

Gregory City Council Meeting
January 3, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Gerrie Soper, Tim Mills, Blane Bartling, Kevin Mikkelsen and Chad Peck. Council Member absent was Maurice Schlaht. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Soper to approve the agenda with the following additions: appointment of the District III Delegate and an executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of December 20, 2010. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the street department had a busy weekend with snow removal. The council thanked him for the department's work on snow removal.

SPN/TERRY AAKER:

Terry Aaker with SPN & Associates met with the council to discuss what street project the council would like to do in conjunction with the \$200,000 Community Access Grant. The council discussed doing the whole project (5th Street, 6th Street & Logan Ave) or doing just 6th Street or 5th Street and Logan Ave. Motion was made by Council Member Soper to do 6th Street from Spencer to Logan and Logan from 6th to 5th Street at a total estimated cost of \$476,700. All members voted aye. After the \$200,000 grant is used, the city's net cost would be \$276,700. The council also agreed to establish a special assessment district and to charge the landowners in the district \$25.00 per running foot for the improvements. The special assessment process will start as soon as possible to give the engineers enough time to get the engineering done.

POLICE DEPT. REPORT:

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger met with the council and reported that the holiday season went well for the police department.

JUNK VEHICLES:

The council reviewed the city's current, proposed and Fort Pierre's Junk Vehicle Ordinance. It was agreed to change the city's ordinance when it comes to vehicles being on private land. The council agreed that it would be the owner's responsibility to remove offending vehicles, and the owner will be fined if the vehicles are not removed. The fine would be \$10.00 per day plus costs for everyday the vehicle is not removed after a notice is served, giving the owner 14 days for removal.

COMMUNITY ACCESS GRANT PROJECT:

Motion was made by Peck to authorize the Mayor to sign the \$200,000 Community Access Grant for street improvements along 6th and 5th Street going to the school. All members voted aye.

INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT:

The council agreed to the final insurance settlement from Claims Associates, Inc. for the holdback on the items that have been repaired. The total payment is \$20,669.72 for damages resulting from hail in August 2009. The council also approved the payment of \$19,372.76 for damages to the city’s ball field lights.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the council a preliminary yearend financial report. A final report will be made after the accruals and yearend adjustments have been made.

CASH FLOW FOR WATER PROJECT:

The city received a letter from the state in which it was noted that the city’s proposed cash flow for payment of a proposed loan for water improvements was not adequate. The city would have to raise water rates and/or extend the loan payments out to more years. The council agreed that, if need be, they would raise the water rates higher to make the proposed loan payments.

LAND PURCHASE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to pay \$7,600 for the 2.77 acres of land needed for air zone protection for the Gregory Municipal Airport. All members voted aye. The city expects to be reimbursed by the FAA for most, if not all, of the purchase cost.

DISTRICT III DELEGATE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to reappoint Gerrie Soper as the city’s District III Representative.

EXCISE TAX:

The council tabled taking any action on a petition to change the way the state collects excise tax.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats	42.32
Computers N’ More, police dept desktop computer/software	1,050.00
Department of Revenue, blood alcohol testing.....	35.00
Golden West, January 2011 phone service	757.12
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing/newspaper subscription	550.20
Johnson Implement Inc., oil filter/air filter	86.16
Klein’s True Value, batteries	3.33
Mark Fortuna, mileage reimbursement to Tea, SD/meal reimbursement	178.00
Mark Fortuna, reimbursement for pesticide renewals (Fortuna, Jacobsen, Wenger)	180.00

Mr. Automotive, oxygen refill/acetyl/battery	121.29
Office Products Center, copy machine service contract	30.00
Petty cash, car wash	8.00
Planning & Development District III, 2011 membership dues.....	1,910.00
Runnings Supply Inc., chain/filters/grinding wheel/hardware/chain link/ batteries/fittings/oil/hook/salt/bolts/spray paint/handle/drill	465.18
SD Airport Management Association, 2011 membership dues.....	25.00
SD Association of Code Enforcement, 2011 membership dues	40.00
SD Govt. Finance Officers' Association, 2011 membership dues	70.00
SD Govt. Human Resource Association, 2011 membership dues.....	25.00
SD Municipal Attorneys' Association, 2011 membership dues.....	20.00
SD Municipal League, 2011 membership dues	930.83
SD Municipal Street Maintenance Association, 2011 membership dues	35.00
SD Police Chiefs' Association, 2011 membership dues.....	96.88
SDML Workers Compensation Fund, 2011 insurance premium.....	14,260.00
Selectblinds.com, police office blind.....	43.53
The Health Pool of SD, January Health Insurance	2,250.45
Wm. Krotter Co., airport cork board.....	12.99

Total \$ 23,226.28

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	6.51
Department of Revenue, water testing.....	37.00
Golden West, January 2011 phone service	41.88
HD Supply Waterworks LTD, 1" meter	75.46
Klein's True Value, battery/sharpie	20.54
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	9.86
Runnings Supply Inc., nuts & bolts/hinge/propane tank/torch head .	65.25
SDML Workers Compensation Fund, 2011 insurance premium.....	1,151.00
The Health Pool of SD, January 2011 health insurance	900.18
Tripp County Water User District, January 2011 water service	3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage	195.44

Total \$ 5,503.12

SEWER FUND:

Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corporation, lift station degreaser	1,300.36
Dakota Pump & Control, (2) autodialer systems	6,643.35
Rural Development, January 2011 loan payment.....	4,285.00

Total \$ 12,228.71

Grand Total \$ 40,958.11

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 12/11-12/10 & 12/31/10 & 1/1-2/11; 11 hrs overtime
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 12/24-25-26/10
Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 12/18-19/10; 14.5 hrs overtime

12-22-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,658.20
SDRS, retirement	1,536.72
Aflac, insurance	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone insurance	5.99
Mayor/Council	4,775.00
Finance Officer	1,684.00
Police Dept.....	4,364.68
Street Dept	3,189.88
Airport.....	220.99
Library.....	823.64
Water Dept.....	2,729.21
Economic Development.....	200.00

12-30-10 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	1,320.90
SDRS, retirement	893.06
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	109.61
Finance Officer	1,010.40
Police Dept.....	2,501.17
Street Dept	1,708.61
Airport.....	117.26
Library.....	353.73
Water Dept.....	1,451.52

2011 SALARIES:

The following are wages for 2011: Al Cerny, \$21.35 per hour; Jennifer Keegan, \$14.63 per hour; Dwight Ellwanger, \$16.75 per hour; Steve McDowell, \$13.57 per hour; Shawn Claussen, \$12.66 per hour; Mark Fortuna, \$19.93 per hour; Michael Jacobsen, \$16.21 per hour; Jack Wenger, \$16.21 per hour; Diane Althoff, \$10.00 per hour; Rae Tyburec, \$7.50 per hour; Danika Ulrich, \$7.72 per hour; Ken Adams, \$9.27 per hour; Cecil Harsin, \$9.27 per hour; Emil Hlavka, \$9.27 per hour; Machel Seeley, \$265.00 per month, and; Marlene Rezac, \$315.00 per month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. Mayor DeSmet took the council out of executive session at 9:04 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

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

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer