

Gregory City Council Meeting  
July 6, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., July 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Blane Bartling, Chad Peck and Kevin Mikkelsen. Council Members absent was Maurice Schlaht. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to adopt the agenda as written. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the regular minutes of June 15, 2009 as written. All members voted aye.

CDBG PUBLIC HEARING:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Gregory Water Plant Renovation and Upgrade**

LOCATION: Gregory City Hall

DATE: July 6, 2009 TIME: 7:30 PM

Mayor DeSmet opened the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment public hearing as required by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. District III staff proceeded to explain that the City of Gregory is proposing to submit a CDBG application to assist in making improvements to the city's wastewater system.

The mayor further explained that the State of South Dakota has administered the federally funded Community Development Block Grant Small Cities program since 1982. Only cities and counties with populations of less than 50,000 can participate in the Small Cities Program.

Funds are distributed from three separate programs that address three distinct areas of need:

1. Imminent Threat Program
2. Special Projects
3. Community Projects

Funding requirements and the competitive nature of the programs were then discussed. It was emphasized that only those projects demonstrating the most serious need will be funded.

The proposed project was then explained and discussed with those in attendance. The City of Gregory intends to request **\$207,500** from the CDBG program for construction activities and project administration expenses.

Mayor DeSmet called for comments, noting that the purpose of this section of the hearing is to identify community development and housing needs for the City of Gregory and identify activities that could be undertaken to meet these needs. Those in attendance, as well as the city council, discussed various community needs and suggested that a list be developed. Hearing participants were asked to identify the major community development and housing needs of the city and discuss activities that could be undertaken to meet these needs. Discussion also occurred regarding financing options that could be available to undertake some of the proposed projects. It was pointed out that the city could not immediately meet all of the identified needs, due to budget limitations.

In addition to the need for this project, the following needs were identified:

- Addressing the City's wastewater system. This priority can be addressed through the proposed project to repair the outfall line to the lagoon and other lines in need of rehabilitation.
- Continuing support of economic development. Support activities of local development corporation to enable businesses to access grant funds (CDBG) and loans (REDI). The City should also maintain its position along Highways 18 and 47 as a strong market in Central South Dakota.
- Construct a spec. building to attract a new or expanding business in the community.
- Expanding housing opportunities for low-to-moderate income families and the elderly. Sources of financing could include low interest loans from Rural Development and grants from the South Dakota HOME program. Other innovative programs, such as the Governor's House, should be encouraged for low-income families.
- Maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure.
- Addressing storm water drainage issues throughout the community.
- Fill the former high school with a business or residential use.
- Revitalizing the City's downtown. Gregory already has an active, vibrant Main Street. However, continued action towards a common goal will make the central business district stronger.
- Enhancing the City's recreational facilities.
- Cleaning and clearing dilapidated housing in the community.

A sign-up sheet of those in attendance has been attached for the record. There being no further comments, Mayor DeSmet declared the hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

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Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

#### AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION:

Council Member Mills approved the following resolution upon a motion. All members voted aye.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory has identified the need for improving its wastewater system; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding assistance in order to meet local needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory is eligible for federal assistance for the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, with the submission of this CDBG application, the City of Gregory assures and certifies that all CDBG program requirements will be fulfilled; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory has published the required public notice for this Community Development Block Grant application.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Gregory duly authorizes the submission of this CDBG application requesting approximately **\$207,500** to assist in making the proposed improvements to its wastewater system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor be authorized to execute the CDBG application for the City.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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

RESOLUTION:

**RESOLUTION  
DESIGNATING CDBG PROJECT CERTIFYING OFFICER AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFYING OFFICER**

**WHEREAS, *the City of Gregory*** is applying for Community development Block Grant funding from the U.S, Department of Housing and Urban Development as administered by the State of South Dakota, and;

**WHEREAS, *the City of Gregory*** is required to designate a certifying officer for the purpose of signing required documents pertaining to this grant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor be hereby designated as the City’s certifying officer for the purpose of signing correspondence, pay requests, and other required documents.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor be hereby designated as the City's environmental certifying officer all environmental review procedures associated with this CDBG project.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the above resolution designating CDBG project and environmental certifying officers.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jerry Fogel met with the council to inquire about the city policy on shooting fireworks. The city allows the shooting of fireworks until 11:00 p.m. Fogel had concerns about fireworks being shot until 3:30 a.m. from an area west of Highway 47. This area is out of the city limits and the council informed him to contact the county sheriff.

**LIBRARY ROOF:**

Wayne Willuweit gave the council two proposals for repairing the library roof using the Duro-Last product. The first proposal was for \$16,722 with installation. The second proposal was for \$13,724 without installation. The council agreed to table any action on the proposals until the budget can be reviewed to find a way to pay for the roof.

**DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well. He thanked Austin Hamilton and Halee Wendell for keeping the park bathrooms clean during the 4<sup>th</sup>. Fortuna mentioned that the bull riding area needed cleaned up.

**ORDINANCE #208:**

Ordinance #208, an ordinance correcting an earlier ordinance, which would allow junked vehicles 5 days to be in private property instead of 5 years, was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the first reading of Ordinance #208. All members voted aye.

**CITYWIDE STREET RESOLUTION:**

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the following resolution authorizing the collection of .40 per running foot street assessment for road improvements. All members voted aye.

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY TO LEVY A FRONT FOOT ASSESSMENT FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF STREET SURFACES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SDCL 9-45-38.

**WHEREAS** SDCL 9-45-38 provided for the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces not exceeding \$.40 per front foot of lots abutting the streets; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Gregory maintains and repairs street surfaces on many streets within the City limits;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces shall be levied as follow:

- 1) All lots so assessed shall be at the rate of \$ .40 per front foot.
- 2) A detailed list of the legal descriptions, amount of assessment shall be provided to the Gregory County Auditor for collection with taxes based on the following streets: First Street; Second Street; Third Street; Fourth Street; Fifth Street; Sixth Street; Seventh Street; Eighth Street; Ninth Street; Tenth Street; Eleventh Street; Twelfth Street; Thirteenth Street; Fourteenth Street; Sixteenth Street; Logan Street; Rice Street; Felton Avenue; Spencer Avenue; Rosebud Avenue; Main Street; Church Street; Whittecar Avenue; VonSeggern Street; Nepper Street; Jones Street; Georgia Drive; Gerkin Drive; Duling Drive; and Park Avenue.
- 3) The maximum amount to be levied on any legally described lot or lots shall be \$60.00 per year.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

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Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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

### JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT:

The council reviewed the June balance sheet and revenue and expense reports for the city.

### STORAGE UNITS:

The council discussed the placement of a metal container on a residential lot just west of the bowling alley. The council was unsure of what action they could take to prevent the placement of the metal container. It was agreed to table any action until the council could get an attorney's opinion.

SEWER RATE:

The council discussed raising the sewer rate \$3.00 per month for all users within the city limits and \$4.50 per month for users outside of the city limits. The rate increase is needed to fund a new sewer line to the lagoons. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to prepare an ordinance, which would raise the sewer rate by \$3.00 per month. All members voted aye.

ONE-DAY LICENSES:

The council discussed collecting a fee with all requests for a special one-day beverage license to offset publication costs. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to charge \$25.00 for a one-day malt beverage license or spiking permit. All members voted aye.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, shop towels/hand cleaner/coveralls.....	22.22
Arnold Pool Company, reagents/diffuser/skimmer weirs/filter cartridge/ lifhook/impeller.....	575.99
B & F Variety, paper/pens/labels/tag board/marker/receipt books/whistles	54.70
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, lodging/finance officer school – Al Cerny	237.00
Bob Boes Trucking, aglime trucking.....	1,674.75
Burke Oil Company, 3500 gal Jet A fuel @ 2.60.....	9,100.00
Christensen Sales & Service, park electrical work.....	76.49
Claude Harrison, tree removal/smith & Littau residences.....	700.00
Curley Haisch Estate, 51 ton gravel @ 12.50.....	637.50
Department of Revenue, pool water testing.....	36.00
Display Sales, 25 flags.....	451.00
Dockendorf Equipment Co., diesel nozzle.....	105.47
Golden West, July phone service.....	942.89
Gregory Building Center, paint.....	156.00
Gregory Community Sunshine Club, park flowers.....	800.00
Gregory County Hwy Dept, gravel/blading line road.....	159.60
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/swimming lessons ad	528.48
H & J Sales Inc., knives/weed eater repairs/grasshopper switches ...	267.10
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, a/c repairs/pool fountain/install faucet	791.41
Hawkins Inc., caustic soda/chlorine/sodium hypochlorite/filter floss gaskets/o-rings/nozzle.....	2,905.00
JD Evans, air cylinder/solenoid valve.....	272.46
Jim’s Garbage Service, garbage pickup service.....	300.00
Klein’s True Value, brushes/carwax/keys/rings/paint/bleach/garbage bags/ wastebasket/scraper/toilet paper/fittings/cleaning supplies/bulbs/lockset	564.63
Mr. Automotive, oxygen refill/wire connectors.....	18.56

Office Products Center, hanging folders & frame/adding tape/legal pads	44.31
Old Pioneer Tool Pawn & Gun, shells.....	12.98
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	5.49
Plains Printing Co., envelopes.....	475.50
Ranchers Livestock Equipment, iron for bleachers.....	116.69
Rosebud Auto Parts, hose/bearing/belts/thread lock/air filters/fuse/cleaner	348.98
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	2,928.78
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/grease/gas.....	1,248.52
Roys Honda Sales, oil filter/2 qts oil.....	18.28
Runnings Supply Inc., batteries/hole saws/pipe/wiring/fittins/brushes/rebar/ paint/connectors/lockset/chain/grass seed/blade set/trash bags/shells/trap	570.04
Sheehan Mack Sales and Equipment, grapple fork stand leg.....	59.00
SMC, 23.7 ton aglime.....	182.49
The Health Pool of SD, July health insurance.....	2,205.45
West Payment Center, SD law pamphlets w/cd.....	138.00
Wm. Krotter Co., plywood/concrete mix/paint/screws/lock wash/grid marker	164.07
Total \$	29,895.83

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, July loan payment.....	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	7.46
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, July phone service.....	81.76
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, submersible pump/fittings.....	509.75
Klein's True Value, thermwire/keys.....	56.92
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	11.55
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	1.90
Plains Printing Co., envelopes.....	65.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, solder/light relay.....	25.22
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	1,760.05
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas.....	206.92
Runnings Supply Inc., electrical tape/knife blades.....	8.89
Share Corporation, penetrating oil/spray head.....	451.79
The Health Pool of SD, July health insurance.....	882.18
Tom's Service, water pickup oil change.....	41.80
Tripp County Water User District, water service.....	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage.....	195.44
Total \$	7,343.63

SEWER FUND:

Arens Engineering, Gregory outfall line replacement consulting fees	2,200.00
Gregory Times Advocate, wastewater improvements project notice	15.04
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	64.03
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas .....	88.68
Share Corporation, liquid drain opener.....	210.00
Total \$	2,577.75

WATER DEPOSIT:

Carol Buck, water deposit refund .....	8.50
Total \$	8.50
Grand Total \$	44,110.71

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 1 hr overtime; weekend water duty 6/13-14/09  
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 6/27-28/09  
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 6/20-21/09

6-24-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	4,169.97
SDRS, retirement .....	1,551.68
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
Mayor/Council .....	4,662.50
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,609.46
Street Dept .....	3,221.28
Airport.....	319.74
Library .....	693.25
Park .....	660.00
Pool .....	1,951.09
Water Dept .....	2,648.80
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

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Dan DeSmet, Mayor

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