

Gregory City Council Meeting
December 3, 2007

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Pochop; Council Members, Wade Juracek, Stacey Boes, Gerrie Soper, Maurice Schlaht, Dan DeSmet and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

The following items were added to the agenda: fine schedule, junk violations, Sunshine Club request, city fire truck, building permit, part-time employee salaries and change order on airport project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve as written the Nov. 19, 2007 minutes, seconded by Council Member DeSmet. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve the special meeting minutes of Nov. 26, 2007 as written. All members voted aye.

CITY FINES:

The council discussed changing the city's fine schedule to be the same as the state's schedule. The following resolution was offered:

TRAFFIC CODE RESOLUTION
SETTING FORTH FINES AND COSTS

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory will receive a portion of the fines when a City of Gregory traffic violation is written using the Gregory Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council for the City of Gregory, that the City of Gregory shall adopt a fine and cost schedule for violating City of Gregory traffic codes found in Chapter 70.99 Penalty of the Municipal Code;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following resolution be adopted that sets out the specific traffic violations, fines and costs associated with each of the violations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF GREGORY shall adopt and use the same fine.

And cost schedules for the following traffic violations as the State of South Dakota uses.

1. Careless Driving as defined in 70.08 of the Municipal Code.
2. Exhibition Driving as defined in 70.06 of the Municipal Code.

3. Illegal U-Turn as defined in 70.04 of the Municipal Code.
4. Traffic sign or signal violation as defined in 70.07 of the Municipal Code.
5. Speeding upon the City streets within the city limits.

The foregoing resolution was offered by City Council Member Kevin Mikkelsen and seconded by City Council Member Stacey Boes. Upon roll call vote, the resolution carried by the following vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays

Dated this 3rd day of December 2007.

CITY FIRE TRUCK:

The council was informed that the city's old No. 1 fire truck (1946 Ford) is no longer available for service. The council was asked if they wanted to spend approximately \$600.00 to fix the brakes and keep the truck as a historical vehicle. The council was not interested in fixing the truck and asked that the fire department decide what their members wanted to do with the vehicle.

BUILDING PERMIT:

The council reviewed and approved a 14' x 20' addition to Brent Veurink's office building on Main Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SUNSHINE CLUB:

Council Member Soper reported that the Sunshine Club would like to put some park benches along Main Street where the flowers are planted. The council agreed to the request.

CLEANUP REQUEST:

Council Member Mikkelsen reported that he received requests to have the property cleaned up at a house on Church Avenue and a place along Highway 47. Both owners of these lots will be sent a letter requesting that they clean up their lots.

BEER SALES COMMISSION:

The council was given some information about extending the liquor commission to the sale of malt beverage items. The city could impose a 12% liquor commission, or charge, on the invoices of all beer sales in Gregory. No action was taken at this time.

AUDITOR NOTES:

Finance Officer Al Cerny mentioned some items that he learned in talking with the state's auditor's office. Among the items included: No use of city equipment by city employees for their own personal use or any use other than city's projects; any

reimbursement for meals not including overnight travel is taxable and; any cell phone use other than business use is subject to income tax.

2008 EMPLOYEE SALARIES:

Motion was made by Council Member Juracek, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to approve the following wage increases for 2008. All members voted aye.

Full-Time: Al Cerny, \$1.50 per hour; Dwight Ellwager, \$1.50 per hour; Mark Fortuna, \$1.00 per hour; Michael Jacobsen, \$1.00 per hour; Jack Wenger, \$1.00 per hour ; Jennifer Keegan, \$1.00 per hour; Troy Dummer, \$1.00 per hour and; Tim Drey, \$1.00 per hour.

Part-Time: Janice Tilton, Diane Althoff, Karen Knudsen, Ken Adams and Cecil Harsin, all \$.50 per hour.

Full-time employees will receive a \$150.00 bonus and part-time employees will receive a \$50.00 bonus.

2008 SALARY/MACHELLE SEELEY:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member Mikkelsen, to give Machel Seeley a \$50.00 per month raise and a \$50.00 bonus. All members voted aye.

2008 SALARY/STEVE MCDOWELL:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to give Steve McDowell a \$.50 per hour raise and a \$50.00 bonus. All members voted aye.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL:

The city's employee Christmas social will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007 at Gregory Lanes.

AIRPORT CHANGE ORDER:

The council approved the airport change order which decreased the total project by \$19,177.68 to a cost of \$915,533.19 and no increase in the contract time.

AUDITORIUM HEATING:

Council Member Mikkelsen reported that there could be a possible savings of \$12,000 per year in heating the auditorium if the old boilers were replaced.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member DeSmet, seconded by Council Member Schlaht, to pay the following bills as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, mileage reimbursement/Sioux Falls, election workshop ..	150.35
Dakota Auto Care, towing charges	35.00
Galls, exam gloves	37.07
Golden West, phone service	814.56
Gregory Iron Works, loader mounts/grill	251.04
Gregory School District, 1/2 cost auditorium roof/electrical repairs...	554.87
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/airport wall of honor.	511.67
H & J Sales, Inc., saw rent/blades.....	163.52
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, aud. boiler & sewer pipe repair/shop furnace	1,636.32
Hertz Reclamation Inc., seeding ditch to airport	355.57
Janice Tilton, books/dvd's/SDLN fee/supplies.....	2,961.92
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service	135.00
McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, printer toner/tax forms	392.50
Office Products Center, ink cartridges.....	33.87
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	14.75
Rosebud Auto Parts, socket set/screws/nuts & bolts/lubricator.....	176.08
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., Main Street light bulbs.....	41.79
Runnings Supply Inc., nuts & bolts/ext. cord/elect. tape/cable ties spray paint/antifreeze/hardware/keys/fittings ...	140.77
Sheehan Mack Sales and Equipment Inc., grapple fork for Volvo loader	4,500.00
Stanley Whiting, legal work/police dept.....	342.50
Tim Drey, uniform pants reimbursement.....	23.94
Wm. Krotter Co., concrete mix/pine boards/plywood.....	52.74
Postmaster, school street certified mailing	74.20
Total \$	13,400.03

RD LOAN REPAYMENT REVENUE:

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

BALL PARK CONSTRUCTION:

Harrison Plumbing & Heating, fittings/clamps	59.70
Total \$	59.70

AIRPORT CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT 2007:

Vanderpol Dragline Inc., final airport construction.....	98,191.25
Total \$	98,191.25

INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Arens Engineering, engineering fees/final.....	1,667.45
Northern Plains Construction, industrial park work/final.....	5,922.49
Total \$	7,589.94

WATER FUND:

Department of Revenue, water testing.....	13.00
Golden West, phone service	82.09
Hach Company, pH buffer solution kit.....	29.65
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, fittings/suction gun	74.50
Petty cash, postage reimbursement58
Rosebud Auto Parts, nuts & bolts	1.83
Runnings Supply Inc., booster cables	51.99
SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, annual dues	410.00
Spann Construction Services, digging	102.04
Tripp County Water User District, water service	3,000.00
Postmaster, water billing postage	184.86
Total \$	3,950.54

WATER DEPOSIT:

Rod Wendell, refund water deposit	25.00
Total \$	25.00

FELTON STREET BOND SINKING:

BankWest, loan payment	12,852.50
Total \$	12,852.50

Grand Total \$ 140,353.96

11-23-07 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings.....	53.07
Water Dept.....	250.00

11-30-07 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,903.17
SDRS, retirement	1,413.60
Aflac, insurance	78.04
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Credit Collections Bureau, wage garnishment.....	80.00
City of Gregory, wage garnishment.....	25.00
Finance Officer	1,467.20
Police Dept.....	4,396.00
Street Dept	2,875.51
Airport.....	272.00
Library.....	585.05
Water Dept.....	2,200.00
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building.....	200.00

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper, seconded by Council Member DeSmet, to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Doug Pochop, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer