

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2013

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Absent was Council Member Chad Peck. Also present were News reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve as written the council meeting minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting. All members voted aye.

Public Forum - Vern Arens

Vern Arens met with the council to discuss the sewer line project that would replace four blocks of sewer main that is in bad shape. Arens asked if the council would want to add two more blocks of sewer line replacement to help get the sewer line to a better grade for future development. After some discussion, the council agreed not to add the two additional blocks at this time to the project. Vern Arens estimated that the project could be ready for bidding by the second week in January 2014.

Department Head Reports

Airport Manager Mike Klarenbeek met with the council to introduce himself to the council and to give an update on airport happenings. The airport has been busy, especially people wanting to rent the hangar on a daily basis. The daily fees may have to be changed a little to compensate for people renting the hangar space longer than three days.

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger informed the council members that Chris Reinartz has accepted the position of police officer with the police department. He is scheduled to start work on Monday, November 25, 2013. He will try to get Chris in the first police certification class scheduled for 2014. Ellwanger also mentioned a problem with people leaving the school parking lot to the south and going down 5th Street. There is no stop sign coming out of the parking lot but there are stop signs at the other intersections of that corner. He asked about putting a stop sign in the parking lot. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to add a stop sign to the south part of the parking lot exit on to Logan Avenue. All members voted aye.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna met with the council and informed them that Johnson Implement in Burke was going to have a program, where the city could use a skid loader for so many hours free this next summer. The council members agreed that he could sign up for the program. Mark also informed the council that the REC had a bucket truck for sale that would cost the city \$5000. Fortuna said the city could make good use out of having a bucket truck. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to purchase the truck. All members voted aye.

District III

The council members received a letter of extension of service for 2014 with Planning and Development District III for \$2156. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to sign the letter of extension with District III. All members voted aye.

Police Officer Hire

Motion was made by Tim Mills to hire Chris Reinartz for the police officer position at a starting wage of \$12.25 per hour, with a \$1.00 increase in pay after he is certified. All members voted aye.

One Day On-Off Sale Wine License

A hearing was held on Shear Creations having a one day on and off sale wine license for use at the Gregory Auditorium on November 30, 2013. Shear Creations owns an on and off sale license already. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the one day license for Shear Creations for November 30, 2013 at the Gregory Auditorium. All members voted aye.

Topographical Survey

SPN engineering firm had approached the city about the next step in getting, land being purchased, ready for development. The firm indicated that a topographical survey would need to be done. The survey would show the slope of the property and help determine how the sewer lines, etc. would be laid. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to hire SPN to do a topographical survey of the land being purchased at an estimated cost of \$2,000. All members voted aye.

CDBG Grant Award

The city has received word that Gregory will receive a \$157,500 CDBG grant for help in getting the sewer line project completed. The city has already received a \$259,000 low interest loan from the state to help fund the project. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$309,000. Some of the loan may not be needed at this time.

South Central Water Development District

Al Cerny informed the council that the SCWDD board had delayed making a decision on Gregory's request for help with the sewer line project until the January 14, 2014 meeting because the funding would not be needed until 2014. In light of the fact that Gregory will receive a \$157,500 grant for the project, it was agreed to withdraw the City's request for funding. It was also agreed that the City of Gregory will want to meet with the SCWDD board members to ask for help with getting some infrastructure done with the land being purchased.

Sewer Rates

The council looked at some potential new sewer rates that would meet the State minimum of \$22 per 5,000 gallons of usage. The state will not offer any grant money for future sewer line projects if the city does not meet the minimum set. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to table making any decision on raising the sewer rates until the December 2, 2013 meeting. All members voted aye.

October Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a report on balance sheet totals, revenues and expenses for the city that ran thru October. Sales tax revenues are up over last year's revenues at this time.

Gregory Ministerial Association

The council members expressed their thanks for the chili supper served to the board by the Gregory Ministerial Association.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

AL CERNY	MILEAGE TO ARMOUR/SCWDD MEETING	90.40
APPEARA	TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/COVERALLS	34.29
AVENET LLC	UPGRADE TO CITY'S WEB SITE	500.00
B & F VARIETY	PAGE COVERS FOR REPORTS	20.39
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	REPAIRS FOR ROAD GRADER	339.00
DATA TECHNOLOGIES INC	SOFTWARE	3,000.00
DAVE'S CUSTOM WORK	REPAIRS TO ALLEY APPROACH	1,707.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	PRINCIPAL SALES TAX BONDS	85,758.75
FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY	REPAIRS TO CABLE	594.15
GREGORY ANIMAL CLINIC PC	ANIMAL CONTROL	71.40
GREGORY COUNTY HWY DEPT	BLADE ROAD (CITYS SHARE)	42.50
MC & R POOLS INC	WINTERIZE POOL	1,850.00
MEYERINK FARM SERVICE INC	REPAIRS TO SEWER TRUCK	353.72
MULEHEAD GRAVEL	59.38 TONS OF GRAVEL	776.28
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	LABELS AND TABLETS	42.01
PLAINS PRINTING CO	BALLOTS FOR SPECIAL ELECTION	61.00
ROSEBUD AUTO PARTS	WRENCH/VBELT/PARTS/SCRAPER	134.80
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	DIESEL FUEL/GASOLINE	3,430.11
S & S MACHINE INC	REPAIRS TO ROAD GRADER	833.43
SHELL ENGINE & MACHINE	GRIND MANIFOLD/BIG AIR COMPRESSOR	49.50
STEFFEN FENCING	INSTALL GATE AT LAGOON	308.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	NOVEMBER CELLPHONE CHARGES	985.06
WM KROTTER CO	HAMMER BIT/FASTENERS/ADHESIVE	14.41
TOTAL		\$100,996.68

11-5-2013 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,756.00; General Government Bldg, \$277.09; Police Dept., \$4,575.52; Street Dept., \$3,456.16; Water Dept., \$2,643.20; Airport, \$320.00; Ambulance, \$7,187.05; Library, \$966.21; Economic Development, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$21,381.23; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$127.64; EFTPS, \$4,785.44

Adjourn

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

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer