

Gregory City Council Meeting
July 21, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., July 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Wade Juracek; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Kevin Mikkelsen and Dan DeSmet. Absent were Council Members Chad Peck and Maurice Schlaht. Others present: Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: opening of the east well field hay bids and Chad Peck building permit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the July 7, 2008 council minutes as written. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that Commercial Asphalt was not making any more asphalt cold mix. He did ask Commercial Asphalt to do some street patch work. The test well that was dug on the Wempe land did not turn out well. There is not enough water to develop the well. Hutmacher Drilling, Inc. will advise on some other options that the city can explore.

COMMITTEE REPORT/AUDITORIUM:

Council Member Mills reported to the council about the storage addition to the auditorium for tables. The addition was going to be more expensive than originally thought. Mills suggested that the storage project be put on hold until next year and after the heating project at the auditorium is finished.

DAKTRONICS:

The council discussed a service contract with Daktronics for the main ball field scoreboard. The council discussed adding other Daktronics equipment and getting a quote for all of the items. Council Member Mikkelsen agreed to speak to a Daktronics representative about getting a quote for everything.

FIEBELKORN FENCE:

The council reviewed a request from Don Fiebelkorn to place an 8' high wood fence to the west and south of his house located at 1st & Spencer Avenue. The west portion would extend 15' on the right-of-way on Spencer Avenue. The council agreed to table the request until they could observe the site.

AUDITORIUM HEATING/COOLING:

The council discussed the heating and cooling of the auditorium. The present heating system is in poor shape and will not make it through the upcoming school year. The following resolution to declare an emergency and forego advertising was presented by Council Member Mikkelsen and seconded by Council Member Mills. All members voted aye.

RESOLUTION
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND TO BID WITHOUT ADVERTISEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has identified the need to replace the old, out-dated and non-fixable fuel oil heating system at the city auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory desires to replace the old heating system at the auditorium with an energy efficient system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory realizes that the auditorium will be used by the school for many school activities and athletic events in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory further realizes that there is not enough time to prepare bid notices, give notice of bids and accept the bids before the auditorium is used by the school system for the school year 2008-09;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an emergency exists that involves the welfare of the citizens of Gregory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gregory moves forward with the heating improvements by foregoing the advertisement of bids and attempt to obtain two quotes for the project, with the project completion to be done by the start of the new school year.

Dated this 21st day of July 2008.

Adopted:

Wade Juracek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Council Member Mikkelsen informed the council that due to budget concerns, the school could pay \$30,000 towards the auditorium heating project in 2008, \$13,500 in 2009 and \$13,500 in 2010 for their share of the costs. The council agreed to the terms and an agreement will be drawn up.

DON SMITH TREE:

Don Smith had asked the city for help in cutting down a large, dead cottonwood tree. He had the tree cut before the council could look at the tree because of concerns about winds blowing limbs off the tree. Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet to reimburse Don Smith \$300.00 for the removal of the tree. All members voted aye.

NEW MINIMUM WAGE:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve of the following wage changes, due to the recent minimum wage increase to take effect July 24, 2008, which will raise the minimum wage to \$6.55 per hour. All members voted aye. Carrie Hemeyer, \$6.55 per hour; Corena Johnson, \$6.55 per hour; Landi Schweigert, \$6.95 per hour; Schuyler Schweigert, \$6.55 per hour; Shelby Soesbe, \$6.55 per hour; Skila Soesbe, \$6.55 per hour; Sally Whiting, \$7.20 per hour, and; Karen Knudsen, \$6.55 per hour.

CITY LOT:

The council members discussed selling Lot 6 of Block 73 as there was some interest shown by a person to buy the lot. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to declare Lot 6 of Block 73, Original Town of Gregory as surplus city property and advertise it for sale. All members voted aye.

APPRAISAL:

The following Gregory citizens met to appraise Lot 6 of Block 73, Original Town of Gregory. The members of the appraisal committee were: Tim Mills, Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. The committee reported back to the council that the appraisal on Lot 6 of Block 73, Original Town of Gregory would be \$2,200.00 Council Member Soper made the motion to accept the appraisal of \$2,200.00. All members voted aye. Al Cerny was instructed to advertise the lot for sale by taking sealed bids on the property.

MOSQUITO GRANT:

Mayor Juracek reported that the city will receive another mosquito grant in the amount of \$1,437.00 with no match needed by the city.

CABLE TV UPDATE:

The city anticipated receiving an update on the cable tv reception and what was being planned by Golden West, but at this time no written response has been received.

TREE RUBBLE/DUMP SITE:

The council agreed that the state should be asked to include allowing construction rubble items to be dumped at the Gregory Waste site.

WELL FIELD HAY BIDS:

The following east well field haying bids were received: Nick Reber, \$200.00; Britt Pastian, \$796.50, and; Larry Grim, \$354.00. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to accept the high bid of \$796.50 from Britt Pastian. All members vote aye.

CHAD PECK/BUILDING PERMIT:

The council received a building permit for Chad Peck. The permit asked for a 32' x 56' storage shed to be built. There was no variance involved. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the building permit. All members voted aye.

CITY COUNCIL ROOM:

It was agreed to get quotes for re-doing two walls of the council room, painting the other two walls and installing a window.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/mats/soap.....	50.64
Avera Queen of Peace Health Services, CDL drug testing	68.50
Department of Revenue, pool water testing.....	108.00
Don Smith, reimbursement for cutting down tree	300.00
H & O Electric, city hall heating/cooling & electrical work	18,881.83

Hawkins Inc., pool container demurrage	10.00
Hollis Haisch, 50.22 ton gravel.....	607.66
J & K Septic and Waste, 4 th of July porta pots	2,300.00
Jennifer Keegan, municipal clerk program/mileage & meal reimb...	560.52
Louie's Grocery, soap/foam cups/filters/pool pop, candy & freeze pops	256.98
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, color printer toners/2 calculators	992.63
Oasis Inn, finance officer school/Al Cerny, lodging	237.00
Office Products Center, ink cartridge/binders	77.94
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	23.30
Plains Printing Co., pool admission tickets	4.95
Raymans Storage & Stump Removal, stump removal/Sherry Lindquist	123.00
RDO Equipment Co., v-belt/bearing	196.20
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity/air show tape & paint	2,975.50
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/diesel fuel/blades	2,440.42
The Health Pool of SD, August health insurance	2,563.80
Tim Drey, 3 uniform pants.....	82.53
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service.....	229.79

Total \$ 33,091.19

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Commercial Asphalt, 41.59 ton patch mix	3,077.66
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Total \$ 3,077.66

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	11.84
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	24.00
Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, Future Use Permit No. Fee	27.50
Office Products Center, binders.....	64.95
One Call Systems, Inc., locate tickets.....	12.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	2.91
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	1,519.04
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	112.37
SD Assoc. of Rural Water Systems, membership dues	45.00
The Health Pool of SD, August health insurance	854.60
Verizon Wireless, cell phone service.....	80.85

Total \$ 2,755.06

SEWER FUND:

M & J Auto Inc, trailer plug ends	19.60
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	1.34
Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity	53.74
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/weed killer	253.09

Total \$ 327.77

Grand Total \$ 39,251.68

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, 5 hrs overtime (mosquito spraying); weekend water duty 7/5-6/08

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 7/4/08 & 7/12-13/08
Jack Wenger, 4 hrs overtime; weekend water duty 6/28-29/08

7-9-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	4,502.76
SDRS, retirement	1,714.92
Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	9.99
City of Gregory, wage garnishment.....	35.00
Finance Officer	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	6,499.63
Street Dept	3,295.25
Airport.....	501.50
Pool	2,320.23
Park	2,394.31
Library.....	706.13
Water Dept.....	2,280.00
Economic Development.....	200.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL JUNE 2008:

BankWest, withholdings	1,338.44
Ambulance	4,971.50

ADJOURN:

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

Wade Juracek, Mayor

ATTEST: Al Cerny, Finance Officer