

Gregory City Council Meeting
May 17, 2010

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., May 17, 2010 at 7:40 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Blane Bartling and Kevin Mikkelsen. Council Members absent were Maurice Schlaht and Chad Peck. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: use of auditorium for emergencies, Larry Grim building permit, airport maintenance agreement, and elevator progress report. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to accept the agenda with the additional items. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of May 3, 2010. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM/VISITORS:

PASTOR MCCLELLEN/AUDITORIUM ALCOHOL USE:

The council heard comments from Pastor Scott McClellen in regards to the allowed serving of alcohol at functions in the Gregory Memorial Auditorium. McClellen opposes the allowed serving of alcohol at the Gregory Auditorium and asked the council to prohibit the use of alcohol at the auditorium.

WADE JURACEK/CITY BEAUTIFICATION:

Wade Juracek met with the council to ask that the council enforce the city ordinances on public nuisances. Juracek also asked about the status of the sidewalk and crosswalk at Highway 18 and Felton. At this time, there are no plans by the city to put the sidewalks in at the city's expense. Council Member Soper asked about the status of the city's Board of Health. This issue will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

VERN ARENS/SEWER LINE UPDATE:

Vern Arens informed the council that the company doing the sewer lining would be doing the work in July or August. The other company would start digging the new line in June. Arens presented the council with a change order for \$3,900 for the replacement of a manhole. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the change order in the amount of \$3,900 for the replacement of a manhole. All members voted aye.

RON KYBURZ/SERVICES FOR NON-RESIDENTS:

Ron Kyburz addressed the council about water and sewer services being extended for non-residents. Kyburz felt that the city should not extend services for non-residents because they do not pay their share of the costs.

JASON NEBOLA/RAISING EXOTIC CHICKENS:

Jason Nebola met with the council to ask about getting a permit, as mentioned in the city's ordinances) to raise five exotic chickens. After discussion, motion was made by

Council Member Soper to allow the exotic chickens. Ayes: Soper, Bartling; Nays: Mikkelsen, Mills. Mayor DeSmet broke the tie and voted nay. Motion failed.

ELEVATOR UPDATE:

The council was informed that the Gregory Elevator has secured a 1.5 million dollar funding package to make the improvements at the elevator. Work on the improvements will start in early June. Presently there is dirt work being done to improve drainage. The council agreed that the elevator area was looking better due to recent work done.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Michael Jacobsen, Water Supt., reported that Engineering America would be in Gregory on Tues., May 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to inspect the in-town water tank. The tank has some bad rusting on the inside. The council agreed that the city should work with the City of Pierre to pursue with whatever means to get the tanks repaired to the city's satisfaction. The City of Pierre has similar problems with their water tank.

Jacobsen presented a proposal by Dakota Pump & Control that would provide maintenance of the city's four lift station pumps on a yearly basis for \$760.00. Any parts would be extra. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the Dakota Pump & Control agreement for pump maintenance. All members voted aye.

Jacobsen inquired about the recent water study that was completed and if the council was going to pursue any of the improvements mentioned. It was agreed to get together with District III and SPN & Associates to make an application to the state to pursue the water control building replacement.

Jacobsen updated the council on the recent water pressure testing done by SD Rural Water at the hospital in regards to the hospital's dialysis system. The city has 52 lbs of pressure at the hospital but the pressure drops 10 lbs when it gets to the dialysis room. It was determined the problem is not with the city's water pressure, but within the hospital.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna met with the council. He handed out an airport fuel usage report.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDITORIUM BOILER REMOVAL:

The council agreed that the boiler in the auditorium could not be removed unless the person doing the removal had insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEALTH INSURANCE:

The council received the quote for employee health insurance. The cost went up \$9.00 per month per employee. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to renew the health insurance policy with the Health Pool of South Dakota. All members voted aye.

SMRWMD DELEGATE:

Kevin Mikkelsen was appointed to serve as the city's delegate to the Southern Missouri Recycling and Waste Management District.

AIRPORT CREDIT CARDS:

The council was approached about using the city’s generic card with allows users to use the airport’s fueling system without using a credit card. The users would then be billed on a monthly basis from the fuel records. Currently MJ Aviation is using a generic card. The council agreed the card could be used once an application and contract is signed and council approval is obtained.

POOL LIFEGUARDS:

The council agreed to have the pool committee decide on the full and part time employees for the city pool. The council was notified that Corena Johnson was the only person remaining that applied for the pool manager position.

CITY ATTORNEY:

Since City Attorney Wally Eklund will be leaving his law practice to become a judge, the city will need to find a different city attorney. Mayor DeSmet will visit with some other attorneys before making an appointment.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council reviewed a building permit submitted by Larry Grim to move in a 2-car garage. There are no variances needed. The council approved the building permit.

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE:

A pavement maintenance project at the airport in the amount of \$33,000 is scheduled for the summer of 2010. The city will need to transfer the \$33,000 from the city’s entitlement fund in order to do the project. The council members agreed to transfer the \$33,000 from the city’s airport entitlement fund to the state to allow the pavement project.

AVERA AGREEMENT:

The current agreement with Avera to allow the use of the city auditorium during an emergency for hospital care was renewed by the city council.

PARK DRAINAGE:

The council discussed the drainage problem at the city park. It was agreed to get some cost estimates on placing large culverts on the west end of the park and 11th Street.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Apparea, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats.....	41.82
Bartling Redi-Mix, pad for Pheasants Forever Bldg at airport/ manhole repairs & grind high spots at pool.....	3,488.00
Buche Foods, cleaning supplies.....	20.88
CENDFOG, area finance officers group 2010 dues	20.00
Department of Revenue, sales tax/bowling pins.....	12.00
First National Bank, Main St bond interest payment.....	14,013.75
Galls An Aramark Company, boots/trouser belt/duty belt	195.12

Gregory American Legion, 3' x 5' flag	20.00
Gregory Animal Clinic PC, animal control	44.10
Gregory Building Center, concrete blocks/Dewalt cordless combo kit/ quikcrete/redi-rod/police office remodel supplies	853.37
Gregory County Hwy Dept, road maintenance.....	75.00
Gregory Drug, camera battery	7.07
H & J Sales, mower deck bushings.....	6.50
Office Depot, Norton Antivirus software	63.59
Opperman Inc., 81.31 ton gravel delivered/47.39 rock chips trucking	1,960.81
Petty cash, postage reimbursement/car wash.....	22.17
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/diesel fuel/broadleaf weed control/switch	1,246.80
SD DOT, 3% cost snow removal equipment & aviation radio.....	3,367.74
SD Police Chiefs' Association, SDPCA/SDSA Mtg registration.....	65.00
Spann Construction Services Inc., citywide cleanup truck time.....	490.00
Spencer Quarries Inc., 47.39 ton rock chips	414.66
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, 2 sprinkler heads	32.97
Tyler Technologies, software maintenance	2,590.00
Van Diest Supply Company, mosquito control supplies	3,323.15
Verizon Wireless, May cell phone service	252.76

Total \$ 32,627.26

SEWER LINE OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS:

Arens Engineering, engineering fees	3,735.80
Schrank Construction Inc., payment #1 sewer outfall project/Schedule A	44,147.49

Total \$ 47,883.29

WATER FUND:

Appera, coveralls	6.51
Buche Foods, distilled water/hand soap	3.70
Dakota Pump & Control, #2 clear well pump installation.....	667.09
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	14.70
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	257.88
Tyler Technologies, software maintenance	1,934.00
Verizon Wireless, May cell phone service	86.27

Total \$ 2,970.15

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	145.75
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Total \$ 145.75

Grand Total \$ 83,626.45

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 5/8-9/10
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 5/1-2/10

5-12-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,996.68
SDRS, retirement	1,567.12
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	28.00
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	70.42
Finance Officer	1,684.00
Police Dept.....	4,506.87
Street Dept	3,592.01
Airport.....	216.48
Library	808.94
Water Dept.....	2,459.20
General Government Building.....	260.00
Pool	198.00
Park	222.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL April 2010:

BankWest, withholdings	1,061.62
Ambulance	4,583.26

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to go into executive session to discuss a recent contract. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 9:25 p.m. At 9:35 p.m., the council went out of executive session.

The council discussed reasons why they accepted the recent roofing contract at the “old liquor store building” in executive session. No changes were made.

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer