

Gregory City Council Meeting  
August 4, 2008

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Wade Juracek; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Kevin Mikkelsen, Tim Mills, Maurice Schlaht and Dan DeSmet. Absent was Council Member Chad Peck. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: Three issues and Horizon meeting update. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to adopt the agenda with the additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve as written the July 21, 2008 minutes. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM/CABLE TV:

Rick Reed and Kevin Peters from Golden West met with the council to discuss some cable TV issues. Golden West has made plans to have a new fiber optic feed into Gregory and new cable run within the city by the end of 2008. These two improvements should help with the cable TV reception.

AUDITORIUM HEATING/COOLING:

The council discussed the heating and cooling project for the auditorium. A quote was received from Leidholt, McNeely, Leidholt Cooling and Heating Inc. of Pierre for \$115,300. H & O Electric of Winner declined to quote because of time constraints. Harrison Plumbing & Heating and Christensen Sales & Service of Gregory also declined to quote. The council agreed that they would talk to the school board about the school's proposed reimbursement payment plan for their share of the project.

FENCE:

The city council agreed not to allow Don Fiebelkorn to build a fence on the city's right of way.

HOMESTEADER/OFF-SALE MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE:

The council held a hearing for the issuance of an off-sale beer license for the Homesteader. Nobody was present for the hearing. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve of an off-sale malt beverage license for the Homesteader. All council members voted aye.

#### STORM SHELTER:

The use of city hall as a storm shelter was discussed. During the last storm, city hall was used by several people as a shelter but there was a problem with children running in and out of the building and getting into things. The council would like to remind the parents that they are welcome to use city hall as a storm shelter but they are responsible for the actions of their children.

#### POOL SALARIES:

The following pool employees have received Water Safety Instructor (WSI) training and passed the course so they will receive an additional 25¢ per hour. The new salaries are as follows: Carrie Hemeyer, \$7.05 per hour; Corena Johnson, \$7.05 per hour; and Sally Whiting, \$7.70 per hour. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the new pool salary amounts. All members voted aye.

#### AIRPORT INSPECTION:

The council reviewed the state's inspection report of the airport. The report was good except that some of the corn crop was too close to the runway and a small portion of it would have to be cut.

#### SENIOR VILLAGE:

The council reviewed the financial report and proposed budget for the Senior Village.

#### TREES:

The council agreed to inspect some trees that may need cutting down.

#### SDML:

The council reviewed a resolution that opposes Initiated Measure #10 which would make it unlawful for cities to pay dues to any organization that lobbies. Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet to adopt the following resolution. All members voted aye.

Be it resolved by the City of Gregory

Whereas, Initiated Measure #10 would prohibit any city from paying dues to any association that lobbies:

Whereas, it is far more efficient and cost effective to join together with our fellow cities through the SD Municipal League for coordinated communication with the Legislature than to have each city stand along;

Whereas, the costs to the taxpayers of having each city to monitor, report, and travel to Pierre to participate in the Legislative Session would be much greater than any dues to the SD Municipal League;

Whereas, coordinated communication with Legislators leads to more efficiency in the Legislative process and has saved millions of dollars in taxpayer funds;

Whereas, restricting the ability of South Dakotans to support candidates and communicate with their elected public officials is a violation of their right to freedom of speech;

Whereas, the measure will be challenged in court and will most likely be found to be unconstitutional, costing millions of dollars in taxpayer money;

Whereas, Initiated Measure #10 does not limit State government-paid lobbyists, out-of-state lobbyists, or corporate lobbyists, but only stifles coordinated voices for local control;

Whereas, the City of Gregory finds that municipal officials throughout South Dakota are dedicated, honest and ethical people with the best interests of their cities in mind and that cities take great pride in providing open, honest government to our citizens;

Whereas, the thousands and thousands of South Dakotans who do business with the State, Cities, Counties, and other governmental entities should not be penalized for providing such services;

Whereas, civic groups who work to better their community, and often require local funding to provide their services should not be prohibited from communicating their needs to local public servants;

Whereas, the forces supporting Initiated Measure #10 will not reveal the source of their funding, leaving the reasonable assumption that out of state special interests are once again attempting to hijack the South Dakota ballot and abuse our initiative process;

Therefore let it be resolved that the City of Gregory strongly opposed Initiated Measure #10 and urges the citizens of South Dakota to vote "NO" on the measure.

#### POOL CLOSING:

The council agreed to try to keep the pool open until Sunday, August 17, 2008 if enough help can be found, otherwise the pool will close on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

#### 2009 BUDGET:

Preliminary 2009 budget figures were given to the council. The council will work on finalizing the 2009 budget at the next council meeting.



Runnings Supply Inc., spade/lag screws/fittings/Teflon tape/caution tape light bulbs/hanger hose/muriatic acid/stock pot/concrete mix/spray paint seed/hose clamps/rope/trimmer line/flush lever/parking sign/pliers	173.50
Sheehan Mack Sales and Equipment, Volvo loader service work.....	172.20
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, pipe/fittings for little league field irrigation	77.35
Wm. Krotter Co., grid marker/caution tape/wood lath/cleaner/hammer bits	186.90
Total \$	10,629.38

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Jebro Inc., MC800 road oil .....	12,622.84
Total \$	12,622.84

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

Rural Development, August loan payment.....	4,285.00
Total \$	4,285.00

WATER FUND:

Ace's Backhoe Service, replace roadside park hydrant.....	283.16
Golden West, phone service .....	81.66
Gregory Times Advocate, request for haying bids .....	94.50
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, elements/pipe/pump.....	551.25
Hutmacher Drilling Inc., drilled test well/260 ft.....	5,044.48
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., use of truck/east well field.....	103.16
Runnings Supply Inc., spade.....	13.99
Tripp County Water User District, water service .....	3,000.00
Total \$	9,172.20

SEWER FUND:

Runnings Supply Inc., .....	13.37
Total \$	13.37

Grand Total \$ 36,722.79

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Jack Wenger, 2 hrs overtime (8/2/08 spray mosquitoes)

7-23-08 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	4,054.23
SDRS, retirement .....	1,580.16
Aflac, insurance .....	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges .....	10.00
Finance Officer .....	1,587.20
Police Dept.....	4,920.00
Street Dept .....	3,362.75
Airport.....	301.75
Pool .....	2,656.57
Park .....	986.63
Library.....	612.40
Water Dept .....	2,640.00
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building.....	250.00

ADJOURN:

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

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Wade Juracek, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Cerny, City Finance Officer