

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Chad Peck, Stacey Boes, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Blane Bartling and Seymour Studenberg. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to correct the agenda to add Department and Committee Reports and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. All council members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the January 5, 2015 council minutes as written. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

Lyle Martin and Ed Nebola met with the council to discuss possible options for moving the thrift store or adding on to it. Lyle Martin mentioned that the thrift store board members would like to raise \$70,000 to help purchase a larger building that they would like to move into. Ed Nebola mentioned the possibility of buying the building next door to the city owned thrift store that they are now renting, tearing down the building and building an addition to the current thrift store. They would have to knock a portion of the adjoining wall of the city building to make this work. The council members would have to consider whether they would allow a portion of the wall to be knocked out, if this was the option that the thrift store board wanted to do.

Holly Glover/Chamber

Holly Glover, Chamber Director, gave the council the 2014 financial report for the chamber. The report showed revenues and expenses for the year and also listed the various events that were sponsored. After the report, a request was made for the first quarter stipend.

Department Head Reports

Airport Manager Mike Klarenbeek asked if it would be ok to host the SD Pilots Association meeting in Gregory sometime in November of 2015 and to provide a light meal. The council thought it would be nice to host the meeting and agreed to supply a meal. Klarenbeek also asked to be reconsidered for a salary increase to \$12.50 per hour. Mike works on average around 15 hours per week or less. The council agreed to discuss the matter in executive session after the regular agenda items.

Mark Fortuna reported that the City of Gregory was recently named "Water/Wastewater System of the Year for 2015" by the South Dakota Rural Water Association. At the present time, they are working on getting the slush and ice off of the city streets.

Old Business

Water Controls: The water controls have once again been fixed and this time it is believed the problem is fixed. There was discussion on updating some equipment with the water controls. The estimate given was \$30,900. It was agreed to table the decision to update until some of the council members can talk to the company that would do the updates.

Nuisance Issues

The building at 623 Main with the windows boarded up was discussed. The owner would agree to take the boards off of the windows if the City would agree to be responsible for any damages that may occur. The council members were not in favor of being responsible. City attorney George Johnson agreed to write the owner a letter.

House at 116 East 5th Street: The council agreed to counter offer the owners \$5000 with the liens paid for the property.

New Business

Grandview Addition: Eric Ambrosion, a planner from District III, met with the council to discuss setting up some certain rules or conditions for building in the Grandview Addition area. Eric had just got done meeting with the Planning and Zoning members along with the BID group about setting up some rules for Grandview Addition and how it could be done. Both the BID group and the P & Z Board had agreed to use an ordinance that had previously been drafted to state what could or could not be built in the Grandview Area. It was agreed to put this ordinance on the city council agenda for the February 2 meeting for the council's consideration.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-01

The second reading of ordinance 2015-01 that establishes the office of City Administrator for the City of Gregory was put on its second reading. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve of the second reading of ordinance 2015-01. All members voted aye.

First Reading of Ordinance 2015-02

Ordinance No. 2015-02, an ordinance that would change the salaries of the Mayor and Council being set by ordinance to resolution, was placed on its first reading. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the first reading of ordinance 2015-02. All members voted aye.

Commission on Wine Purchases

The finance office was recently asked why the city charges a 5% liquor commission on wine purchases. The question was posed if wine was considered liquor? The finance office has always charged a person or company with an off or on-sale liquor license agreement with the city a percentage on wine purchases. The state had recently made available a new license that allows the sale of on-off sale wine. The policy of the city has been to charge a percentage to anyone who doesn't actually own their license and not anything to someone who does own their own license. The council agreed to table any decision until they find out how owning an actual wine license may affect video lottery.

ISO Fire Rating

The Gregory Volunteer Fire Department and the City recently went thru an ISO Fire Rating Study. After the study, the city's fire rating went from a 7 to a 6 which means the city has a better rating and insurance premiums may be lowered because of it.

Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a preliminary balance sheet and revenue and expense report on general fund accounts. There are still December expenses and revenues that have to be counted in December yet. Sales tax should come in higher than last year after the last two payments are considered.

Claims

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to pay the above listed claims. All members voted aye.

Appera	Dust Mop/Mats/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	94.67
B & F Variety	Tape/Cups/Colored Pencils/Ruler	7.76
Bartling Welding & Machine	Acetylene/Repair Snow Plow Cylinder	155.00
Book Systems Inc	Tech/Software Support	995.00
Cardmember Service	Win911 Software/Cable/Com Pesticide Applicator Recert	686.10
Dakota Auto Care	Blazer Oil Change/Wrecker Call	285.35
Dakota Pump Inc	Software For Well Controls 2015	520.00
Gregory Building Center	Window & Door Insulating Foam Sealant	8.99
Gregory Fire Dept	First of Four Annual Subsidy	10,000.00
Harrison Plumbing & Heating	Repair Boys Stool In Locker Room & Sink Faucets	51.51
Helms & Associates	Airport Engineering	596.91
Jims Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Junior Library Guild	Renewal of Subscription	183.00
Mr. Automotive	Oil/Argon/Oxygen Refill/Locktight/Wiper Blade/Headlamp	149.93
Opperman Inc	Hauling Snow/Run Payloader	2,600.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	12.27
Quality Inn & Suites	Lodging/A Hamilton/Basic Wastewater Cert/Sioux Falls	249.00
Rural Office Of Comm Services	Match for Gregory Transit	5,000.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Hydraulic Jack Oil/Socket/Battery Terminals/Solder/Filters	394.42
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gas/Diesel Fuel/Propane/Tire Tube	2,169.75
Sheehan Mack Sales & Equip	Loader Part	116.53
South Dakota Municipal League	Municipal Govt Day/Legislative Rib Dinner Registration	20.00
South Dakota One Call	Locate Tickets	21.00
Us Postal Service	Stamps	49.00
Verizon Wireless	Jan Cellphone Service	963.78
Total		\$25,589.97

Executive Session

Motion was made by Tim Mills to go into executive session to discuss employee salaries. All council members voted aye. The council went in at 8:28 p.m. At 8:30 pm, Mayor Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Executive Session Decision

Motion was made by Chad Peck to raise the per hour salary of Mike Klarenbeek to \$12.50 per hour. All council members voted aye.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, City Finance Officer