

Gregory City Council Meeting  
April 20, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., April 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Chad Peck, Kevin Mikkelsen and Maurice Schlaht. Blane Bartling, also present, was sworn in for the Ward II Council position later in the meeting. Others present were City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to adopt the agenda with the noted additions: library board recommendations, lagoon sewer line project, transportation enhancement stimulus funds, gravel for platted street and cat problem. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of April 6, 2009. All members voted aye.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Dan DeSmet appointed Blane Bartling to serve out the remaining term for DeSmet's Ward II council term. Blane Bartling signed the oath of office and was sworn in as Ward II council member.

PUBLIC FORUM:

GEOCACHING:

Marvin Braun met with the council to inform them of geocaching and explain how the activity works. Braun wanted the council to be aware of this activity because there are items that are hidden in the public areas of Gregory.

BID:

Ron Kyburz met with the council to discuss the roadside industrial park area. The area needs some fill dirt and a topographical study of the area. The cost of the study would run \$3,800. Kyburz will check with BID to see if the group would pay for the topographical study. It was agreed that the study should be done first before any dirt is hauled to the site.

JOE DULING/THRIFT STORE:

Joe Duling asked the council to reconsider the terms of the lease for the Wear 'n Wares thrift store and give them free rent for a year because it is a charitable organization. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to leave the proposed lease, as it is, a six-month lease, first two months at \$200 per month plus utilities and \$275 plus utilities for the last four months. All members voted aye.

#### DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Water Supt. Michael Jacobsen reported that he would like to convert five wells to pitless (no longer needing a shed to house them) and plug three abandoned wells. He is waiting to get an estimate of the cost. The REC will also extend their power line 1,000 to help distribute power to the wells.

Airport Manager Ken Adams reported that lightning took out the computer communications for the fuel system at the airport. It will be fixed soon and the repairs will be turned into the city's insurance. It was agreed to sell jet fuel to the crop sprayer at a reduced rate because of the volume of use.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that Main Street would be swept in the morning. There is very little asphalt mix left and it will be a while before some mix can be ordered. It was agreed to order one load of road oil.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gerrie Soper reported that Tour de Kota Coordinator, Maggie Owens, recently met with Gregory's Tour de Kota committee and reviewed the park layout and vendor list for the June 9, 2009 overnight stay. The coordinator was pleased with the community's enthusiasm and support of the event.

#### CITYWIDE CLEANUP:

The citywide cleanup is set for May 8-9, 2009. Items to be picked up will be the same as last year. An ad will be placed in the paper listing the limited items that may be disposed of at no charge. Items that don't meet the requirements for pickup will be rejected.

#### CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to authorize the following individuals to sign checks for the City of Gregory: Gerrie Soper, Dan DeSmet, Kevin Mikkelsen, Al Cerny and Jennifer Keegan. All members voted aye.

#### LIFEGUARD APPLICATIONS:

The council reviewed the applications for lifeguards and pool manager. The council agreed to hire Melissa Tiede as the Pool Manager and to offer lifeguard positions to the other applicants.

#### LIBRARY:

The city council accepted Janice Tilton's resignation as head librarian due to health reasons and to appoint Diane Althoff as Head Librarian.

#### AIR CONDITIONER:

The council agreed to leave the split type air conditioner value, formerly in the council room, at \$1,000. The air conditioner will be advertised.

LAGOON SEWER LINE:

The council agreed to have Aren’s Engineering put together the necessary work on repairing the sewer main to the city’s lagoons so that applications can be made to the state for grant/loan funding.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT STIMULUS FUNDING:

It was agreed to work on a path or trail to the school if it qualifies under the transportation enhancement stimulus funding.

GRAVEL/PLATTED STREET:

Chad Peck asked about getting some gravel on a platted street running past his garage. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to gravel the platted street. Ayes: Mills, Peck, Soper, Bartling; Nays: Mikkelsen. Schlaht did not vote. Motion passed.

CAT PROBLEM:

Some council members reported that they had received complaints about cats causing problems. It was agreed to set up live traps starting in the west part of the city.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The March financial report was given to the council. Sales tax revenues are down \$10,000 compared to the prior year, but March sales tax revenues were up over March of 2008.

WARD II ELECTION CANVAS:

The council canvassed the results of the Ward II Election of April 14, 2009. The results were: Blane Bartling, 46 votes; Laura Petersen, 29 votes.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats.....	40.66
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, SD Asphalt Conf./M. Fortuna lodging	82.00
Bonnie Johnson, election worker 4/14/09.....	125.00
Buche Foods, bleach/cleaning supplies .....	11.59
Civil Air Patrol Magazine, magazine ad.....	95.00
Computers N’ More, anti-virus software .....	100.00
Deb Klein, election worker 4/14/09.....	125.00
Gregory Drug, police dept 9V battery .....	3.29
H & J Sales, Inc., chains sharpened/grasshopper repairs/ grapple & bucket rent .....	402.20

Jacqueline Layh, election worker 4/14/09 .....	125.00
Mark Fortuna, meal reimbursement/SD Asphalt Conference.....	35.00
Michael Todd & Company, snowplow carriage bolts .....	79.11
Mr. Automotive, air & oil filters.....	73.73
Petty cash, police dept car wash .....	7.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	3,229.25
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/lube oil/diesel fuel/gas/ police car brake pads & rotors/blazer fuel pump & filter .....	2,140.96
Sheehan Mack Sales and Equipment, loader parts .....	800.33
Steffen Fencing, haul truck tires from Rapid City .....	150.00
Verizon Wireless, April cell phone service .....	276.51
Total \$	7,901.63

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls .....	6.34
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., 2 curb boxes.....	75.38
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	1,538.33
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas .....	270.52
Sensus Metering Systems, Autoread software support.....	1,320.00
Verizon Wireless, April cell phone service .....	83.00
Total \$	3,293.57

SEWER FUND:

Avera Gregory Medical Clinic, Hepatitis B vaccine shots.....	216.00
Barco Municipal Products, repairs to sewer jetter.....	142.22
Rosebud Electricity Cooperative Inc., electricity .....	60.58
Total \$	418.80

Grand Total \$ 11,614.00

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 4/11-12/09  
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 4/4-5-09  
Jack Wenger, 15 hrs overtime (snow removal)

4-1-09-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	2,477.53
SDRS, retirement .....	1,492.14
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment.....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	20.98
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment.....	20.00
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,267.34

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Street Dept .....	3,023.60
Airport.....	219.00
Library .....	568.97
Water Dept.....	2,348.81

4-15-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	2,718.84
SDRS, retirement .....	1,519.74
Aflac, insurance .....	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment.....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	23.19
Finance Officer .....	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,223.45
Street Dept .....	3,243.75
Airport.....	267.18
Library .....	757.00
Water Dept.....	2,648.80
General Government Building .....	250.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL March 2009:

Ambulance, withholdings .....	1,035.84
Ambulance .....	4,332.20

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