

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

The Gregory City Council members met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Members absent were Shana Flakus and Seymour Studenberg. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Tim Mills to add concrete dumping at the lagoons and discussion on potential help to remove two houses along Felton Avenue to the posted agenda, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Blane Bartling made the motion to approve the council minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting as written, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Police: Steve McDowell handed out the November 2015 activity report. The police department was busy with many different activities.

Library: Diane Althoff presented the council with the library November financial report along with the usage report for that month. The library continues to be used quite frequently.

Street: Mark Fortuna reported that snow removal went pretty well. They are working with the City of Burke in helping with snow removal. Both towns will help each other out with snow removal.

New Business

Police Department/County Wide Discussion

Police Chief Steve McDowell and Police Officers Matt Vanderlinden and Chris Reinartz met with the council to address the recent talk about Gregory County law enforcement. Steve McDowell indicated that he will be retiring in the next 5 to 6 months and that he will do whatever the council desires to make it a smooth transition whether the City would keep their local police officers or go countywide. Members of the council informed the officers that at this time, they had not had any concrete information on costs or what would be offered if the City went countywide. Some of the other members stated that they liked having a local police presence in Gregory that could respond quickly and take care of other things, like animal control, that may not be available if there was a change.

Library Trustees

Diane Althoff presented the Mayor with two names of people who would be interested in serving on the library board of trustees. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve of Pat Mattson and Kristen Jacobsen to a 3 year library board of trustee term which would begin January 1, 2016 and end December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Ordinance 2015-08

Ordinance 2015-08, an ordinance that would amend the 2015 budget by adding \$2,500 to the public nuisance dept., \$35,000 to the Debt service dept. and \$2,000 to the fire dept., was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-08, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Building Permit/Bonnie Johnson

A building permit submitted by Bonnie Johnson to move a shed was reviewed. The planning commission had approved the permit already. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve the building permit of Bonnie Johnson. All members voted aye.

Liquor License Hearing

The following liquor licenses were reviewed for their renewal for 2016: Dollar General & Shear Creations, on-off sale wine; Buche Foods and Big Ass Liquor for package off-sale liquor; Gregory Lanes, Mary Bob's and Homesteader for on-sale liquor. Motion was made by Tim Mills and second by Stacey Boes to approve the listed liquor license renewals for 2016. All members voted aye.

Liquor Operating Agreements

Motion was made by Blane Bartling and second by Jerry Kafka to renew the following liquor operating agreements for 5 years, using the term alcohol beverages in place of liquor. All members voted aye. The operating agreements renewed were: Homesteader, Gregory Lanes, Mary Bobs, Big Ass Liquor and Buche foods. The agreements would run from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2020.

Health Reimbursement Plan

Al Cerny reported to the council that he discovered that the Health Insurance Reimbursement plan that the council had approved would have to be changed since the City does already provide group health insurance coverage. Any reimbursement for not taking the city's group health insurance coverage would have to be run thru the payroll. After some discussion, Motion was made by Blane Bartling to table any decisions on the HIR plan until the next council meeting set for December 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Surplus of Dodge D-50 Pickup

The motor on the 1985 Dodge D-50 pickup is bad and would have to be replaced. Due to the age of the pickup, it was decided that the pickup should be surplus as is. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to surplus the Dodge D-50 pickup and set a price of \$100 for it, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Employee Evaluations

The council agreed to hold the employee evaluations from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Tues., December 15, 2015. The regular meeting start time would be 7:30 instead of 7:00 p.m. The City Christmas Party and employee bonuses will also be looked at on the December 15th meeting date.

Concrete Rubble

Council Member Stacey Boes reported that someone had recently hauled a load of "dirty" concrete rubble to the lagoon site. The load had come from the house that had recently been torn down at 1st & Felton. Stacey felt that if rubble concrete was to be accepted at the site in the future, that some restrictions may have to be in place so the city employees don't waste their time in cleaning up a load that has other items in it besides concrete.

Felton Houses

Al Cerny has been approached by the owners of a house along Felton Street that would be interested in buying and tearing down two houses adjacent to where they live. The houses in question are in need of a lot of repairs and appear to be unfit to live in. The question was asked if the City could help out in the process of the cleanup of the two houses. The council members were interested in the possible cleanup and it was agreed to hold a meeting with the interested parties and work out some details to take back to the council. A date of Tues., December 15, 2015 was set to report back to the full council.

Claims

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Jerry Kafka to pay the following claims as presented. All members voted aye.

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	59.18
Brad's Body Shop	Install Windshield in Volvo Loader	135.00
Cardmember Service	Water Controls/East Well System	1,491.92
Cody Atteberry	Reimbursement/Share of Hay	1,039.50
Dakota Pump Inc	SCADA Upgrades/East Well Field	63,229.71
Data Technologies Inc	Software Support/Updates 2016	3,339.01
Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Comm	4th Qtr Stipend 2015	6,250.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	166.01
Grossenberg Implement Inc	Bolts for Loader Bucket	60.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,934.16
Heartland Promotions Inc	Community Of The Year Signs/Banners	451.00
Klein's True Value	Ext. Cord/Timer/Batteries/Fittings/Cleaning Supplies	68.12
KYWY AM	Website Advertising	55.00
Office Products Center	Copy Machine Service Contract	35.00
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	3.45
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Grandview Lights/Wiring & Mo. Electric Payment	18,809.32
SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems	2015 Dues/Rural Water Association	500.00
Us Postal Service	Postage Stamps	49.00
Total		\$100,675.38

11-17-2015 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Bldg., \$139.00; Police Dept., \$4,397.00; Street Dept., \$3,652.00; Water Dept., \$2,882.09; Sewer, \$340.00; Airport, \$400.00; Library, \$1,240.19; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,231.08; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,550.84; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$191.92; EFTPS, \$3,550.08

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills to adjourn, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members vote aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer