

Gregory City Council Meeting
May 4, 2009

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., May 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Gerrie Soper, Blane Bartling and Maurice Schlaht. Council Members absent were Kevin Mikkelsen and Chad Peck. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

OLD COUNCIL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve, as written, the regular minutes of April 20, 2009. All members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

With no old business to discuss, motion was made by Council Member Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye.

NEW COUNCIL:

Gerrie Soper, Blane Bartling and Kevin Mikkelsen started two-year terms. Gerrie Soper and Blane Bartling signed the oaths of office. Mikkelsen was absent.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to nominate Tim Mills as President. Council Member Bartling made the motion that nominations cease and Mills be elected by unanimous ballot. All members voted aye.

Council Member Mills nominated Gerrie Soper for Vice-President. Council Member Bartling motioned that all nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gerrie Soper. All members voted aye.

COMMITTEES:

Mayor DeSmet appointed the following committees: First named is Chairperson.
Park – Soper, Mills, Peck
Trees/Public Nuisance – Bartling, Mikkelsen, Schlaht
Water/Sewer – Mikkelsen, Peck, Schlaht
Streets – Schlaht, Mikkelsen, Bartling
Airport – Mills, Soper, Bartling
Auditorium – Peck, Mills, Soper

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve the council committee assignments. All members voted aye.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor DeSmet made the following appointments: Official Banks (Gregory), BankWest, First Fidelity Bank, and Consumers Federal Credit Union; Official Newspaper, Gregory Times Advocate; Investments, BankWest, First Fidelity, Consumers Federal credit Union, and SD Public Funds Investment Trust (FIT); City Administrator, Al Cerny, and; Chief of Police, Dwight Ellwanger.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to add the following items to the agenda: garbage complaint; cat problem; street needing repairs; sewer line resolution, and; Patty Rezac building permit. All members voted aye.

SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION/SCOTT ANSHUTZ:

Scott Anshutz reported on the Summer Youth Recreation Program. The new field is almost finished. There are 75 boys with 10 volunteer coaches and they start May 26, 2009. There are 60 girls with 7 volunteer coaches and they starting playing on May 27, 2009. Anshutz recommended the contracts stay the same for the concession worker and the groundskeeper. Anshutz wants to get the concrete poured for the new concession stand. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the following employment contracts for the Summer Youth Recreation Program: Concession Stand, \$1300; Groundskeeper, \$1800.

DEPT. HEAD:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that cleanup week starts this week. Blade mix is not available until the end of May. A quote of \$9,660.15 was put together to replace the well field shelters with pitless wells. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to proceed with the improvements. All members voted aye.

GARBAGE COMPLAINT:

Council Member Mills reported he had a complaint of some iron items and used cooking oil in several containers behind a downtown business.

CAT PROBLEMS:

Council members reported that they had received complaints about cats running at large. The police dept. is setting live traps and several cats have already been caught.

STREET COMPLAINTS:

A complaint about Rosebud Avenue between 7th and 8th Street having no asphalt was received. The city will not have any asphalt mix until the end of the month. There

was also a concern about the concrete dips along Felton Avenue holding water. Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna has talked to the engineer about the problem. There is also a problem with the alley west of 3rd & Whittecar. The alley does not drain and there is not much that can be done because of the lay of the ground.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER ORDINANCE:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna presented the council with some proposed changes in the way excavations are done on city right of ways when putting in water or sewer lines. Fortuna wants to set up standards that all contractors would have to follow. The changes will be put into ordinance form with the first reading being held on May 18, 2009.

3RD CENT FOR TOUR DE KOTA:

Mayor DeSmet would like the 3rd cent sales tax to pay for some entertainment for the Tour de Kota. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to pay up to \$750.00 for entertainment for the Tour de Kota out of the 3rd cent sales tax. All members voted aye.

PATHWAY GRANT:

The council reviewed a DOT Pathway Grant to place a pathway from 5th & Highway 47 to the school, running along 5th Street. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to sign the application and approve the following resolution. All members voted aye.

**RESOLUTION
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ENDORSEMENT
GREGORY CROSS-TOWN PATH PROJECT**

WHEREAS the City of Gregory endorses the Cross-Town Project and its potential for having positive impacts on the community and in the area; and

WHEREAS the project will comply with all city and county planning and zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory will assume responsibility for all match funding, project coordination and future site maintenance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Gregory that it will sponsor the Transportation Enhancement grant application for the Cross-Town Path Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gregory will provide administrative assistance to ensure grant compliance, and that such assistance may include the services of Planning & Development District II.

Name, Title

Date

ATTEST:

Date

Date

LAGOON LINE:

Council Member Bartling made the motion to pass the resolution authorizing the lagoon line replacement to be placed on the state water plan. All members voted aye.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
STATE WATER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has identified the need to make certain improvements to its wastewater system, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory requests placement on the State Water Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is eligible for placement on the State Water Plan, and;

WHEREAS, with the submission of the State Water Plan application, the City of Gregory assures and certifies that all State Water Plan program requirements will be fulfilled,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gregory duly authorizes the submission of this State Water Plan application,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Gregory is authorized to execute this State Water Plan application for the City of Gregory.

Dated this 4th Day of May, 2009.

SIGNED: _____
Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Allen Cerny, Finance Officer

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the following penalties for allowing a dog to run at large: The first time a dog is picked up will cost the owner \$40.00; the second incident occurring within a six month period will cost the owner \$100.00. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The following building permits were approved: Henry Schnabel, breezeway; Patty Rezac, deck.

ARBOR DAY:

Mayor DeSmet declared Friday, May 8, 2009 as Arbor Day with the following proclamation.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and;

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our community increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan DeSmet, Mayor of the City of Gregory, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2009 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Gregory, and I urge all citizens celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and;

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2009.

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

The council agreed to the following travel requests: Al Cerny, Human Resource/Finance Officer School, June 9-12, 2009, Pierre, SD; Jennifer Keegan, SD Municipal Clerk Program, July 6-10, 2009, Vermillion, SD; Mark Fortuna, Certified Pool Operators Course, May 11-12, 2009, Sioux Falls, SD.

ENERGY GRANT INFORMATION:

The council reviewed information received on grants to help with energy conservation improvements.

COMMUNITY GARDEN LEASE:

The council approved the community garden lease.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve payment of the following claims. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appera, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner	21.61
B & F Variety, hi-liters for election.....	4.24
Barco Municipal Products, 20 pair safety glasses	208.98
Dakota Auto Care, flush grasshopper fuel injectors	132.41
Department of Revenue, blood alcohol test.....	35.00
Golden West, May phone service	962.45
Governmental Finance Officer's Assoc., clerk school reg./Keegan..	249.00
Gregory Building Center, aud. automatic handicap door/pool supplies	3,791.99
Gregory Farmers Elevator, weighing charge (4/7/09 snow).....	5.00
Gregory Iron Works, iron work/community garden	16.60
Gregory Times Advocate, election/council publishing	829.48
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, comm. garden & camper dump fittings	133.75
Hawkins Inc., certified pool operators course/registration fee/Fortuna	225.00
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	140.00
Klein's True Value, batteries/key/goof off remover/solvent cement/ pipe cleaner/fittings/elbow/bushings	127.87
Little Falls Machine Inc., snow plow cylinder	338.13
Locator of Unclaimed Funds, fee to collect crude oil overcharge.....	19.89
Mr. Automotive, floor dry/12 volt battery/air filter.....	117.84
Old Pioneer, shells	6.49
Opperman Inc., 21.2 hrs hauling snow	1,590.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement/stamps.....	18.64
Raymans Storage & Stump Removal, stumps removed	461.00

Rosebud Auto Parts, filters/sealant/chamber/hose end/wiper blades	241.95
Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., street light bulb	383.86
Runnings Supply Inc., fan/pump/fittings/nuts & bolts/bead breaker hole saw/ext. cord/weed & feed/connectors & electrical wire	626.04
The Health Pool of SD, May health insurance	2,136.50
Tyler Technologies, software maintenance	2,466.00
Wm. Krotter Co., bits/shop towels/anchors/concrete	76.51
Total \$	15,366.23

3RD CENT SALES TAX:

Gregory Times Advocate, Tour de Kota /vendor meeting ad.....	50.00
Total \$	50.00

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Highway Improvement Inc., asphalt crack sealing.....	5,329.15
Total \$	5,329.15

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

WATER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, backhoe work @ well field.....	307.65
Appera, coveralls	7.46
Christensen Sales & Service, (4) magnetic starters/in-town well parts	391.89
Dakota Auto Sales, replace fuel filter & spark plugs/1999 Ford.....	403.15
Department of Revenue, water-testing	37.00
Golden West, May phone service	81.54
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, pumps/fittings/slice bits.....	922.95
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., fittings/meters/couplings	527.79
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	2.30
Runnings Supply Inc., batteries/hardware/hose adapters	29.35
The Health Pool of SD, May health insurance	854.60
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Tyler Technologies, software maintenance	1,842.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage	186.84
Total \$	8,594.52
Grand Total \$	33,624.90

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 5/2-3/09
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 4/25-26/09
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 4/18-19/09; 3 hrs overtime

4-29-09-09 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,644.30
SDRS, retirement	1,505.82
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Finance Officer	1,635.20
Police Dept.....	4,032.00
Street Dept	3,570.01
Airport.....	271.56
Library	767.72
Water Dept	2,388.80
Economic Development.....	200.00

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer