

Gregory City Council Meeting
May 18, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., May 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Council Members, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Gerrie Soper and Blane Bartling. Mayor Dan DeSmet and Council Members Kevin Mikkelsen and Maurice Schlaht were absent. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn. Council President Tim Mills presided over the meeting.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: crosswalk at Hwy 18 & Felton; park vandalism; cat problem; Tour de Kota, and; building permits. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda along with the additions. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve, as written, the regular minutes of May 4, 2009. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that he got in some asphalt mix to fix potholes. The council agreed to spray mosquitoes in Dallas, SD for \$100.00 per trip.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Bartling reported on a complaint of garbage and junk in front of a residence on Felton Avenue. A letter will be sent to the owner. The city will bill the tenant for any cleanup if the city has to pickup the refuse or contract for pickup.

WATER/SEWER ORDINANCES:

Amendments were made to the water and sewer ordinances. The changes will affect excavation and hookup requirements. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the first reading of Ordinance #206, an ordinance amending Sections 50.03 and 50.04 of chapter 50 (Water), and Ordinance #207, an ordinance amending Section 51.01 of Chapter 51 (Sewer). All members voted aye.

AUDIT CONTRACT:

The council reviewed the audit contract with Schoenfish & Co Inc. to do an audit of the years 2007-2008 for the City of Gregory. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve signing the audit contract with Schoenfish & Co Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. All members voted aye.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The council reviewed the health insurance renewal for the next year with the Health Pool of South Dakota. The cost went up \$13.79 per month. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to renew the health insurance with the Health Pool of South Dakota. All members voted aye.

SURPLUS PROPERTY:

The city had received property described as Lots 1 & 2 of Block 81, Original Town of Gregory. There has been some interest expressed in buying the lots from the city. The council was asked if they would like to declare the property surplus. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to declare the city owned property, Lots 1 & 2 of Block 81, Original Town of Gregory, as surplus property. All members voted aye.

APPRAISAL:

Council President Mills appointed Council Members Chad Peck, Gerrie Soper and Blane Bartling to appraise the value of Lots 1 & 2 of Block, Original Town of Gregory. The group met and placed the value of \$4,000.00 for Lots 1 & 2 of Block 81, Original Town of Gregory. The council accepted the value of \$4,000.00.

SEALED BIDS:

The council instructed Al Cerny to make the arrangements to sell by seal bids the property described as Lots 1 & 2 of Block 81, Original Town of Gregory.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT:

The council reviewed the April financial statements. The sales tax collections are running about \$4,000 behind over last year, but collections are closer to last year's in April than they were in March.

BULL RIDING:

The Gregory Commercial Club is sponsoring a bull-riding event to be held on July 3, 2009. They would like to use the empty lots at the industrial park. The council agreed to let the commercial club use the lots.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE:

There will be a retirement open house at the Gregory Public Library for Janice Tilton on Saturday, May 23, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It was agreed to an appreciation plaque.

CROSSWALK:

Council Member Peck mentioned that he had received concerns from people feeling that crosswalk should be placed at the intersection of Highway 18 at Felton

Avenue. Al Cerny will contact the state to inquire about getting a crosswalk placed in this area.

PARK VANDALISM:

Council Member Peck reported that he had received reports of one of the slides being vandalized in the park with some writing. He agreed to look at it and make some recommendations on how to fix the slide.

CAT PROBLEM:

Council Member Soper mentioned that citizens had called and thanked the city for making an attempt to help with the cat control problem.

TOUR DE KOTA:

Council Member Soper reported that the Tour de Kota volunteers would be meeting on Tues., May 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the council room to stuff coupons in bags for the Tour de Kota riders.

BUILDING PERMITS:

The following building permits were approved: Fogel Chiropractic Clinic office addition, requiring no variances; Sinclair Hunting Lodge, privacy fence and deck, requiring no variances.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

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| After Hours Cleaning, reissued lost check..... | 241.92 |
| Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats..... | 40.40 |
| Buche Foods, city hall cleaning supplies..... | 10.45 |
| Burke Oil Company, AV gas & Jet A fuel | 12,898.97 |
| Curley Haisch Estate, 125.45 ton gravel..... | 1,568.12 |
| Gregory Co. Hwy. Dept., road maintenance..... | 80.00 |
| Hali-Brite Inc., fuses | 9.17 |
| Hawkins Inc., sand/chlorine test reagents..... | 157.70 |
| Mark Fortuna, lodging & meal reimbursement/CPO class- Sioux Falls | 138.09 |
| Petty cash, postage reimbursement | 19.71 |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity | 2,799.59 |
| Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/gas/propane/tire repair/fuel oil/oil | 2,196.56 |
| SD Federal Property Agency, Ford dump truck tires | 300.00 |
| SD Govt Finance Officers' Assoc., finance officer school registration | 75.00 |
| SD Governmental Human Resource Association, HR school registration | 25.00 |
| Spann Construction Services Inc., citywide cleanup..... | 520.00 |

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| Stanley Eaglestar, 1992 Dodge car | 50.00 |
| The Radar Shop, radars recertified | 117.00 |
| Van Diest Supply Company, herbicide/speedzone..... | 258.15 |
| Verizon Wireless, May cell phone service | 521.75 |
| Willuweit Construction, city wide cleanup..... | 1,532.50 |
| Total \$ | 23,560.08 |

MAIN STREET SINKING:

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| First National Bank, interest/Main St bonds..... | 15,288.75 |
| Total \$ | 15,288.75 |

WATER FUND:

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| Appeara, coveralls | 6.34 |
| HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., saddle/ball curbs/curb boxes/couplings/inserts | 882.77 |
| One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets..... | 15.75 |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity | 1,480.23 |
| Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/propane | 290.69 |
| Verizon Wireless, May cell phone service | 100.01 |
| Total \$ | 2,775.79 |

SEWER FUND:

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| Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity | 70.50 |
| Share Corporation, weed control/lift station degreaser | 434.52 |
| Total \$ | 505.02 |

Grand Total \$ 42,129.64

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 5/9-10/09; .5 hr overtime

5-13-09 PAYROLL:

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| BankWest, withholdings | 2,681.95 |
| SDRS, retirement | 1,556.54 |
| Aflac, insurance | 122.48 |
| Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment..... | 219.23 |
| City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges | 31.33 |
| City of Gregory, water/sewer payment..... | 20.00 |
| Finance Officer | 1,635.20 |
| Police Dept..... | 4,527.73 |
| Street Dept | 3,389.79 |
| Airport..... | 306.60 |
| Library | 511.00 |

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| Water Dept | 2,388.80 |
| Economic Development..... | 200.00 |

AMBULANCE PAYROLL April 2009:

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| Ambulance, withholdings | 879.11 |
| Ambulance | 3,597.80 |

ADJOURN:

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

Tim Mills, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer