

Gregory City Council Meeting
February 16, 2009

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

RESIGNATION:

At this time, Council President DeSmet read a letter of resignation from Mayor Wade Juracek, effective immediately. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to accept the letter of resignation from Mayor Juracek. All members voted aye.

AGENDA ADDITION:

The following items were added to the agenda: Doug Pochop (parking lot lighting) and position of mayor. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the agenda additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of Feb. 2, 2009 and the special minutes of Feb. 9, 2009. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM/BUSING:

A group of citizens met with the council to inquire about the possibility of getting public transit for the citizens that can't drive. Council President DeSmet also read letters and petitions in support of the public transit. Council Member Mikkelsen reported that the city would have to pay half the cost of operating the transit system. The state would supply the bus and keep any fees collected for riding the bus. It was agreed to submit a request for 20 hours per week and ask how long it would take to get a handicapped van.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna reported that it would cost \$3500 for the handicapped door at the auditorium. He was told to proceed with getting the door installed. He reported that water-testing standards would be getting stricter. He also reported that he had tentatively booked Jim Peitz for an air show on July 5, 2009. The council will review the air show request at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR VACANCY:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to appoint Council Member DeSmet to fill the vacancy of the mayor's position. All members voted aye.

WARD II VACANCY:

It was agreed to wait until the March 2, 2009 meeting to fill the Ward II Council vacancy created by Dan DeSmet's acceptance of the mayor position.

CAMERA RENTAL:

The council agreed to establish a sewer camera rental fee of \$75.00 per hour and charge \$100 plus mileage for the use of the city's sewer truck outside of city limits.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Mayor DeSmet will make appointments to the planning and zoning commission at the Mar. 2, 2009 meeting. He wanted to talk to some people before making any appointments.

SD AIRPORT CONFERENCE:

The council approved the request to send Ken Adams, Mark Fortuna and Al Cerny to the SD Airport Conference to be held in Aberdeen, SD on Mar. 25-26, 2009.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Bruce Shaffer submitted a building permit for a house. The permit did not need any variances. The council approved this permit.

The council received a building permit request for four signs to be placed around the Rosebud Plaza building (old high school). The signs will not create a traffic vision problem but since they were not 7' high off the ground, a variance is needed. Motion was made Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the building permit variance for the Rosebud Plaza signs. All members voted aye.

FIRE DEPT ROSTER:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the following 2009 Gregory Fire Department Roster. All members vote aye.

2009 Gregory Fire Department Roster

Firefighter/Date Joined:

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| 1. Al Cerny, 5/23/83 | 15. Mark Rajewich, 6/8/98 |
| 2. Todd Christensen, 11/10/86 | 16. Jason Frasch, 4/10/00 |
| 3. Mike Steffen, 8/24/87 | 17. Jack Wenger, 9/11/00 |
| 4. Lyle Haney, 1/9/89 | 18. Scott Boes, 9/11/00 |
| 5. Bryan Nelson, 2/12/90 | 19. Aaron Hogrefe, 2/26/01 |
| 6. Brad Christensen, 3/26/90 | 20. Jerry Kafka, 1/13/03 |
| 7. Dean Holmberg, 4/23/90 | 21. Jim Muchow, 8/9/04 |
| 8. John Meyer, 8/27/90 | 22. John Beck, 10/25/04 |
| 9. Doug Steffen, 3/9/92 | 23. Mark Fortuna, 12/13/04 |
| 10. Stacey Boes, 2/12/96 | 24. Suzanne Braun, 6/11/07 |
| 11. Clayton Whitney, 11/25/96 | 25. Michael Jacobsen, 3/10/08 |
| 12. Rod Fortuna, 11/10/97 | 26. Chad Peck, 3/10/08 |
| 13. Jamie VanDerWerff, 12/8/97 | 27. Joel Feyereisen, 4/28/08 |
| 14. Dennis Hunt, 1/26/98 | |

2009 Officers:

- Chief – Lyle Haney
- 1st Assistant Chief – Mike Steffen
- 2nd Assistant Chief – Aaron Hogrefe
- Department Captain – Clayton Whitney
- Training Officer – Rod Fortuna
- Secretary – Brad Christensen
- Treasurer – Al Cerny
- Board of Directors – Jim Muchow
- Board of Directors – Scott Boes
- Board of Directors – Mark Fortuna

LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT LIGHTING:

Doug Pochop, representing the Gregory School, met with the council to discuss having the city pay for three months of lighting on the Lutheran Church parking lot across from the auditorium. The school is paying for nine months while school is in session. The cost is \$105 per month. The matter was tabled and will be put on the Mar. 2, 2009 meeting agenda. The city attorney will be contacted on a possible church and state conflict.

APRIL 4, 2009 SALE:

The council approved use of the city’s parking lot for an Apr. 4th consignment sale.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The January 2009 financial report was given to the council.

EVIDENCE LOCKER:

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger had an idea for an evidence room by fixing up a storage room in the basement. The cost would be minor. The council agreed to proceed with this idea instead of building a steel cabinet.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve payment of the following claims. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner	43.58
Buche Foods, garbage bags/cleaning supplies/carpet cleaner rental freezer bags/disposable gloves.....	72.54
Dockendorf Equipment Co., replace meters on airport fuel pumps ..	2,217.96
Grabtec, seal kit for hoist cylinder.....	30.33
H & J Sales Inc., chains sharpened//bar oil/chain/rent pole saw	96.50

Klein's True Value, telephone/batteries/ear plugs/runway light bulbs/ fire dept. cleaning supplies	573.29
Mr. G's, gasoline	19.77
Office Products Center, paper.....	19.99
Rosebud Auto Parts, arm pull/drag link/bushing/tank/tie end rods/ antenna/brakleen cleaner/butane refill/sanding sheets/leak repair	507.89
South Dakota D.A.R.E. Officer's Assoc., membership dues	15.00
Spencer Quarries Inc., 88.83 ton rock chips	977.13
Verizon Wireless, February cell phone charges	248.99
Total \$	4,822.97

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	14.94
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, sand cloth/couplers/pipe	38.60
Jack Wenger, meal reimbursement/2009 Wastewater Seminar.....	24.00
Klein's True Value, tape/tubing cutter	29.57
Office Products Center, paper.....	20.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, o-rings	1.40
SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, tech conference registration.....	130.00
Verizon Wireless, February cell phone charges.....	79.14
SD Water & Wastewater Assoc., 2009 Wastewater Seminar registration	90.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage	186.30
Total \$	613.95

SEWER FUND:

Harrison Plumbing & Heating, flange/cap/nipples/coupler/adapter..	35.60
Rosebud Auto Parts, seal tape/fittings/branch tee	65.93
SD Assn of Rural Water Systems, sewer camera rental	250.00
Total \$	351.53

BUILDING DEPOSIT:

Anshutz Company, refund Homesteader building deposit	90.00
Total \$	90.00

Grand Total \$ 5,602.15

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 1/24-25/09; 1/31/09 & 2/1/09
Jack Wenger, 3 hours overtime; weekend water duty 2/14-15/09

2-4-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,511.39
SDRS, retirement	1,864.94
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	30.98
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	20.00
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	6,537.13
Street Dept	3,086.08
Airport.....	293.46
Library	763.42
Water Dept.....	2,348.82

AMBULANCE PAYROLL January 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings	1,243.33
Ambulance	4,736.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to go into executive session to discuss police department job applications. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 8:10 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., Mayor DeSmet took the council out of executive session.

POLICE APPLICATIONS:

The council agreed to interview two people for the police officer position during the last week in February.

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer