

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 18, 2016

The Gregory City Council members met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, January 18, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Member Jerry Kafka was absent. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the January 4, 2016 council minutes as written, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum/Visitors

##### Fire Department

Jason Bartling met with the council to ask about the City paying the expenses of eight fire members to attend a fireworks class in Flandreau, SD. The registration fee is \$50 per individual and they would probably need four rooms. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to pay the necessary expenses for the fire dept. members to attend the fireworks class in Flandreau, SD, seconded by Tim Mills. All council members voted aye.

#### Gregory Commodity Drop Off

Marlene Rezac and Marcelene Kristian met with the city council to ask about the possible use of the auditorium parking lot and community room for one day a month as a place for people to pick up commodities. The council members could not speak for the school on the use of the auditorium community room because the school does the scheduling but the members were agreeable to allowing the drop offs in Gregory. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to allow the commodity truck to come into Gregory to distribute food, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

#### Department Head Reports

Mark Fortuna reported that they had been in the city shop, working on repairing equipment.

#### New Business

##### Cleanup Agreement with Brandon/Karley Arizmendis

In light of possible new assessments being attached to the properties at 1007 and 1011 Felton Avenue, the council decided to table any action on approving the cleanup agreement until the assessment issue gets resolved. It was agreed to approve a letter of support that would be sent from the City Administrator's Office, declaring that the properties in question meet the requirements to be condemned.

#### In Town House Removals

The question of where could contractors take old buildings that they tear down in Gregory was discussed. There are few good options. The city's rubble site is limited, the county site is a lot longer way

to drive to and the county may not allow the buildings to be dumped at their site. The possibility of having the fire dept. use the buildings for fire training and then burn them once the buildings are cleared of all items that are not be burned will be looked into. It was also agreed that no rubble would be accepted at the lagoon area because the city is out of room.

#### Highway 18 Lighting

The City has been informed that the State is planning to place an additional 11 light poles on the east end of Highway 18 as it runs through Gregory. The State is asking if the City wants to hang banners or decorations on the new poles. If the City wants to, then it may cost an additional \$500 per pole to make the foundations stronger to support the extra load. The council members agreed that they did not want to spend the extra money to support possible decorations or banners on the poles. The new light poles are scheduled to be put in place sometime in 2017.

#### Agreement with National Guard/Communications Equipment at Airport

The council members reviewed an agreement that would allow the National Guard to place some communications equipment in the garage area of the Airport terminal building. The agreement would be a hold harmless agreement between the City and the Guard. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve of the agreement, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

#### Claims

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Blane Bartling to approve payment of the following claims. All members voted aye.

A-1 Sewer & Drain Inc	Clean & Televis 2 Blocks Sewer Line/801.8 Ft	1,603.60
Alex Hamilton	Meal Reimbursement/SD Rural Water Conference	32.00
Allen Johnson	Oil Change/Blazer	54.50
Appera	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	59.73
Buche Foods	Cleaning Supplies	36.03
Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Magazine Ad	95.00
Golden West	Jan Phone Service	1,054.50
Gregory Fire Dept	Stipend For Equipment	10,000.00
Gregory School District	1/2 Cost Share Velcro Mat/Auditorium Repairs	1,173.99
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Cylinder Charge	5.00
Jerry's Electric	Unthaw Fuel Oil Furnace/Quilt Stitchery	104.80
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
KWYR Am	Website Advertising	55.00
Mark Fortuna	Mileage/Meals SD Rural Water Conference-Pierre	197.28
Mary Bob's	City's Holiday Get Together	505.00
Mr. Automotive	Flashers/Fittings/Hose/Clamps/Filter	153.67
Northern Plains LLC	91.84 Tons Of Gravel	1,607.21
Office Products Center	Paper	40.99
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	57.12
Rosebud Auto Parts	Cab Heater/Filters/Oil/Switch/Parts	790.46
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Two Street Light Poles	544.90
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Assoc	Engineering On Grandview	6,336.00
South Dakota Municipal League	Legislative Rib Dinner/Government Day	20.00

South Dakota One Call	Locate Tickets	28.35
Verizon Wireless	January Cellphone Charges	485.42
Wm. Krotter Co	Rollers	14.33
Total		\$25,314.88

1-12-2016 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,632.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$4,134.70; Street Dept., \$3,211.52; Water Dept., \$2,602.87; Sewer, \$438.77; Airport, \$225.00; Ambulance, \$6,703.16 Library, \$1,035.93; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$20,327.03; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$78.00; EFTPS, \$4,545.26

Felton Sewer Mains

Mark Fortuna informed the council that there are two blocks of Felton sewer main that will need some attention. One block will need to be replaced and the other one could be lined. The possible need to raise water and sewer rates also came up and will be looked at in the future.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members vote aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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