

Gregory City Council Meeting
December 20, 2010

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Kevin Mikkelsen, Chad Peck, Gerrie Soper, and Maurice Schlaht. Absent were Tim Mills and Blane Bartling. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda as posted with the following additions: Catholic Parsonage repair of law irrigation system and Jerry's Electric claim. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010 as written. All members voted aye.

CDBD GRANT:

Mayor DeSmet read a letter from the Governor, which informed the city council that Gregory was awarded a \$257,500 CDBG grant for a water improvement project.

LIBRARY BOARD:

Bonnie Johnson and Kathy Kayl, members from the Gregory Library Board, and Head Librarian Diane Althoff met with the council to go over some library items. Bonnie Johnson mentioned the need for a building maintenance plan. The most pressing need at this time is to replace the two east doors. The estimated cost is \$4,000. There was also mention of raising the head librarian's salary to at least \$10.00 per hour to keep or help attract people to the position. Fact sheets showing library usage were handed out. Usage at the library has steadily been increasing. The council agreed that the library salary would be discussed later when the council goes into executive session to discuss employee compensation. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to replace both east library doors in 2011. All members voted aye.

IRRIGATION CLAIM:

Dave Chocholousek and Kurt Stukel from the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Council met with the city council to ask them about reconsidering reimbursing the church for the whole bill for damages done to their lawn irrigation system when the pedestrian path was installed. The council agreed that they would stay with their original decision to pay for only half of the bill.

DEPT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Officer Shawn Claussen handed out yearend reports that showed the police department activity for 2010.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the city crew was getting ready for snow removal and they would be cutting and trimming trees this week.

CABLE TV ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the second reading of the Cable TV Ordinance #220. All members voted aye.

WATER RATE ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the second reading of the Water Rate Ordinance #219. All members voted aye.

BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the second reading of the Supplement Budget Ordinance #218. All members voted aye.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to adopt the Municipal Records Manual that was put together by the State of South Dakota Records Manager and the SDML. All members voted aye.

JUNKED VEHICLE ORDINANCE:

The city’s current junked vehicle ordinance was reviewed. There were parts of Ft. Pierre’s ordinance that could be incorporated into Gregory’s ordinance. Finance Officer Al Cerny asked the council to wait until the next meeting before looking at the new ordinance so that the whole ordinance could be rewritten and not just the changed sections.

OUTDOOR PLUG IN:

The council received a request for an outdoor plug in by the city’s parking lot so that a truck could be plugged in. The owner would pay for the electrical usage. The council agreed that they did not want to provide this service.

COMPUTER BACKUP:

There was discussion on using a computer backup service that would automatically backup the city’s computers everyday and store the information off-site. The council agreed that hardware and software should be bought and the city could do their own backups.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner	22.95
Association & Society Ins. Corp., Shawn Claussen health ins. supplement	264.00
Claude Harrison, tree removal @ Suing property	400.00
Gregory Building Center, screws/socket adaptors	13.51
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance	112.50
Jerry’s Electric, repair airport PAPI control board	1,580.29
Jim’s Garbage Service, garbage pickup service.....	210.00
Peck Construction & Excavation, backhoe rent/clean drainage ditch	195.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	5.23
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	3,717.22
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/tire repairs & balancing/gas/oil change	2,272.26
Spann Construction, repair hail damage/Sunshine Main St shelter ..	898.60
Verizon Wireless, December cell phone service.....	292.46
Total \$	9,984.02

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	7.63
First National Bank, SRF loan payment.....	4,127.57
Petty cash, postage reimbursement28
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	1,643.07
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	129.91
Roys Honda Sales, oil/oil filter for 4-wheeler	18.28
SDWWA, membership renewals/Fortuna, Jacobsen/Wenger.....	30.00
South Dakota One Call, locate tickets.....	3.15
Verizon Wireless, December cell phone service.....	128.04
Pete Daggett, snow plow	1,450.00
Total \$	7,537.93

SEWER FUND:

Ace’s Backhoe Service, sewer repair at 10 th & Whittecar	801.02
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity.....	74.65
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	413.34
Total \$	1,289.01
Grand Total \$	18,810.96

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 12/4-5/10

12-7-10 BONUS PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	364.94
SDRS, retirement	189.84
Finance Officer.....	174.00
Police Dept	534.00
Street Dept.....	457.00
Airport	54.50
Pool.....	490.50
Park.....	54.50
Library	163.50
Water Dept	402.50
General Government Building	54.50

12-8-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,689.28
SDRS, retirement	1,494.68
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	28.00
Finance Officer.....	1,684.00
Police Dept	4,462.09
Street Dept.....	2,996.18
Airport	198.44
Library	667.47
Water Dept	2,459.21
Economic Development	200.00

General Government Building	260.00
AMBULANCE PAYROLL October 2010:	
BankWest, withholdings	990.93
Ambulance	4,223.00
AMBULANCE PAYROLL November 2010:	
BankWest, withholdings	868.64
Ambulance	3,630.00

INFORMATION:

The state's November sales tax report was given to the mayor and council.
 Finance Officer Al Cerny will be meeting with the Gregory county Commissioner's to talk about the new airport fence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to go into executive session to discuss employee evaluations and salaries. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 8:30 p.m. At 8:50 p.m., Mayor DeSmet took the council out of executive session.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

The council agreed that the full time employees would not be given any more holidays off. They also agreed that the city would not provide group life insurance for the employees. The employees could pay for it themselves, but a certain percentage would have to participate for it to be offered.

SALARIES:

The council agreed to give a 30¢ raise to all full time employees. The head librarian salary will be raised to \$10.00 per hour from the current \$8.50 per hour. All permanent part time employees will receive a 25¢ per hour raise, upon motion by Council Member Schlaht. All members voted aye.

ADJOURN:

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

 Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Al Cerny, Finance Officer