

Gregory City Council Meeting
July 19, 2010

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., July 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht and Blane Bartling. Council Members absent were Chad Peck and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: pedestrian path and old flagpole. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the agenda as posted with the additional items. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of July 6, 2010 were clarified that the bleacher opening repairs were made to the main park bleachers. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the regular minutes of July 6, 2010, as written, with the bleacher clarification. All members voted aye.

ARENS ENGINEERING:

Vern Arens met with the council to give an update on the sewer line project. He proposed adding an additional manhole along 4th Street and to increase the line from 12” to 18” to help with possible excess flows. The extra manhole would allow the city to also use the old sewer line if needed. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to have a change order and put in the extra manhole and larger sewer line. All members voted aye.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT HEARING:

At this time the sidewalk hearing was held. The proposed assessment was for a sidewalk to run on the west edge of Gerkin Drive and Nepper Street to 1st & Felton Avenue. Testimony was heard from two of the owners and some Hills Addition residents who wanted the sidewalk installed. The question of right of way along Gerkin Drive was raised. The right of way is 40’ and it was thought that the street width was 40’ from curb to curb, which would not leave any room for a sidewalk to be built on the city’s right of way. The city did receive notification from over 50% of the frontage owners saying that they did not want the sidewalk. The assessment issue was tabled until the city could get answers from the state regarding the right of way and street width on Gerkin Drive.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger presented the policies and procedures for the police department to the mayor and council. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to adopt the new police department policies and procedures. All members voted aye.

Ellwanger advised the council that the police dept. received a \$4,600 Homeland Security Grant. The council approved a claim for \$1024.88 to Cabela’s for the purchase of some video cameras and security boxes to hold them.

The council discussed payment of the Winner Police Dept. bill. Payment of jail bills is a county responsibility, but the council agreed to pay a one-time payment for the prisoner housing bill.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna said the city crew accidentally tore up the curb while they were redoing Gerkin Drive by Joseph Hull's property. Fortuna received a quote of \$12.00 per foot for curb and gutter if the city did all the prep work. The council agreed to pay for the replacement of the curb and gutter.

BIKE PATH:

The construction of the pedestrian path will start August 3, 2010 and is scheduled to take about a month to complete.

SURPLUS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to declare the old flagpole and old pool vacuum cleaner as surplus property and set the value at \$100 for the flagpole and \$200 for the pool vacuum cleaner. All members voted aye.

PETERSEN BUILDING PERMIT:

The council approved the Bob Petersen building permit for a steel garage.

ACCESS GRANT RESOLUTION:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the resolution to apply for community access grant funds for 5th, 6th & Logan Street improvements. All members voted aye.

**** RESOLUTION OF LOCAL COMMITMENT ****

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has identified the need to reconstruct the portions of 5th, 6th, and Logan Streets that serve the school property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is eligible for South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Grant Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory currently controls the required rights-of-way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gregory will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Grant Program for this project in accordance with all program requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gregory will be responsible for financing all non-participating items associated with the project, and a minimum of forty percent (40%) of all construction costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gregory will be responsible for ensuring the continued maintenance of the road once the project is complete;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Gregory be authorized to execute the Community Access Grant Program application.

DATED this 19th day of July 2010.

7/19/2010

Adopted:

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST:

Allen Cerny, Finance Officer

SEWER JETTER HOSE:

The council approved the purchase of sewer jetter hose to the sewer jetter truck at an approximate cost of \$1,600.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Mayor Dan DeSmet appointed Sue Hogue as health officer for the City of Gregory. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the appointment of Sue Hogue as health officer.

WEAR N' WARES:

The council was informed that it may cost \$1,500 or more to replace the old metal back door at Wear N' Wares. It was tabled until some other quotes can be obtained.

CITYWIDE STREET ASSESSMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to pass the resolution establishing a levy of .40 per running foot of frontage property for street improvements. All members voted aye.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY TO LEVY A FRONT FOOT ASSESSMENT FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF STREET SURFACES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SDCL 9-45-38.

WHEREAS SDCL 9-45-38 provided for the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces not exceeding \$.40 per front foot of lots abutting the streets; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory maintains and repairs street surfaces on many streets within the City limits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces shall be levied as follow:

- 1) All lots so assessed shall be at the rate of \$.40 per front foot.
- 2) A detailed list of the legal descriptions, amount of assessment shall be provided to the Gregory County Auditor for collection with taxes based on the following streets;

First Street; Second Street; Third Street; Fourth Street; Fifth Street; Sixth Street; Seventh Street; Eighth Street; Ninth Street; Tenth Street; Eleventh Street; Twelveth Street; Thirteenth Street; Fourteenth Street; Sixteenth Street;

Logan Street; Rice Street; Felton Avenue; Spencer Avenue; Rosebud Avenue; Main Street; Church Street; Whittecar Avenue; VonSeggern Street; Nepper Street; Jones Street; Georgia Drive; Gerkin Drive and Duling Drive; and Park Avenue.

- 3) The maximum amount to be levied on any legally described lot or lots shall be \$60.00 per year.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2010.

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to pay the claims as presented and to include payment to the Winner Jail, Cabela's and Santa Claudes Tree Service for cutting Brian Schweigert's trees. It is noted that the city will not pay for any trees being cut without prior council approval in the future. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats.....	44.57
Avera Queen of Peace, CDL drug testing.....	72.50
Bob Boes Trucking, 23.95 ton aglime trucking.....	838.25
Buche Foods, pool cleaning supplies, candy & pop/city hall supplies	954.88
Cabela's Retail Inc., security cameras.....	1,024.88
Santa Claude's Tree Service, repair storm damaged city shop siding	5,312.16
remove 2 trees in city right-of-way/Brian Schweigert.....	636.00
Department of Revenue, pool sales tax.....	312.02
Dockendorf Equipment Co., repairs to airport fuel pump.....	685.99
Gregory County Hwy Dept., gravel & blade road.....	274.93
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/pool swimming lessons ad	632.01
Hawkins Inc., chlorine cylinder.....	30.00
Heritage Flag & Banner Inc., city hall flagpole.....	2,129.00
J & K Septic and Waste, porta pots/4 th of July.....	2,100.00
Jana Winters, public swimming lessons/Levels 4-5-6.....	1,066.00
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, uniform traffic tickets.....	87.82
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	3,043.39
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas/diesel fuel/oil change/tires/chemical..	1,956.48
SD Public Assurance Alliance, extra insurance coverage on buildings	516.00
SMC, 23.95 ton aglime.....	194.00
South Dakota Library Network, 2011 remote member fee.....	650.00
Steve McDowell, meal reimbursement.....	8.00
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service.....	290.60
Wilson Equipment, street sweeper a/c repair work.....	65.00
Winner Police Department, jail expense.....	100.00
Total \$	23,024.48

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Highway Improvement Inc., crack sealing on Felton Ave	5,102.38
Total \$	5,102.38

SEWER LINE OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS:

Arens Engineering, engineering fees/outfall line replacement.....	10,258.40
Schrank Construction Inc., payment #3.....	106,934.75
Total \$	117,193.15

WATER FUND:

Appera, coveralls	4.26
Avera Queen of Peace, CDL drug testing.....	72.50
One Call Systems Inc., locate tickets.....	14.70
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	1,489.20
Steffen Fencing, fence repair/wellfield & blue tank.....	136.00
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	67.88
Total \$	1,784.54

SEWER FUND:

Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp, lift station degreaser	1,298.94
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	96.91
Rosebud Farmers Union, hardware.....	5.69
Spann Construction Services, sewer line work.....	1,537.75
Steffen Fencing, fence repair/lagoon	68.00
Total \$	3,007.29
Grand Total \$	150,111.84

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 6/26-27/10
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 7/10-11/10
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 7/3-4-5/10; 1 hr overtime

7-7-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	4,595.76
SDRS, retirement	1,808.18
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment.....	121.80
City of Gregory, Galls payment.....	25.00
Finance Officer	1,684.00
Police Dept.....	6,531.81
Street Dept	3,340.03
Airport.....	248.05

Library	644.08
Water Dept	2,419.20
Pool	3,340.91
Park	2,622.50
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building.....	260.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL June 2010:

BankWest, withholdings.....	1,121.63
Ambulance	4,533.10

ADJOURN:

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

 Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Al Cerny, Finance Officer