

Gregory City Council Meeting
June 2, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Wade Juracek; Council Members, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. Also present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: auditorium handicap door; Runnings building permit; Darrell Shattuck building permit and; SD Rural Enterprise Capitol Fund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the May 20, 2008 council minutes as written. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported on getting the pool prepared to open. The pool has stopped leaking water, but the chlorine booster pump is not working correctly. The public works employees have been busy mowing and some pot holes will be filled.

KEN ADAMS/AIRPORT UPDATE:

Ken Adams reported that the air show plans are coming along nicely. He is still looking for volunteers to help out with the event. He discussed establishing a charge for the use of the airport if a commercial user is using the airport frequently and are not buying any gasoline at the airport. The council agreed to check with other airports to see what they do in similar situations and also talk to the commercial user and reach an agreement for the use of the airport next year.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Mikkelsen reported that he should have a cost estimates for some new additional lighting along Highway 18 in 3 to 4 weeks.

Council Member Soper mentioned the need for an additional storage room and addition at the auditorium to store the tables and chairs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Al Cerny reported that he could not find any by-laws for the Senior Village Board that would limit Board of Directors to Gregory residents only. The council agreed to leave the Board of Directors as is.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council approved the building permit for David Neuharth to build a garage.

WATER BILLS:

The council members reviewed a potential list of unpaid water bills. The list included bills from people who are deceased, bankrupt or the house is no longer in existence. The council agreed to write the bills off, but to send notices to the few people on the list who are still living in the Gregory area.

DISTRICT III MEMBERSHIP:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to join District III for next year at a fee of \$1,910.00. All members voted aye. Council Member Soper was re-appointed as the city's delegate to District III.

RIGHT OF WAY:

The council looked at a plan to reduce the 2nd Street right of way that is adjacent Ron Beaver's property. The right of way would go from 100' to 50'. The council tabled any further action until they can review the property in question.

FIRE HALL:

The council reviewed a quote from James Steel to fix the gutter and put some snow guards on the fire hall building. James Steel was the company who supplied the original building materials. The council agreed to try to get some estimates from local places in Gregory.

TREE DUMP:

The council agreed to add Thursday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) as a day to the tree dump schedule. The extra day will be temporary, for a few months, until the lawn mowing slows down. The tree dump will also be open on Sundays from 1 a.m. to 6 p.m. because a worker will be fulfilling some community service hours.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:

The council reviewed the city's application for sidewalks going to the school. The "Safe Routes to School" application has to be received by June 6, 2008.

SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION:

Contracts were reviewed for the individuals hired by the Summer Youth Recreation Board. Lorna Whiting will be overseeing the concession stands and will be paid \$1,300.00 for the season. Lonnie Klundt will be responsible for the grounds keeping work at be paid \$1,800.00 for the season.

HANDICAP DOORS:

The city received a \$3,000.00 donation from the Gregory Community Foundation. The company will be notified to put the handicap door in at the auditorium.

BUILDING PERMITS:

The council approved a building permit for Darrell Shattuck to move in a double-wide house, if the building lines up with the adjacent house. A building permit for the expansion of Runnings Supply Inc. was also approved.

SDREI:

The South Dakota Rural Enterprise has changed escrow agents for the South Dakota Capital Fund, which Gregory is a participant. A new agreement will need to be signed. Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet to allow the Mayor to sign the new agreement with SDREI. All members voted aye.

WATER METER READING:

Mayor Juracek reported to the council that if the city would put in the meters, Tripp County Rural Water might be able to read them using radio read equipment for a certain fee every month. Mark Fortuna indicated that the cost would run approximately \$400.00 per month and the city would have to put in the new meters, so the cost would not be feasible.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Al Cerny will be attending Human Resource and Finance Officer School on June 10-13, 2008 in Oacoma.

The airport bi-directional tractor with attachments has been bid. The snow plow needs to be re-bid but it appears that the state will pay for all the equipment through the city's entitlement funds and a state grant.

CLAIMS:

Discussion was held on a tree stump removal bill. The city does not have a clear-cut policy for paying for tree stump removals. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, reimbursement/appreciation gift	79.71
Barco Municipal Products, "watch for children" signs	142.86
Golden West, phone service	808.75
Gregg Drees, air show letters/postage reimbursement	50.40
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/wall of honor ads/bus. review	661.57
Harve's Sport Shop, bases/home plate/pitching rubber/anchors	421.21
Hawkins Inc., pool chlorine/sodium hypochlorite/supplies.....	2,266.40

Jerry Wilske, Oscar Micheaux Center rent/Business After Hours	50.00
Klein's True Value, cleaning supplies/traffic bulb/switch/toilet paper/key pliers/towel dispenser/battery/faucet/phone cord/fittings/paint/brushes	457.83
Michael Todd & Company Inc., (2) Elgin bolt on gutter broom.....	266.56
Mr. Automotive, air filters/grease.....	62.54
Mr. G's, police dept gas & batteries	37.65
Office Products Center, ink cartridges/cash register tape/labels/envelopes	139.00
Opperman Inc., 24.77 ton trucking patch mix	297.24
Petty cash, postage reimbursement/wrapping paper.....	8.09
Plains Printing Co., letterhead/stamped envelopes	399.11
Postmaster, PO Box fee	106.00
Rayman's Storage & Stump Removal, stumps removed/Tim Drey ..	127.20
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/diesel fuel/fittings/filters.....	2,277.62
Runnings Supply Inc., pipe thread/nipple/weed & feed/fittings/clevis lawn starter/electrical tape/jug/fuel hose/propane tank//quick link nozzle/muriatic acid/drain plug kit/puddy knives/silica sand..	350.78
Van Diest Supply Company, mosquito supply supplies.....	185.00
Wm. Krotter Co., shelf/brackets/screws/grid marker/bit.....	46.43
DMV,(4) titles for abandoned vehicles.....	20.00
Total \$	9,261.95

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, June loan payment	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

WATER FUND:

Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, phone service	81.69
Gregory Times Advocate, notice of hearing.....	70.27
Kafka Construction, tin pump house roof/replace well field door.....	681.00
Klein's True Value, nuts & bolts	1.48
Krysta Bakken, refund water deposit.....	3.60
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	1.59
Plains Printing Co., stamped envelopes	256.95
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	204.27
Runnings Supply Inc., tote.....	7.79
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Wm. Krotter Co., steel panel/screws/washers/plywood	723.85
Postmaster, water billing postage	192.51
Total \$	5,262.00

SEWER FUND:

Department of Revenue, wastewater testing.....	70.00
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Rosebud Farmers Union, gas		204.27
	Total \$	274.27
	Grand Total \$	19,083.22

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen; weekend water duty 5/24-25-26/08

5-28-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,818.09
SDRS, retirement	1,631.32
Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges	41.00
Finance Officer	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	5,477.75
Street Dept	2,991.50
Airport.....	272.00
Pool	561.43
Park	2,225.38
Library.....	616.40
Water Dept	2,580.01
General Government Building.....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

Wade Juracek, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer