

Gregory City Council Meeting
March 15, 2010

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the Gregory City Hall at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Maurice Schlaht and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent was Council Member Blane Bartling. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Water Superintendent Michael Jacobsen, City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny, and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010 as written. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Water Supt. Michael Jacobsen presented the council with some quotes for installing sewer lift station alarms that would dial into a pre-programmed phone number when electricity goes out or the level gets too high. The quotes were: Waylor Enterprises, \$6,500; Dakota Pump & Control, \$4,900, and: Jerry's Electric, \$3,443. In addition, there would be a \$50 per month phone line charge for two phone lines. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to accept the low quote of \$3,443 from Jerry's Electric. All members voted aye.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported on street repairs to be made. He has ordered rock and oil. The lagoons are overflowing due, in large part, to storm water being pumped from sump pumps into the city's sewer system. The council agreed that a notice would be put in the newspaper, which will specify the penalty for hooking sump pumps to the sewer system.

DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS BUILDING:

The mayor opened the following quotes for the replacement of two windows, a front door assembly, and gutter repairs, to the Senior Meals building: Gregory Building Center, \$5,506; Frost Construction, \$6,173, and; Mark's Home Repair, \$6,401. After some discussion, the council tabled taking any action on the quotes until the concrete around the front door can be repaired.

The inside painting and floor work was quoted by Brush & Hammer for \$2,756. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to accept the bid for \$2,756, but work is to wait until after the doors and windows are installed. All members voted aye.

POLICE DEPT. REPORT:

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger met with the council to give an update on the activities of the police department. The department has been busy with vehicle accidents,

mainly due to over driving the road conditions. Work has started on remodeling the police office, and a cage has been installed in the blazer. The new proposed policies and procedures for the department are being reviewed and should be ready for council review by the end of March.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

At this time, the council adjourned to reconvene as the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION March 15, 2010

The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Kevin Mikkelsen and Al Cerny.

There were no appeals for property equalization filed with the finance officer. After a short review of the assessment books, board members did not make any changes to the assessment values. Motion was made by Gerrie Soper to adjourn. All members voted aye.

The Gregory City Council reconvened as the city council.

AIRPORT LIABILITY:

The council reviewed an airport liability renewal quote of \$3,750, which provides coverage up to \$1 million per occurrence or \$5,376 for \$2 million coverage. It was agreed to leave the coverage at \$3,750 per year.

FIREWORKS TRAINING:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to spend up to \$1,200 to send some people to a fireworks display training course. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council received a building permit application for a machine shed building from Brian Schweigert. The building would be located on Lot 8 of the Gregory Industrial Park. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the application with the stipulation that the necessary forms be filed with the FAA before construction begins. All members voted aye.

RANDALL RC &D:

Mayor DeSmet appointed Al Cerny to be the City of Gregory's representative on the Randall RC & D board.

AWARD OF BIDS:

Council Member Mills made the motion to have Mayor DeSmet sign the following notice of award of bids for the sewer outfall project: Schedule A, Schrank Construction, \$266,647.95; Schedule B, Midlands Contracting, \$152,332.40. All members voted aye.

BUILDING INQUIRY:

The council received an inquiry about building a pole-type barn construction on the corner of 3rd & Spencer Avenue. The council would approve the building if the person submits an application and there are no variances.

FINANCE REPORT:

Al Cerny gave the council the February financial report.

PUBLIC TRANSIT BILL:

The council discussed the city’s share of the public transit bill. The amount was \$5,001.13, which was greater than what the council expected to pay. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve payment, but have the ROCS Director explain how the transit program is doing before the council receives the next bill. All members voted aye.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/hand cleaner/coveralls	22.95
Association & Society Ins. Corp., health ins./S. Claussen 3 mo. premium	240.00
Burke Boot Repair, shotgun holder cover	29.50
Computers ‘N More, police dept. DVD burner	85.00
Golden West, March phone service	868.85
Gregory Building Center, library door pivot replacement.....	146.30
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance.....	127.50
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, auditorium drinking fountain repairs	362.61
Office Products Center, paper.....	19.99
Old Pioneer Tool Pawn & Gun, gun mounting rack.....	12.99
Peck Construction & Excavation, backhoe rent/clean drainage ditches	195.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	4.10
Plains Printing Co., 10 receipt books/stamped envelopes	499.37
Randall RC & D, 2010 membership dues.....	50.00
ROCS Transit, city share of public transit.....	5,001.13
Rosebud Auto Parts, fittings/supplies	189.16
Runnings Supply Inc., hardware/shells/supplies/sawhorse	232.19
SD Public Assurance Alliance, property liability insurance renewal	23,917.34
Verizon Wireless, March cell phone service	260.44
Wm. Krotter Co., silica sand.....	5.99
Total \$	32,270.41

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	7.63
First National Bank, SRF loan payment	4,127.57

Golden West, March phone service	81.92
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, pipe	9.00
Office Products Center, paper.....	20.00
Runnings Supply Inc., coupling/trash bags/tape/bolts/ straps	70.16
SD Public Assurance Alliance, property liability insurance renewal	1,911.00
Verizon Wireless, March cell phone service	92.46
Total \$	6,319.74

SEWER FUND:

Petty cash, postage reimbursement	1.05
SD Public Assurance Alliance, property liability insurance renewal	424.00
SDWWA, 2010 Annual Wastewater Seminar registration.....	140.00
Total \$	565.05

Grand Total \$ 39,155.20

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 3/13-14/10
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water 3/6-7/10

3-3-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,683.08
SDRS, retirement	1,539.14
Aflac, insurance	122.48
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment.....	23.00
Finance Officer	1,684.00
Police Dept.....	4,120.34
Street Dept	3,292.40
Airport.....	225.50
Library	594.18
Water Dept.....	2,419.20
General Government Building.....	260.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL February 2010:

BankWest, withholdings	660.39
Ambulance	2,778.75

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer