

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
October 5, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, October 5, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Minutes

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

Department Head Reports

Diane Althoff presented the council members with the September Library financial report. Diane also mentioned that when it rains hard, water still gets into the SE corner of the library. There were a total of 5269 hits on the library's website.

Police Chief Steve McDowell handed out the September police activity report. There was some discussion on vehicles that are abandoned that need to be ticketed or moved to the city's pound area. The police department will become more active in the ticketing and removal of vehicles that are not abiding by the city's code.

Water Superintendent Alex Hamilton reported that the water tanks were inspected last week and that the new water controls would be installed next week. The cost to replace the radiator and other items that got damaged in the street sweeper will run \$2600.

New Business

Building Permits: Sam Flakus, from the planning commission, presented the council with four building permits that the planning board had looked at. The board recommended approval for the following permits: Steve McDowell, shed (need to find lot pins); Lori & Glen Lindwurm, addition to garage; Catholic Church, handicap ramp. The Board denied the request of Brent Veurink's for storage units because the property is zoned residential. The planning board did propose that the area where Veurink wanted to build the storage units be rezoned to commercial because there are other storage units in that block and after that is done, and then the building permit could be approved. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the building permits for McDowell, Lindwurm and the Catholic Church and to deny the Veurink permit because the area needs to be zoned commercial first, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye. It was agreed to discuss the re-zoning of block 87 to commercial at the next council meeting.

City Website

The council reviewed a proposal to upgrade the city's website to a premium level design by GovOffice, the company who helps design and maintain the current website. The upgrade would enhance and

make the site more attractive and user friendly. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to upgrade the city's website, at a one-time expense of \$6790, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

HRA Plan

The council reviewed a proposal/plan in which a city employee could be reimbursed a certain amount of money if they chose to join another group health plan (spouses plan) and waive being on the city's health plan. Motion was made by Tim Mills to table any decision on the HRA plan proposal until the members could review it further and get some more clarification, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council the September financial report for the general fund. The sales tax collected thru September is running over \$19,000 ahead of last year at this time. The balances of cash on hand were also given for the general, water and sewer funds.

Claims

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

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	98.08
Apple Time Inc	Police Dept-250 Trick or Treat Bags	312.88
Ceylon Mcdowell	Reimb/Health Ins Overpaid	16.39
Department of Revenue	Water Testing	224.00
Diane Althoff	Mileage/SDLA Conference-Rapid City	300.72
Golden West	October Phone Service	1,044.77
Gregory Co Register of Deeds	Record Vacation of Bk 88 Alley	30.00
Gregory/Dallas Chamber	3rd Qtr Stipend	6,250.00
Gregory Golf & Recreation	Subsidy Payment	10,000.00
Gregory Public Library	Supplies/Library Conference/Travel/Books	634.61
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	368.11
H & J Sales	Repairs/Parts for Weedeater	640.50
H & O Electric	Repairs to Ambulance Air Cond	501.18
Harrison Plumbing & Heating	Repair Stool at Fire Hall	45.65
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,934.16
Helms & Associates	Engineering Airport Fuel Sys-Apron Exp Phase I	1,504.78
Klein's True Value	Cleaning Supplies	51.27
KWYR Am	Website Advertising	55.00
Meierhenry Sargent LLP	Bond Counsel for RD/Special Assessment Grandview	17,130.00
Metl, Inc	Layout/Stripe Main St Parking	1,846.00
Northern Plains LLC	Payment #3/Grandview Addition	391,439.58
Office Products Center	Binders/Copy Machine Service Contract	106.49
Opperman Inc	95.2 Ton Base Course/Road East Grandview	1,480.36
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	23.54
Wolf Enterprises	Porta Pot Rental Baseball Field/Clean Outs	944.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Gloves/Bulbs/Cir Breaker/Switch/Brake Fluid/Filters	147.64

Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	5,543.09
Runnings	Jigsaw/Blades/ Bolts/Oil/Grass Seed/Weed & Feed	374.05
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Assoc	St & Util-Const Observation Grandview/Const Admin	26,756.90
Schoenfish & Co Inc	2013-2014 Audit Of City	10,000.00
Share Corporation	5 Gallon Citra Sol	401.07
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation	Irrigation Parts	55.35
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service Charge	3,000.00
Total		\$486,260.17

9-22-2015 Payroll

Mayor/Council, \$6,400.00; Planning & Zoning Commission, \$525.00; Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Bldg., \$139.00; Police Dept., \$4,111.51; Street Dept., \$3,581.50; Water Dept., \$2,870.34; Sewer, \$362.75; Airport, \$300.00; Library, \$1,155.07; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$21,625.97; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,507.20 Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$68.35; EFTPS, \$4,636.53

Executive Session

Motion was made by Tim Mills to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Motion was made by Tim Mills to reinstate Mark Fortuna per the guidelines set forth in the performance improvement plan, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to adjourn, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer