

Gregory City Council Meeting
October 15, 2012

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members, Blane Bartling, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Kevin Mikkelsen and Seymour Studenberg. Absent was Council Member Chad Peck. Others present were Water Supt. Michael Jacobsen, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny, Librarian Diane Althoff and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the agenda as posted with the addition of J.D. Fogel and Lyle Martin under the Public Forum section. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Studenberg to approve, as written, the council minutes of October 1, 2012. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

J.D. Fogel met with the council and informed them that Ron Kyburz would be resigning as Chairman of the Gregory BID group and Berle Johnson would be taking over his position. Fogel asked the council for their support in finding and developing a 15-20 acre industrial site. He also touched on the need to enforce public nuisance codes, as there are areas in Gregory that need cleaned up.

Lyle Martin informed the council that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe would be holding their next tribal council meeting in Gregory at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Monday, October 22, 2012 starting at 10:00 a.m. The council members and public are welcome to attend.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Finance Officer Al Cerny reported on the recent SDML Conference held in Pierre, SD. Public nuisance abatements were discussed along with other topics.

Police Chief Dwight Ellwanger reported that there are 11 people in the 24/7 Sobriety Program. The city charges \$2.00 per day per person and the money has to go to the county. The city can bill the county and get the funds returned. The Gregory Police Dept. recently partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration for a Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Sat., September 29, 2012.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna informed the council that he has not received a quote for pool repairs. He also reported that a section of Felton sewer main would have to be replaced or re-lined.

Water Supt. Michael Jacobsen was present to answer questions about the recent sewer line cleaning. He also informed the council that the work on the booster station portion of the water improvements was done and the city could sign off on that portion.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUILDING PERMIT/JEFF & JOLENE OPPERMAN:

The council reviewed the building permit application submitted by Jeff & Jolene Opperman to place a 16' x 80' mobile home on a lot located on north Rosebud Avenue. The surrounding land owners have agreed to the mobile home placement. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the building permit. All members voted aye.

BUILDING PERMIT/ANDY THOMAS:

Andy Thomas met with the council in regard to a building permit he submitted for a house addition at 703 Rice Avenue. There was discussion about the addition extending approximately 7' onto the city's right of way. The city will have to vacate a portion of the city right of way along 7th Street adjacent to the Thomas property before the building permit can be accepted. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to start the street vacation process and hold a hearing on November 5, 2012. All members voted aye.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE:

The council held a hearing for a one day liquor license for Gregory Golf & Recreation to be used at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Sat., October 27, 2012 for the Pheasants Forever Banquet. Nobody was present for the hearing. Motion was made by Council Member Studenberg to grant the one day liquor license to Gregory Golf & Rec. for the Pheasants Forever Banquet to be held on Sat., October 27, 2012. All members voted aye.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT:

There was discussion on applying for a Safe Routes to School grant. Among some suggested ideas were: 1) extend the Logan Pedestrian Path north 2) sidewalks and street paved for 2 blocks south of school 3) 6th Street sidewalk, and 4) signage and crosswalks. It was agreed to apply for the grant.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Finance Officer Al Cerny presented the council with the September financial report. Sales tax revenues were up over \$9,000 from last year. There are some departments that will need to have their budgets supplemented.

PAID CITY HOLIDAYS:

There was a request to the council to increase the number of paid holidays for city employees from the current 7.5. The council members asked that the employees to bring a proposal to the next meeting.

CITY ORDINANCES:

Council Member Flakus presented some copies of surrounding city's ordinances in regard to public nuisances and mobile homes. The copies will be used as a reference in re-writing some of the Gregory codes.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Studenberg to pay the following claims.
All members voted aye.

General

Appeara, utilities, \$24.94; B & F Variety, police dept. supplies, \$27.96; Bartling Welding & Machine, oiler repairs/mower work, \$209.68; Best Western Ramkota Hotel, travel/conf., \$183.98; Buche Foods, supplies, \$6.77; Commercial Asphalt, patch city streets, \$3,625.00; Creative Product Source, Inc., police dept. t-shirts, \$134.86; Diane Althoff, mileage reimb., \$168.61; Dockendorf Equipment Co. Inc., Gasboy ribbon, \$31.30; Mark Fortuna, mileage reimb., \$160.95; Golden West, utilities, \$788.68; Gregory County Hwy. Dept., road maintenance, \$21.25; Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Gregory bucks for rent of tractor w/grass seeder (6th Street Project), \$200.00; Gregory Lanes, meals, seal coating w/Burke, supplies, \$120.50; Gregory Public Library, reimb. for lodging, \$149.98; H & J Sales, Grasshopper mower deck, trailer rent, \$2,182.00; H & O Electric, repair fire hall heat system, \$1,051.87; Jim's Garbage Service, utilities, \$244.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc., ball diamond sprinkler parts, \$201.92; Petty cash, postage, \$2.20; Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$128.24; SD Dept. Of Transportation, 800 gal road oil, \$5,678.32; SD Federal Property Agency, Grasshopper mower, forks for forklift, supplies, \$2,284.00; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$293.08 – **Total \$17,920.09**

Water

Appeara, utilities, \$8.36; Golden West, utilities, \$43.72; HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., (6) radio read meters, \$732.38; Petty cash, postage, \$2.70; Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$8.68; South Dakota One Call, locate message fees, \$47.25; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$159.41 – **Total \$1,002.50**

Sewer

First National Bank, sewer outfall line pmt, \$4,026.61; Flexible Pipe Tool Company, jetter nozzle, \$3,067.69; HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., supplies, \$756.00; Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$6.04; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$66.24 – **Total \$7,922.58**

Water Improvements 2011

D.W. Proehl Construction, pmt #5, \$13,935.09 – **Total \$13,935.09**

6th/Logan Street Improvements

Commercial Asphalt, pmt #3, \$126,381.56 – **Total \$126,381.56**

Building Deposit

Patrick Shaffer, refund, \$40.00 – **Total \$40.00**

Grant Pass Thru

Gregory Rotary Club, grant pass thru/Don & Lori Nemer Trust for park drainage, \$5,000 – **Total \$5,000**

Grand Total \$172,201.82

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty, 10/6-7/12

Jack Wenger, weekend water duty, 9/29-30/12; 1 hr overtime

10-10-12 PAYROLL:

BankWest, federal withholding, \$1,193.83; BankWest, FICA , \$1,494.01; BankWest, Medicare, \$416.58; SDRS, retirement, \$1,695.70; Aflac, employee deductions, \$158.26; Office of Child Support Enforcement, employee deduction, \$219.23; City of Gregory, employee deductions (wa/sw), \$73.00 City of Gregory, employee deductions (cell phone), \$157.30; Finance Officer, \$1,728.00; General Government Building, \$275.00; Police Dept. , \$5,302.55; Street Dept., \$3,370.08; Library, \$1,111.53; Economic Development, \$200.00; Water Dept., \$2,507.20; BankWest, \$674.86, federal withholding; BankWest, \$602.27, FICA; BankWest, \$167.94, Medicare; Ambulance, \$5,791.00

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye. Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor