

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2013

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2013 at the Gregory City Hall at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Seymour Studenberg and Shana Flakus. Council Members absent were Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve as posted the agenda for the December 2, 2013 council meeting. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve as written the council meeting minutes from November 18, 2013 as written. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum

Holly Glover, Gregory/Dallas Area Chamber Director

Holly Glover gave the city council an update on chamber events, current projects that they are working on, and future projects that they will be undertaking in the future. A short financial report was also provided. A list of chamber goals was also listed in the report. The council thanked her for the report.

Diane Althoff, Gregory Public Library Head Librarian

Diane Althoff gave the council a November financial report of the library. Two library trustees' terms will be expiring at the end of December 2013. The two trustees are Kathy Kayl and Joan Bloom. Motion was made by Tim Mills to re-appoint Kathy Kayl and Joan Bloom to two-year terms as library trustees, whose terms would run until December 31, 2016. All members voted aye.

#### Committee Reports

Shana Flakus gave an update on the meetings that are going on between the task force for Gregory County and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The group has been working on ways to increase partnerships between the two groups to help bring more community education opportunities to the Gregory County area. Some surveys have been compiled about what the area residents would be interested in. The Gregory High School could serve as a place to hold some of the proposed classes at this time. The group will continue to meet and grants will be written to help off-set some of the education costs.

#### Old Business

##### Sewer Rates

The council discussed the current sewer rates and the fact that the rates are below the state's minimum requirements, which will keep the city from getting any grant help for sewer projects thru the State Dept. of Natural Resources. Motion was made by Chad Peck to increase the rates for the first 1,000 gallons of water used by \$2.00 a month and the next 4,000 gallons would increase by \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used up to a maximum of \$23.00 for 5,000 gallons used. The rates would not change for any usage over 5,000. All members voted aye. It was agreed to hold the first reading of the proposed sewer rate change in January 2014. The council members also wanted to state that the sewer rate change was

needed to help insure that the city would be eligible for future grants and also have the money to keep up the city's current sewer lines.

#### New Business

##### Liquor License Hearing

The city held a liquor license renewal hearing for the following license holders: Homesteader (on-sale); Gregory Lanes (on-sale); Mary Bob's (on-sale); Shear Creations (on-off sale wine); GF Buche Co. (off-sale). Nobody was present at the hearing. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve the renewal of the listed liquor and wine licenses. All members voted aye.

##### Supplemental Ordinance

Supplemental Ordinance No. 2013-03 was placed on its first reading. The ordinance would increase the general fund budget by \$135,700; 3<sup>rd</sup> cent sales tax by \$6,000; special projects by \$8,000 for a total of \$149,700. The budget expenses would be taken care of by unbudgeted revenue funds received and surplus funds on hand. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-03. All members voted aye.

##### Policy Handbook

Because of the Affordable Health Care Act, the city will have to amend its policy on who is qualified to receive health care benefits from a person working 32 hours a week to 30 hours and the termination date for health insurance would now be the end of the month. Motion was made by Tim Mills to make the necessary changes in the city policy handbook. All members voted aye.

##### City Employee Pay

The council discussed giving the full and part time city employees a year-end Christmas bonus. Motion was made by Chad Peck to follow last year's policy and give the full time employees \$150 and the year around part time employees \$50. All members voted aye.

The council also discussed employee reviews. It was agreed to have the individual employees do a self-evaluation. Those evaluations would be given to the council. The department heads would meet with the council to discuss the employees. If the individual employees wanted to meet with the council, then arrangements would be made for that. December 16, 2013 was picked as the date to do the evaluations.

##### Claims

Motion was made by Chad Peck to pay the following claims. All members voted aye.

APPEARA	MATS/MOP/TOWELS/COVERALLS/HAND CLEANER	58.61
DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT CO	GASBOY RIBBON	11.07
HACH COMPANY	CHEMICALS/CABLE WITH A PROBE	283.26
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD	2 SEWER CAPS	53.66
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,331.56
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING ON AIRPORT HANGAR	330.81
INTOXIMETERS INC	MOUTHPIECES FOR ALCOHOL TESTING	280.00
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	260.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	UPS/PAINT/TOWELS/TISSUE/BATTERY/FIRE DEPT SUPPL	258.90
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPY MACHINE SERVICE CONTRACT	35.00

PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/CAR WASH REIMBURSEMENT	19.16
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRICITY USED	5,674.24
SD ASSOC OF RURAL WATER SYSTEM	2014 DUES	475.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	WATER SERVICE	3,000.00
YANKTON FIRE & SAFETY CO INC	REPAIR/INSPECT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	573.00
TOTAL		\$14,644.27

11-19-2013 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,756.01; Police Dept., \$4,896.84; Street Dept., \$3,467.91; Water Dept., \$2,663.20; Airport, \$465.00; Library, \$1,054.43; Economic Development, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$14,503.39; Aflac, \$385.22; SDRS, \$3,264.14; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$495.96; EFTPS, \$3,339.96

Adjourn

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

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Cerny, Finance Officer