage will go into effect July 24, 2007. The council agreed to raise the employees salaries to \$5.85 (the new minimum wage) if employees are below the wage scale.

DOG LEASH LAW:

Wade Juracek reported that he had received some citizen's concerns about a recent incident involving a person getting bit by a dog. They had questions about the

city's leash law. A group of people may attend a future council meeting to ask about city procedure when a person gets bit by a dog.

ABANDONED HOUSE:

Wade Juracek asked about the procedures to get an abandoned house on Felton Avenue condemned. It was agreed to start the investigation procedures to condemn the abandoned house nuisance.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Boes, seconded by Council Member Juracek, to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Allied Industrial Distributors Inc., repairs to power washer.....	108.60
American Red Cross – Black Hills Area Chapter, WSI certificates..	25.00
Appeara, mats/coveralls/towels	35.03
Arnold Pool Company, pool testing supplies/skimmer/valve kit/fittings	307.70
B & F Variety, park flower planters	86.56
Barco Municipal Products, street & park signs	215.63
Christensen Sales & Service, hook up park well/pool work.....	1,490.07
Craig Vosika, sewer line work at nutrition center	50.00
Dave O’Neill, 13 airport picture frames	325.00
Department of Revenue, pool sales tax.....	255.75
Gregory Animal Clinic PC, animal control	39.90
Gregory Building Center, concrete mix/lumber/painting supplies....	203.97
Gregory Drug, pool supplies.....	16.38
Hawkins Inc., solenoid valve/chlorine/sodium hypochlorite/caustic soda/ fittings/digital controller/labor	4,781.57
J & K Septic and Waste, 4 th of July porta pots	3,200.00
Jim’s Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	135.00
Louie’s Grocery, pool/candy bars, chips, freeze pops, cleaning supplies	396.77
Office Depot, pool cash register/adding tape/printer cartridges/paper	239.51
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	6.05
Plains Printing Co., pool tickets.....	4.95
Rosebud Auto Parts, coupling/nuts & bolts/brake fluid/cap/switch/ snapper parts/loader repair kit/socket/gasket/belts/spark plugs...	322.32
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	274.76
Total \$	12,520.52

OBSERVATION PARK PROJECT:

SMC, 50.40 ton aglime	352.80
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	Total \$	352.80
WATER FUND:		
Appeara, coveralls.....		5.37
Christensen Sales & Service, well field repairs		56.10
Hawkins Inc., container demurrage		10.00
Michael Jacobsen, mileage reimbursement/Sioux Falls		77.60
Office Depot, paper.....		26.49
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....		18.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement		1.14
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service		39.06
	Total \$	233.76
	Grand Total \$	13,107.08

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 3 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 6/30/07 & 7/1/07
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 7/4/07 & 7/14-15/07
Jack Wenger, 6 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 7/7-8/07

7-13-07 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,784.49
SDRS, retirement	1,446.64
Aflac, insurance	31.80
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Credit Collections Bureau, wage garnishment.....	80.00
City of Gregory, wage garnishment.....	30.00
Finance Officer	1,467.20
Police Dept.....	5,101.00
Street Dept	2,906.13
Airport.....	248.00
Pool	2,356.32
Park	1,843.25
Library.....	603.50
Water Dept.....	2,160.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL JUNE 2007:

BankWest, withholdings	1,031.78
Ambulance	4,171.30

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Boes, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 8:17 p.m. At 8:37 p.m., Council President Mikkelsen took the council out of executive session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

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

Kevin Mikkelsen, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer