

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2015

The Gregory City Council members met at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the time of 7:30 p.m. Members present were: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Seymour Studenberg, Stacey Boes, Tim Mills and Jerry Kafka. Council Members absent were Shana Flakus and Blane Bartling. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Water Supt. Alex Hamilton, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Note: Prior to the meeting in regular session, the council members present met with the full time city employees to discuss their work performance and any other issues that the employees may have had.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2015 council meeting as written, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

No one was present to speak at the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Steve McDowell reported that they had some accidents because of the slick conditions of the city streets due to the recent bad weather. There was also some discussion on getting a permanent digital speed sign that would flash a vehicles speed that could be installed along Highway 18 and 47.

Old Business

Health Reimbursement Plan

The city council members reviewed the original plan that would reimburse city employees for health care insurance if they decided to join their spouses plan and not take the city plan. Since the City does offer health insurance, any reimbursement would be done thru the city payroll and payroll taxes would be taken out of the amount. The current city health insurance premium costs \$616.26 per month. If the City would reimburse back \$525 a month, the cost to the City would be approximately \$595 because the City would have to match the FICA and retirement amounts. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to reimburse \$525 per month for health insurance when the city employee meets all the guidelines set up in the city's health reimbursement plan, seconded by Tim Mills. All members present vote aye.

New Business

Building Removal

Karley Arizimendis met with the council to present a plan to remove two houses that are situated North of where she and Brandon live on Felton Avenue. They have a preliminary agreement with the current owner to buy the two houses (1007 & 1011 Felton Ave). They are willing to tear down the two houses and clean up the lots but would like the city to consider spending \$2500 towards the cleanup of the lots

since she will be paying an assessment of \$13,000 that is connected to one of the houses. The council agreed to have the city attorney draw up an agreement that would list what the owners and the City would be responsible for and then vote on approving the agreement at the next council meeting.

Transfer of Mr. G's Malt Beverage License

The council reviewed a request to transfer the malt beverage license at Mr. G's (Wenger Enterprises) to MB Quick Stop, LLC. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve of the transfer of the malt beverage license from Wenger Enterprises to MB Quick Stop, LLC DBA Mr. G's, seconded by Jerry Kafka. Roll call vote: Ayes: Boes, Kakfa, Studenberg, and Bartling (by phone call); Nays: none; Abstain: Mills. Motion carried.

Gregory Golf Club One Day License

The Gregory Golf Club received an application for a one day liquor license for Mary Vale Hall for January 9, 2016. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve of a one day liquor license for the Gregory Golf Club to be used on January 9, 2016 at the Mary Vale Hall in Gregory. All members voted aye.

Plat Change

The council reviewed a plat change for Lots 6 and K of Grandview Addition that would add a 10.5' utility easement to the west side of the lots. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve a 10.5' utility easement for the west side of Lots 6 and K of the Grandview Addition, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Offer to Settle Claim

The City received an offer to settle a claim made against the Gregory Police Department by Scott Oliver. Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to not accept any offer for settlement of the claim. All members voted aye.

City Holiday Get Together

The council agreed that they would hold the City's Holiday get together at Mary Bob's on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

Claims

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve payment of the following claims. All members voted aye.

Appearra	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	96.84
B & F Variety	Police Dept Hand Sanitizer/Canned Air	13.97
Joel Barting	Steel/Cutting Edges/Wire/Helmet/Excavator Plate	3,499.03
Buche Foods	Airport Toilet Paper-Water-Pop/Garbage Bags	37.99
Burke Oil Company	Airport Fuel	19,928.63
Cardmember Service	34' Chisel Breaker	473.93
Flexible Pipe Tool Company	Part for Sewer Truck	49.85
Golden West	December Phone Service	1,041.66
Graham Tire Mitchell	2 Tires For Police Car	258.06

Gregory Co Reg of Deeds	Re-plat/Utility Easement Added	60.00
Gregory Public Library	SDLA Dues	85.00
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine/Hydrofluosilicic Acid/Check Valve	1,361.55
Helms & Associates	Airport Apron Expansion/Engineering	3,032.38
James Steel Inc	Remove & Replace Gutter & Panels	4,060.00
Jerry's Electric	Starter Coil/Photocontrol	127.19
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Michael Klarenbeek	Photos of Grandview	200.00
Mr. Automotive	Oil Filters/Fuel Filters	57.90
Mulehead Gravel	59.86 Tons of Gravel	867.97
Northern Plains LLC	Grandview Payment #5	96,458.73
Opperman Inc	2.5 Hours Hauling Snow	250.00
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Coffee Cups	14.88
Rosebud Auto Parts	Batteries/Parts/Filters/Wiper Blades/Tubing/Towels/Starter	658.48
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	6,143.45
Rosebud Farmers Union	Copper Sulfate/Gasoline/Tire Repair/Propane/Diesel Fuel	5,368.80
Runnings	Spark Plug/Bolts/Foam/Antifreeze/Paint/Fittings/Spade	282.59
Rural Tech Center	Service Work on Library Computers	694.93
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Asso	Grandview Engineering	2,045.00
SD Dept Of Revenue	Plates/Registration 2002 Chevy	16.20
Tripp Co Water User Dist	Monthly Water Charge	3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	December Cellphone Charges	484.46
Wilson Heating & Cooling	Change Auditorium Filters	60.00
Wm Krotter Co	Clear Sealants	19.98
Yankton Fire & Safety Co Inc	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection	310.50
Total		\$151,319.95

12-1-2015 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Bldg., \$139.00; Police Dept., \$4,798.38; Street Dept., \$3,568.88; Water Dept., \$2,625.35; Sewer, \$381.78; Airport, \$300.00; Ambulance, \$6,405.30; Library, \$883.13; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$21,282.62; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$72.00; EFTPS, \$5,012.68

12-15-2015 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Bldg., \$139.00; Police Dept., \$4,247.50; Street Dept., \$3,887.19; Water Dept., \$2,566.50; Sewer, \$375.50; Airport, \$287.50; Library, \$1,069.63; Total Gross Amt, \$14,553.62; Child Support, \$219.23; EFTPS, \$3394.07

Executive Session

Motion was made by Tim Mills to go into executive session to discuss employee salaries, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. At 8:35 p.m., Mayor Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Employee Salaries for 2016

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve of the following salaries for 2016: All full time employees would receive a 3% raise. Al Cerny, \$53,045 per year (exempt employee); Mark Fortuna, \$22.66 per hour; Alex Hamilton, \$17.51 per hour; Jennifer Keegan, \$18.54 per hour; Steve McDowell, \$16.48 per hour; Chris Reinartz, \$14.42 per hour; Matt Vanderlinden, \$15.19 per hour; Jack Wenger, \$18.03 per hour and; Diane Althoff, \$13.65 per hour. The following part time employees will receive the following pay: Cecil Harsin, \$10.25 per hour; Emil Hlavka, \$10.25 per hour; Hunter Mills, \$8.75 per hour; Rae Tyburec, \$8.75 per hour; Marcelene Kristian, \$350 per month; Beth Raschke, \$310 per month; Michael Klarenbeek, \$12.50 per hour. All council members voted aye.

Bonus pay

The council agreed to give a yearend bonus of \$250 to all fulltime employees (to include Diane Althoff) and \$100 to all the year around part time employees.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jerry Kafka to adjourn, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer