

Gregory City Council Meeting
December 7, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Dec. 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Blane Bartling, Kevin Mikkelsen and Chad Peck. Absent was Council Member Maurice Schlaht. 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: trees in right-of-way and right-of-way parking (under committee reports) and bike path encroachments. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009 as written. All members voted aye.

SIDEWALK RESOLUTION:

Mayor DeSmet addressed several of the property owners present for the hearing on the proposed sidewalk assessment that would put sidewalks along either side of Highway 18 and Felton Street. The state would put a crosswalk in at Hwy 18 & Felton if there were sidewalks on each side of the intersection for at least one block. If 55% of the footage owned by the affected homeowners petitioned not to have the assessment, then the assessment would fail. From the affected property owners present and not present, there were more than 55% of the owners not wanting the sidewalk assessment, so the proposed sidewalks will not be put in by assessments to the property owners.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that he had been contacted by a sewer service wanting to know if he could use the city's lagoons on rainy days to dump treated waste water from a proposed campsite in Colome that would house workers working on the oil pipe line. The council members are willing to work with the service.

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger reported that Shawn Claussen is certified and the department is back to a three-person force. He was given permission to install cages in the Blazer and Dodge, as they do transports to Winner. The speed board is up and being used. Once things get worked out, the speed board will be capable of collecting a lot of data.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Bartling reported that he had received a complaint about trees blocking the visibility at 3rd Street and Hwy 47. Al Cerny will check with the landowner about the trees.

Council Member Mikkelsen received a concern about a dump truck being parked on the city's right-of-way for long periods of time at 9th & Felton. The city's ordinance will allow a vehicle to be parked 72 hours in the right-of-way before it has to be moved.

QUIT CLAIM:

The city council agreed to accept the offer from Joyce and Dennis McCarthy for a lot situated along Felton Avenue that is just north of the roadside park.

BIKE PATH ENCROACHMENTS:

The city council members reviewed several encroachments of mailboxes, fences, retaining walls and buildings along 5th Street that extend out into the city's right-of-way. The council members agreed that they did not have a problem with any of the encroachments. The owners will be sent notices and permits to sign to keep their items in the city's right-of-way.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS:

The council held a hearing for the following liquor license renewal agreements with the city: Buche Foods, off-sale; Mary Bob's Bar, on-sale; The Diner on Main, on-sale; Gregory Lanes, one-sale, and; Homesteader, on-sale. Nobody was present to object to the renewals. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to renew the above liquor agreements. All members voted aye.

SUPPLEMENT BUDGET ORDINANCE #212:

Ordinance #212, an ordinance to supplement the regular city budget was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the first reading of Ordinance #212. All members voted aye.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT:

The November financial report was given to the council. Sales tax receipts are up over last year at the same time.

SHAWN CLAUSSEN:

Per his hiring agreement, Shawn Claussen's pay will increase \$1.50 per hour to \$12.00 per hour because he is now a certified officer.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

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| Appeara, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls | 40.40 |
| B & F Variety, hand sanitizer | 8.97 |
| Blue Devil Creative LLC, airport sign..... | 2,100.00 |
| Burke Oil Company, 2500 gal Jet A fuel..... | 7,115.00 |

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| City of Burke, 5.7 ton omega mix..... | 718.20 |
| Galls An Aramark Company, police dept shirts/baton/scabbard/mace holder | 239.94 |
| Golden West, December phone service | 867.48 |
| Gregory County Hwy Dept, road maintenance..... | 56.25 |
| Gregory Drug, batteries | 5.99 |
| Gregory Iron Works, angle iron/sheet metal | 98.78 |
| Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing | 510.92 |
| Heartland Promotions Inc., 6 t-shirts | 60.00 |
| Klein's True Value, twine/plugs/paint/paper towels/coupling/acetone | 107.61 |
| Mathis Implement Trust, air tank for truck..... | 502.76 |
| Mr. Automotive, filters/brake cleaner/carb cleaner | 34.27 |
| Office Products Center, paper/clips/post-it-notes/ink..... | 88.33 |
| Petty cash, postage reimbursement | 24.93 |
| Plains Printing Co., stamped envelopes..... | 270.25 |
| Ponca Creek Creations, sew on police dept patches..... | 6.00 |
| Rosebud Auto Parts, rosin core solder/unibit drill bit set/wrench/ cab lamp & relay/nuts & bolts | 191.24 |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity | 3,047.26 |
| Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/bulk oil/gas/tire repair | 2,567.87 |
| Runnings Supply Inc., antifreeze/bulb/straps/4x6 trailer/trailer ball. | 526.29 |
| The Health Pool of SD, December health insurance | 2,205.45 |
| Yankton Fire & Safety Co., fire extinguisher inspections..... | 217.00 |
| Total \$ | 21,611.19 |

BIKE PATH PROJECT:

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| Schmucker Paul Nohr and Associates, Gregory Bike Path Design... | 1,700.00 |
| Total \$ | 1,700.00 |

WATER FUND:

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| Appeara, coveralls | 6.34 |
| B & F Variety, erasers | 1.99 |
| Department of Revenue, water testing..... | 37.00 |
| Golden West, December phone service | 81.67 |
| Harrison Plumbing & Heating, submersible pump/slice kit/adapters | 480.35 |
| HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., well field meters | 461.69 |
| Heartland Promotions Inc., 3 t-shirts | 30.00 |
| Office Products Center, paper..... | 20.00 |
| One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets..... | 8.40 |
| Petty cash, postage reimbursement | 2.67 |
| Plains Printing Co., stamped envelopes..... | 270.25 |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity | 1,466.43 |
| Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/tire switch & balancing | 322.71 |
| Runnings Supply Inc., teflon tape/coupling..... | 4.77 |
| SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, annual dues/Class B Member | 410.00 |
| SDWWA, membership renewal/Mark Fortuna | 10.00 |
| Sensus Metering Systems, autogun repair | 145.00 |
| The Health Pool of SD, December health insurance | 882.18 |
| Tripp County Water User District, water service | 3,000.00 |

Total \$ 7,671.45

SEWER FUND:

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| HD Supply Waterworks Ltd, couplings..... | 41.18 |
| Jack Doheny Supplies Inc., sewer nozzles | 143.42 |
| Rosebud Auto Parts Inc., fittings | 16.32 |
| Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., electricity | 54.80 |
| Rosebud Farmers Union, gas | 118.95 |
| Runnings Supply Inc., electrical fittings..... | 13.40 |
| Rural Development, December loan payment | 4,285.00 |

Total \$ 4,673.07

WATER DEPOSIT:

Joseph P Sejvar, refund water deposit 21.71

Total \$ 21.71

Grand Total \$ 35,677.42

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 11/11/09;11/21-22/09; and 11/26/09

11-25-09 PAYROLL:

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| BankWest, withholdings..... | 2,883.78 |
| SDRS, retirement | 1,567.02 |
| Aflac, insurance | 122.48 |
| Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment..... | 219.23 |
| Finance Officer | 1,635.20 |
| Police Dept..... | 5,117.75 |
| Street Dept | 3,168.72 |
| Airport..... | 302.22 |
| Library | 769.75 |
| Water Dept..... | 2,648.80 |
| Economic Development..... | 200.00 |
| General Government Building..... | 250.00 |

TEMPORARY CITY ATTORNEY:

It was agreed to talk to a few attorneys about being the city's attorney until George Johnson can get back to work.

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer