

Gregory City Council Meeting
July 20, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., July 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Chad Peck and Maurice Schlaht. Council Members absent were Blane Bartling and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Terry Aaker from SPN & Associates and dead tree issue. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the regular minutes of July 6, 2009 with the correction of the library roof quote from Willuweit Construction to include insulation not installation. All members voted aye.

ARENS ENGINEERING:

Vern Arens met with the council. He discussed the recent smoke testing on the sewer lines to the lagoons. Part of the lines will also be televised. Arens informed the council that since not all the needed letters from the various state offices had been submitted yet, the city's SRF funding package will be considered at the state's September board meeting.

SPN ENGINEERING:

Terry Aaker from SPN & Associates discussed the city's bike path project. SPN will do the design work and the state will take care of the bidding and construction portion. SPN will have to do an encroachment survey for the project, which will run from Highway 47 to the school along 5th Street. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to sign an agreement with SPN to do the design phase at \$16,000 and the encroachment survey at an estimated cost of \$3,500 for the bike path project. All members voted aye.

Aaker also discussed the EDA grant application for flood prevention. SPN worked up two proposals, one for 1.2 million and the other for 1.9 million. The city's share would be 25% of the project. No action was taken on the application at this time.

Aaker discussed doing a citywide storm water study. The study would cost \$18,000. Motion was made by Council Schlaht to seek a grant from South Central Water Development District to conduct the engineer study. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the city crew was busy mowing.

OLD BUSINESS:

The quote for a new library roof that that was received from Willuweit Construction for \$16,722 was discussed. There was a concern about paying for the unbudgeted expense. It was felt that between some items in the 2009 budget that were over funded and the school's reimbursement payment for auditorium work, the city would have the funds to pay for the work. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to re-roof the library with the Duro-Last system by Willuweit Construction for \$16,722. All members voted aye.

STORAGE UNIT:

The council read an opinion by Stan Whiting in regards to the placement of a metal type storage unit on a residential lot located west of the bowling alley. The opinion stated that the council could deny the placements of the metal storage units based on a part of the zoning ordinance which states that the structures must substantially comply with the architectural norms and standards existing in the neighborhood. The council agreed to deny approval of placement of more storage units and also agreed that the existing metal storage unit should be removed.

ORDINANCE #208:

Ordinance #208, which states that junked vehicles can only sit on private property for five days instead of five years, was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the second reading of ordinance #208. All members voted aye.

ORDINANCE #209:

Ordinance #209, an ordinance which would raise the monthly sewer rate \$3.00 for every user, was put on its first reading. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the first reading of Ordinance #209. All members voted aye.

SPIKING PERMIT:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to grant a spiking permit to Mary Bob's Bar for Aug. 1, 2009 for use on the street in front of the bar. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council reviewed a building permit for Klein's True Value for a building permit for a greenhouse. The permit was approved.

IRRIGATION TANK:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to paint the park irrigation tank at the cost of \$1200. All members voted aye.

MINIMUM WAGE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the following wage increase due to the minimum wage going up to \$7.25 on July 24, 2009. All members voted aye.

The following wage increases will become effective on the city’s August 5, 2009 payroll: Taylor Anshutz, Michaela Beck, Mercedes Colford, Paxten Johnson and Erika McClellan, \$7.25 per hour; Corena Johnson and Carrie Hemeyer, \$8.00 per hour; Evelyn Jess and Karen Knudsen, \$7.25 per hour, and; Diane Althoff, \$8.25 per hour. In addition, all part time employees will be paid the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour if they are making less than that amount.

TREE:

Council Member Peck reported that there is a dead tree in the right of way by the Larry Pavlis residence. It was agreed to have the tree cut down.

SPEED ZONE:

Mayor DeSmet questioned whether the speed zone had been changed along Highway 18 by the Highway 47 intersection. The state will be contacted.

CLAIMS:

The council reviewed the claims as presented. The Dockendorf bill was questioned. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to pay the following claims as presented and to notify Dockendorf Equipment about their claim. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, mats/shop towels/hand cleaner/coveralls	38.35
Buche Foods, pool pop, freeze pops, candy, chips, water, cleaning supplies	555.18
Curley Haisch Estate, 49.9 ton gravel.....	623.75
Department of Revenue, pool May-June sales tax	278.31
Dockendorf Equipment Co., replace Gasboy printer.....	1,209.25
Gregory Drug, adhesive pads.....	2.49
Gregory Iron Works, work on snow plow	30.00
Hawkins Inc., pool container demurrage charges.....	20.00
J & K Septic and Waste, 4 th of July porta pots	2,100.00
Jana Winters, WSI training/2 instructors.....	320.00
Jennifer Keegan, mileage, meals & lodging reimb./SD Municipal Clerk Program	463.84
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	7.83
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	3,195.98
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/gas/LP gas/tires/oil change/pesticide	1,359.38
SD Federal Property Agency, airport tug/blankets/jugs/batteries/clamps	
drill bits/forceps/fire hose/hand sanitizer/abrasive wheels	1,899.75
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	265.20
Yankton Fire & Safety Co., fire extinguishers	197.50

Drey Septic, pump roadside park bathrooms.....	400.00
Association & Society Ins. Corp, reissue supplement ins./voided ck#25671	240.00
Total \$	13,206.81

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	8.39
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., meters.....	411.81
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	1,676.56
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	83.69
SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, membership dues	45.00
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	84.89
Total \$	2,310.34

SEWER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, repair manhole/S Nepper St.....	178.57
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	1.05
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	53.85
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	59.78
Total \$	293.25
Grand Total \$	15,810.40

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 2.5 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 7/3-4-5/09
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 7/11-12/09

7-8-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,901.93
SDRS, retirement	1,686.04
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	30.26
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	6,059.14
Street Dept	3,219.79
Airport.....	271.56
Library	513.77
Park	1,892.00
Pool	2,914.08
Water Dept.....	2,388.80

Economic Development..... 200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL May 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings 1,262.68
Ambulance 5,281.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL June 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings 885.02
Ambulance 3,648.00

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer