

Gregory City Council Meeting
February 21, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Kevin Mikkelsen, Gerrie Soper, Blane Bartling, Tim Mills and Maurice Schlaht. Council Member absent was Chad Peck. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011 as written. All members voted aye.

DEPT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the city crew had put a used transmission in the '99 Ford water pickup. The recent snowfall has kept them busy. Mayor DeSmet mentioned that he had received a call from Donn Reber about the fencing crew at the airport getting on property that he rents. Fortuna had talked to the fencing contractor about the issue.

STREET ASSESSMENT HEARING:

The street assessment hearing for the 6th Street from Spencer to Logan Ave, and Logan Ave from 5th to 6th Street was held. The project involves putting in new sidewalks, curb and gutter, storm sewer and a new asphalt street. The council asked that the adjacent landowners pay \$25 per running foot or approximately 25% of the total cost of the project after considering the \$200,000 grant.

Sara Zimelman met with the council on behalf of the landowners who did not want the assessment. She presented petitions to the council stating that the landowners did not want to be assessed. Total footage of the project is 2,288.7 feet. The city would need approval from 55% of the landowners owning that footage, or the city would need 1,258.79 feet. Petitions and letters received showed landowners owning 1,267.40 feet were against the assessment. The city will not assess because enough footage from the landowners approving the project was not received.

5TH STREET & LOGAN AVE ASSESSMENT:

The council agreed to start forming a 5th Street and Logan Ave assessment district.

SCHOOL HEATING:

Doug Pochop met with the council to ask if the middle school could use the same water main for heating that the high school uses. The council was in agreement to use the water main if there was enough capacity.

CHAMBER:

Doug Pochop also mentioned that the commercial club was working on a proposal to change from the commercial club to a chamber of commerce. When they have their business plan completed, he would like to come back to ask the city for help in funding the chamber.

WATER RATES:

The council reviewed a proposed rate schedule that would raise the minimum (1,000 gal) by \$2 to \$14; 2,000 gal by \$2 to \$17; 3,000 gal by \$3 to \$21; 4,000 gal by \$4 to \$25; 5,000 gal by \$4 to \$28; 6,000 gal by \$4 to \$31, and; any gallons after 6,000 would be charged \$2.75 per thousand (raised .25). It was agreed to send the rate information to the state for their approval.

RESCIND PRIOR WATER ORDINANCE #219:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to rescind the latest water rate Ordinance #219. All members voted aye. The new water rates from Ordinance #219 had never been implemented.

SPN CONTRACT:

It was agreed not to sign the SPN Engineering contract at this time for the 6th Street & Logan Ave Project.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to pay the claims as presented, with the exception of the flag bill from Heartland Promotions Inc. The observation park will pay the bill. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Ace Industrial Supply Inc., (2) first aid kits/caution tape	138.75
Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats	43.79
Buche Foods, cleaning supplies	6.29
Grand Slam Shooters Supply, Henry .22 Rifle	278.99
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electric payment	4,219.72
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas/diesel fuel//fuel filter.....	5,412.77
Share Corporation, glass cleaner, plexiglass cleaner, brake cleaner .	523.92
South Dakota Airports Conference, registration fees.....	165.00
Verizon Wireless, February 2011 cell phone service.....	206.27
Total \$	10,995.50

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT 2010:

American Fence Company, wildlife fence payment	66,838.96
Total \$	66,838.96

WATER FUND:

Appera, coveralls	6.68
Best Western Ramkota Hotel, lodging/SDWWA water seminar.....	316.00
Dakota Auto Care, used transmission	750.00
Jack Wenger, mileage & meal reimbursement/SDWWA water seminar	306.53
Mark Fortuna, SDWWA registration & meal reimbursement	142.00
Michael Jacobsen, meal reimbursement.....	9.00
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electric payment	1,833.91
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas	608.18
Verizon Wireless, February 2011 cell phone service.....	128.70
Total \$	4,101.00

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electric payment	86.88
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	180.68
Verizon Wireless, February 2011 cell phone service.....	64.16

Total \$ 331.72

Grand Total \$ 82,267.18

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Jack Wenger, 2 hrs overtime

2-16-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,636.32
SDRS, retirement	1,513.82
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone payment	5.99
Finance Officer.....	1,708.00
Police Dept	3,981.14
Street Dept.....	3,351.34
Airport	241.02
Library	793.74
Water Dept	2,817.20

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer