

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Jerry Kafka, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Absent was Council Member Tim Mills. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Blane Bartling to approve the agenda as posted. All council members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve, as written, the council meeting regular minutes from the December 21, 2015 meeting. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Police: Steve McDowell handed out the December report on all the police department activity for December 2015. It was also discussed that the City would be advertising for someone to fill the Chief of Police position because of Steve's upcoming retirement plans.

Library: Diane Althoff handed out the library's December financial and activity report. Diane also discussed some new library programs that will be coming in the future and some planning that will start for the summer reading program. She also noted that e-book circulation numbers were higher for December.

Employee Salary Change

Diane noted that the salary for Rae Tyburec was the same as for Hunter Mills even though Rae had been working 3 years longer. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to increase Rae Tyburec's per hour pay to \$9.50, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Committee Reports

Scott Anshutz, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Committee, met with the council and gave a year-end report on the number of building permits filed, denied and the dollar amounts collected. He also discussed the goals the committee has set for 2016. Among one of the goals was to remodel the room that the planning commission uses at city hall. Mayor Schlaht also discussed remodeling of city hall and he put Shana Flakus in charge of a committee to come up with some suggestions.

New Business

Police Chief Ad

The council discussed advertising for a new police chief to replace Steve McDowell because of Steve's upcoming retirement in the coming months. An ad will be drawn up for the council's approval and then will be placed in the SDML magazine and also placed statewide.

December Preliminary Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a preliminary financial report for December. The figures will change some because there will be claims and receipts that have not come in yet that will be charged against

December. A report on the balance sheet and Revenue/Expenses for the General fund was shown. It is estimated that when all the December figures are in, that sales tax revenues will exceed those of 2014. At this time the departments are within the expense budgets.

House at 1109 Felton

The county will be selling the house at 1109 Felton Avenue for back taxes in the near future. The city is owed back due street assessments on the property and the property condition is such that it is a public nuisance. The council members agreed that the City should ask the county to give the city the property so that it can be cleaned up and put back the tax rolls. If the County will not give the City the property, the City council agreed that the City should put a bid in on the property and then clean up the property rather than take a chance that someone would buy the property and not get it cleaned up.

Cell Tower Lease

The City received a couple of minor changes to the original cell phone tower lease extension. The council agreed to the original extension that would give the city \$30,000 for signing the extension in exchange for an extension of the original contract. The council agreed to the changes.

Claims

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to pay the following claims, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	36.56
DENR - Board of Operator Cert	Operator Certification Renewals	72.00
Dept. of Revenue	Water & Wastewater Testing	161.00
Dept. of Revenue	2016 Environmental Fee	1,500.00
Gregory Building Center	Liquid Nails	5.39
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Newspaper Subscription	251.20
Harrison Plumbing & Heating	Pump And Fittings	613.15
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,317.39
Klein's True Value	Fittings/Earplugs/City Hall Cleaning Supplies	56.61
Office Products Center	Service Contract & Toner/Lib 1 Yr Copier Contract	579.99
Opperman Inc	Hauling Snow	2,500.00
Planning & Development Dis III	2016 Membership Dues	2,255.00
Pomp's Tire Service Inc	4 Volvo Loader Tires	8,605.24
Public Safety Center	Police Dept Hand Sanitizer/Pepper Spray	141.02
Rural Office of Comm Services	Gregory Public Transportation 2016 Stipend	5,000.00
Runnings	Antifreeze/Fittings/Air Hose Reel/Scoop/Gas Can	667.09
SD Airport Management Assoc	2016 Membership Dues	25.00
SD Assoc of Code Enforcement	2016 Membership Dues	40.00
SD Federal Property Agency	2002 Chevy S-10 PU/Vise Grips/Wrench Set/Pliers	1,828.00
SD Govt Finance Officers Assoc	2016 Membership Dues	70.00
SD Govt Human Resource Assoc	2016 Membership Dues	25.00
SD Municipal Street Maintenance	2016 Membership Dues	35.00
SD Police Chiefs' Association	2016 Membership Dues	96.81
SDML Workers Compensation Fund	Work Comp Premium 2016	13,333.00
SDWWA	2016 Membership Dues/Mark-Jack-Alex	30.00

South Dakota Municipal League	2016 Membership Dues	1,231.29
Tripp County Water User Dist	Jan Water Service	3,000.00
Total		\$46,475.74

12-22-15 Bonus Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$289.52; General Government Building, \$108.28; Police Dept., \$889.17; Street Dept., \$795.60; Water Dept., \$614.94; Sewer, \$72.38; Airport, \$108.28; Library, \$506.08; Total Gross Amt, \$3,384.25; EFTPS, \$517.80

12-31-15 Payroll:

Mayor/Council, \$6,350.00; Planning & Zoning Commission, \$600.00; Finance Officer, \$2,376.96; General Government Bldg., \$139.00; Police Dept., \$6,702.75; Street Dept., \$4,413.88; Water Dept., \$3,572.40; Sewer, \$481.44; Airport, \$337.50; Library, \$793.82; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$25,967.75; Aflac, \$445.59; SDRS, \$6,316.52; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$191.92; EFTPS, \$5,973.71

Salaries for 2016:

Al Cerny, \$53,040 (exempt employee)
 Mark Fortuna, \$22.66 per hour
 Alex Hamilton, \$17.51 per hour (plus \$525.00 health insurance)
 Jennifer Keegan, \$18.54 per hour
 Steve McDowell, \$16.48 per hour
 Chris Reinartz, \$14.42 per hour
 Matt Vanderlinden, \$15.19 per hour
 Jack Wenger, \$18.03 per hour
 Diane Althoff, \$13.65 per hour
 Emil Hlavka, \$10.25 per hour
 Cecil Harsin, \$10.25 per hour
 Hunter Mills, \$8.75 per hour
 Rae Tyburec, \$9.50 per hour
 Marcelene Kristian, \$350 per month
 Beth Raschke, \$310 per month
 Mayor, \$325 per month; \$25 per meeting
 Council, \$250 per month; \$25 per meeting
 Planning & Zoning Members, \$25 per meeting

Adjourn

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn, second by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Al Cerny, Finance Officer