

Gregory City Council Meeting
October 19, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, and Blane Bartling. Council Members absent were Maurice Schlaht 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 Bartling to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009 as written with the correction that Don Nemer would give an easement to allow the bike path to run south of the trees at his apartment building. All members voted aye.

ARENS ENGINEERING:

Vern Arens met with the council to give an update of the sewer outfall line project. The old line has been televised and there are a few spots that have some heavy water infiltration. Most of the line running across the pastureland can be re-lined. A new easement for the line will have to be acquired since the line will change course as it runs thru the fields east of Felton Avenue.

WEAR N WARES:

Lyle Martin met with the council to discuss the lease of the city-owned building that is serving as the location for Ware N' Wares. With the wintertime months coming, there is concern about paying for the fuel needed at Wear N' Wares. He asked if the city could help out. After some discussion, motion was made by Council Member Peck to extend the lease for Wear N' Wares until December 31, 2011 and reduce the rent to \$200.00 per month. All members voted aye. It was agreed that the city would have an electrician look at the wiring. The council also decided that a rack could be removed from one of the rooms but not the sink.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the electricity had been fixed at the east wells and trees have been trimmed along Highway 47. He also reported that the south entrance to the funeral home had a problem with the gutter sinking. This will be looked at and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

BIKE PATH:

The council reviewed the preliminary plans for the bike path that is planned to run on the south side of 5th Street from Highway 47 to the school and then two blocks north on Logan Avenue. The council agreed to stay 2' away from the edge of the property line except at 5th Street between Rosebud and Spencer Avenue, where the path will run next to the south street edge. Curb and gutter will also be put in on this block, with the cost being assessed back to the landowners. On the property adjacent to Allen and Kim Veskrna, the bike path will run between two rows of trees if there is room. On the property adjacent to Mark Eklund, trees will be removed for the path. The city will work with Eklund on the removal and transplanting of the trees. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the preliminary plans for the bike path. All members voted aye.

GREGORY HOUSING BOARD:

Mayor DeSmet appointed Marvin Gies to the Gregory Housing Board as a director for a five-year term. The council approved the appointment.

HWY 18/FELTON SIDEWALK:

The council members reviewed the cost estimate of a sidewalk to run on either side of Highway 18 and Felton Avenue. The estimated cost is \$4.00 per square foot or \$16.00 per running foot for a 4' wide sidewalk. The council agreed to start the process of setting up an assessment district from Nepper Street south to 1st and Felton Avenue for new sidewalks.

SUPPLMENT BUDGET:

Ordinance No. 211, an ordinance to supplement the 2009 city budget by \$164,000 for the general fund and \$25,000 for the bike path was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 211. All members voted aye.

SPEED BOARD:

The police dept. received word that they have received a grant to help pay for a speed board. The federal share is \$2,996.00 and the city's share is \$749.00. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to accept the grant and purchase the speed board. All members voted aye.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls	22.22
Buche Foods, latex gloves/cleaning supplies/paper towels	24.88
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Curley Haisch Estate, 50.6 ton gravel.....	632.50
Gregory County Hwy Dept, road maintenance.....	68.75
Gregory Drug, batteries	3.49
Michael Todd & Company, snow plow blades.....	1,254.57
Office Products Center, adding tape/minute book/staples.....	153.88
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	15.74
Schoenfish & Co. Inc., 2007-2008 audit fees	8,000.00
Share Corporation, penetrating oil.....	249.70
Shawn Claussen, mileage reimbursement/7 weeks Gregory to Pierre	924.00
Sioux Empire American Red Cross, swim certificates.....	79.00
Verizon Wireless, October cell phone charges.....	258.16
Veurink Insurance Agency, fire dept vehicle & liability insurance ..	3,564.00

Total \$ 15,250.89

3RD CENT SALES TAX:

Display Sales Company, 14 Christmas decorations	4,799.00
DK's DigiPix, print 500 city brochures	500.00

Total \$ 5,299.00

BIKE PATH PROJECT:

Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates, encroachment survey	335.00
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Total \$ 335.00

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	7.46
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	11.55
Peck Construction & Excavation, backhoe rent at city wells.....	480.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	2.80
Rosebud Concrete Inc., 6 complete meter pits	1,650.00
SD State Plumbing Commission, 2010 installer license fee/M. Fortuna	40.00
Verizon Wireless, October cell phone charges.....	92.07

Total \$ 2,283.88

SEWER FUND:

Arens Engineering, outfall line replacement/fieldwork, drafting & televising	4,455.00
Bartling Redi-Mix, manhole concrete	90.00
Share Corporation,	752.40

Total \$ 5,297.40

Grand Total \$ 28,466.17

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:
Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 10/3-4/09
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 10/10-11/09

10-14-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,974.58
SDRS, retirement	1,695.64
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	28.00
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	32.16
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	5,682.65
Street Dept	3,221.29
Airport.....	275.94
Library	517.00
Water Dept	2,388.80
Economic Development.....	200.00

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer