

Gregory City Council Meeting  
March 7, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Blane Bartling, and Chad Peck. Council Members absent were Maurice Schlaht and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

**AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve, as written, the regular minutes of February 21, 2011. All members voted aye.

**SEWER CHARGES/ELEANOR VAKINER:**

Eleanor Vakiner met with the council to discuss a disputed sewer charge because the outside hydrant at her house was accidentally turned on, and the water went on her lawn resulting in a higher than normal charge. She told the council that she had paid the bill that evening and did not want reimbursement.

**STREET DRAINAGE/ELEANOR VAKINER:**

Vakiner then asked about what could be done with the poor drainage in front of her house, along Rosebud Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mona Taggart was also present to discuss the drainage in this area. The area is flat and drainage is difficult with a grass or dirt ditch. They were told the best way to fix the drainage would be to lower the street, put in curb and gutter and a storm sewer system, resulting in an expensive project.

**DEPT. HEAD REPORT:**

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger asked about buying another police vehicle to replace the blazer. He was looking at a Dodge Charger off the state bid at a price of \$21,849.00. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the purchase of the Dodge Charger. All members voted aye.

Ellwanger told the council that he had received a complaint that the police had not answered a call, but the call came during the time the phone service was interrupted in Gregory, so the officer never got the call.

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna gave the council a report on a request for city's assistance to tear down a house at 715 Whittecar Avenue. The council agreed to have the city help out and to charge \$25.00 per truck load for removal. The council also agreed to have Fortuna order a truck load of road oil for chip sealing this summer.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Blane Bartling asked that the windsock at the airport get replaced. He also inquired how the progress of re-platting the airport land was going. Finance Officer Al Cerny indicated that the plat was drawn, and that he needed to start getting the signatures needed on the plat and also needed to get the purchase agreement from the city attorney.

**SPIKING PERMIT:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve the spiking permit for the fireman’s dance to be held at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, March 19, 2011. All members voted aye.

**ORDINANCE #222/WATER RATES:**

The council placed Ordinance #222, which raises the current water rates, on its first reading. The rates would raise between \$2.00 to \$4.00 per month depending upon water consumption, and any gallons used after 6,000 would also be charged \$2.75 per thousand. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the first reading of Ordinance #222. All members voted aye.

**MARK FIEBELKORN/SHRUBS:**

Mark Fiebelkorn had a request to plant some shrubs along the border of his lot with his new building and the back part of the auditorium lot. The council agreed to let him plant the shrubs.

**PHONE SYSTEM:**

The council considered a request to purchase a new phone system for city hall to replace the 23 year old phone system. The new system would support 8 phones and 3 lines. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to purchase the system for \$1,800.00, along with a wireless headset for \$300.00. All members voted aye.

**COMPUTERS:**

The council received a request to purchase two computers for the finance office to replace the two older ones. An estimate was quoted at \$2,012.00 for 2 computers, including software and installation. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to purchase the two computers for the finance office. All members voted aye.

**PEDESTRIAN PATH CHANGE ORDER:**

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to sign change order #3 on the city’s pedestrian path. All members voted aye.

**ANNUAL REPORT:**

The annual report for 2010 was presented to the council. The three page report will be published next week.

**FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The February 2011 financial report was given to the council. Sales tax revenue was up over 2010 the general fund balance had grown since the start of 2011.

**CLAIMS:**

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

**GENERAL FUND:**

Allied Specialized Products, trigger gun/wand/quick coupling.....	100.49
Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner.....	23.68
Arbor Day Foundation, membership dues .....	15.00

Bartling Welding & Machine, iron work/build hydraulic tank.....	380.28
Creative Product Source Inc., drug test kits.....	81.26
Golden West, March phone service .....	758.42
Gregory Building Center, nutrition center leak repairs .....	105.62
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing .....	254.23
Health Pool of SD, March health insurance.....	2,250.45
Mathis Implement Trust, cable for 86 IHC truck .....	66.35
Mr. Automotive, filter assy .....	18.45
Office Products Center, copy machine service contract/paper .....	49.99
Opperman Inc., 18.75 hrs snow removal .....	1,406.25
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	7.32
Pomp's Tire Service Inc., 4 tires for street pickup .....	520.12
Rosebud Auto Parts, fuel & oil filters/fuel treatment/additive/brake cleaner/ wrenches/blade/socket/auto paint/acetone/battery/mask/tape .....	431.20
Runnings Supply Inc., nuts & bolts/salt/ball valve/grease gun battery/ cable/tarp straps/anti-ice/sprayer/hardware .....	388.42
SD Public Assurance Alliance, property & liability insurance renewal	26,554.17
Wm. Krotter Co., aluminum screen/rivets/fastener .....	12.68
Total \$	33,424.38

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT 2010:

Helms & Associates, airport wildlife fence/construction administration	2,196.44
Total \$	2,196.44

WATER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, water line repair/5 <sup>th</sup> & Felton (J Larkin).....	1,590.75
Appera, coveralls.....	7.81
Avera Queen of Peace, CDL drug testing.....	73.90
Bartling Redi Mix, saw concrete & asphalt (Larkin water line frozen)	170.50
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, March phone service .....	41.88
Gregory Building Center, sand/insulation .....	17.98
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, ball valve/hydrant elbow/bushing/ gate valve/nipple .....	47.30
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., meter repair parts .....	120.63
Health Pool of SD, March health insurance.....	900.18
Mr. Automotive, pump seal/automatic transmission fluid.....	34.33
Office Products Center, paper .....	20.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement .....	1.50
Rosebud Auto Parts, u-bolt/transmission filter/adhesive/cleaner .....	55.04
Runnings Supply Inc., eyebolts/tarp straps/rope/hardware/silicone/ caulk gun/hole saw.....	50.35
SD Public Assurance Alliance, property & liability insurance renewal	1,941.00
Tripp County Water User District, water service .....	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage .....	194.60
Total \$	8,304.75

SEWER FUND:

First National Bank, interest on sewer line SRF loan.....	3,818.70
Runnings Supply Inc., screw .....	4.79
Rural Development, March loan payment/Phase I .....	4,285.00
Total \$	8,246.49
Grand Total \$	52,172.06

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 2/26-27/11  
 Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 2/19-20/11; 15 hrs overtime (snow removal)

3-2-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	2,703.71
SDRS, retirement .....	1,552.98
Aflac, insurance .....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment .....	23.00
Finance Officer .....	1,708.00
Police Dept.....	4,369.90
Street Dept .....	3,190.12
Airport.....	231.75
Library.....	699.88
Water Dept .....	2,467.20
General Government Building .....	265.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL February 2011:

BankWest, withholdings .....	910.04
Ambulance .....	3,900.25

ADJOURN:

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

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

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 Dan DeSmet, Mayor