

Gregory City Council Meeting
March 16, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Mar. 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Chad Peck and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent was Council Member Maurice Schlaht. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to add SDML Meeting registration and Paul Vanden Bosch building permit to the agenda and to approve the agenda with the new additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve, as written, the regular minutes of March 2, 2009. All members voted aye.

VISITORS:

Terry Aaker, with SPN Engineering, met with the council to discuss some preliminary engineering on water projects to take advantage of some stimulus money. There is a program where the state will pay 80% of the preliminary engineering cost to get a project on the state water plan if the project is not already on the state water plan. There was discussion on doing an evaluation of the city's water system. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to have SPN Engineering do a water audit/analysis of the city's system at a cost of \$7,500 of which the state would pay \$5,000 of and the city would pay \$1,500. All members voted aye. There was also discussion of trying to obtain a grant that may pay for 75% of the project to fix some drainage problems in Gregory.

TOUR DE KOTA:

Local businessman Bryan Nelson and Commercial Club Secretary Guyla Husman met with the council to discuss city preparations for the Tour de Kota overnight stay in Gregory on June 9, 2009. There are approximately 700 riders expected for the bicycle tour. They would like to use the Gregory City Park. After much discussion, it was agreed to hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. A bigger meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium Community Room starting at 7:30 p.m. to get volunteers to help with the event.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna reported that the city workers have been working on getting a well running at the Sattler Field. They replaced a 2hp pump with a small one. Fortuna asked about getting some items on the H & J Auction. Items include: Century 155GS Wire Feed Welder, 120 Volt; Big John Sprayer, approx. 120 gal,

3hp Briggs 1-10' boom – handgun; Electro Jet contractor's heater, 2500 CFM, kerosene; Allis Chalmers 5030, 3700 hrs, 2 cyl diesel w/ 3pt blade; (5) 20.5-25 tires; 60 gal. rectangle oil container w/pump, and; 4 ton floor jack. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to sell the Allis Chalmers Tractor at the public auction and to declare it at a minimum price of \$1500 and to declare the other items on Fortuna's list as surplus and sell them at the auction as well. All members voted aye.

STEVE MCDOWELL:

Course Instructor Steve McDowell reported on the Gregory County DARE Program, which will be completed this week. 110 children participated in the 9-week course. Graduation is set for March 24, 2009 at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium.

COMMITTEES:

Council Member Soper inquired about the cactus control program in the north part of the park and about street sweeping. Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the cacti have been treated and with the nicer weather, street sweeping will begin.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

The council members met as the Board of Equalization at 8:25 p.m. The board did not receive any appeals and nobody was present to meet with the Board of Equalization. The members reviewed the new assessment values. No changes were made to the valuations. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye.

WATER LINE EXTENSION:

The city council was asked if the city would be interested in extending water service to a proposed development site located adjacent to and west of the hospital and Jono's. The estimated cost would run between \$45,300 and \$70,900, depending upon what route was taken. After some discussion, the council members agreed not to extend water service to the area at this time. The council agreed that Tripp County Rural Water could supply this area if they are interested.

CITY LOT:

The council discussed selling the lot, which was given to the city, behind and east of the American Legion Club. It was agreed that they would sell it if someone were interested in buying the lot.

ELECTION WORKERS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to appoint Bonnie Johnson, Deb Klein and Jackie Layh as city election workers for the April 14, 2009 Ward II City Election. All members voted aye.

MC & R POOLS:

The council received a contract/proposal from MC & R Pools to update the pool's drainage system to conform to new federal standards. The price quoted was \$9,226.00 plus mileage and per diem. This did not include Option #1, which would replace the skimmers (\$120 per skimmer). Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to have MC & R Pools do the drainage work and have Mark Fortuna decide if skimmers should be replaced. All members voted aye.

POLICE OFFICER:

Shawn Claussen was hired as the new police officer for the City of Gregory. He will be paid \$10.00 per hour, with a 50¢ per hour raise after 6 months and a \$1.50 per hour raise after he becomes certified.

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the February financial report.

SDML:

The District SDML Meeting will be held in Wagner on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Interested members are to let Al Cerny know by Tuesday, March 31, 2009 if they will be attending.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council approved a 7' x 7' shed addition for Paul Vanden Bosch.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve payment of the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner	21.99
Avera Queen of Peace Health Services, CDL drug testing	68.50
Frontier Motors Inc., 2005 Chevy PU speedometer repair.....	562.95
Galls, (4) police shirts.....	178.95
Gregory Animal Clinic PC, animal control	42.00
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance.....	98.75
Insurance Benefits Inc., airport liability renewal.....	3,750.00
Jerry's Electric, wiring for AWOS at airport.....	486.87
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	300.00
M & J Auto Inc., (2) cell phones/Fortuna & Claussen	144.98
Office Products Center, corporate seal/adding tape/paper/notary stamp	90.23
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	2.26
Plains Printing Co., 500 letterhead	71.08

Public Safety Center Inc., (3) safety vests	115.66
Raymans Storage & Stump Removal, stump removal.....	132.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, hubcap/tie rod/belt/terminal/antifreeze/paste/nuts & bolts	140.24
Rosebud Farmers Union, 550 gal lube oil/diesel fuel/propane/gas/fuel oil antifreeze/flush/heater hose police car.....	2,829.53
SD Public Assurance Alliance, 2009 liability insurance	22,082.65
Spencer Quarries Inc., rock chips for street sealing	2,653.43
Steve McDowell, reimb. for stitching on 3 police patches.....	6.00
Tom's Service, Chevy PU oil change/airport car oil change.....	82.85
Verizon Wireless, March cell phone service	217.89
Total \$	34,078.81

SRF LOAN SINKING:

First National Bank, SRF loan payment	4,127.57
Total \$	4,127.57

WATER FUND:

Appera, coveralls	7.46
Buche Foods, distilled water.....	1.42
HD Supply Waterworks LTD, water meter parts	288.72
Office Products Center, paper.....	20.00
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	2.20
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas	271.15
SD Public Assurance Alliance, 2009 liability insurance	1,847.00
Verizon Wireless, March cell phone service	76.86
Total \$	2,514.81

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Auto Parts, belt/hose/fittings/trailer connect kit/battery test clip	38.00
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	75.10
SD Public Assurance Alliance, 2009 liability insurance	410.00
Total \$	523.10

Grand Total \$ 41,244.29

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 2/21-22/09
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 3/14-15/09
Jack Wenger, 1.5 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 3/7-8/09

3-4-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,929.15
SDRS, retirement	1,661.40
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	65.98
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	20.00
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	5,121.26
Street Dept	3,176.51
Airport.....	214.62
Library	623.52
Water Dept.....	2,388.81

AMBULANCE PAYROLL February 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings	1,389.18
Ambulance	5,680.05

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer