

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Feb. 1, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Stacey Boes, Jerry Kafka, Blane Bartling, Seymour Studenberg and Shana Flakus. Also present were Head Librarian Diane Althoff, News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Water/Wastewater Supt. Alex Hamilton and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve the agenda as posted with the addition of burning houses for fire dept. training purposes, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve the council minutes of January 18, 2016 as written. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum

Holly Glover, Gregory/Dallas Chamber Director, gave the council the 2015 yearend chamber financial report. Holly discussed some of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration events and asked if the council had a preference for shooting the fireworks off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or the 4<sup>th</sup>. Holly also requested the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter stipend for the chamber. Tony Timanus, Avera Gregory Hospital Administrator, met with the council to discuss the possibility of getting the airport runway cleared of snow when the plows clear the emergency routes. The airport has been used for emergency transfers. There was one incident where there was a delay in getting the plane here because the runway had not been cleared. It was agreed that city would work close with the hospital to insure that every effort would be made to insure the runway is ready to be used.

#### Department Head Reports

Head Librarian Diane Althoff passed out a January report on usage of the Gregory Library. E-books are up along with several other categories. The 2015 financial report for the library was also given. Mark and Alex showed a video of the bad sewer main running from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. on Felton Ave. The main will have to be replaced at some time in the near future. It was mentioned that all of the sewer mains in the town should be videotaped. Mark will be getting some estimates on a used camera system that the City could purchase and video tape the city mains.

#### New Business/Tax Abatement

The council received two tax abatement notices from the county. The first one was for S7' of Lot 5 of Block 5 in Gregory Heights Addition, for \$55.77 and the second was for Lot 4 and the N25' of Lot 5 of Block 15 in the Original Town of Gregory and the total was \$4,480.08. This property has a house on it that is in bad shape. The council members agreed that the procedures to condemn this house should be started so the any potential buyer is aware that the house and shed will have to be removed. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the tax abatement request. All members voted aye.

#### 2015 Financial Report

Al Cerny presented the council with the 2015 financial report for the City of Gregory. Sales tax revenue was up over \$35,000 or showed a 5% gain. The balance sheet and revenue/expense reports were looked at for all departments.

### Future Planning

Mayor Schlaht would like to see a two to three year plan put together that would outline what streets, water, sewer mains need to be worked on and what equipment that needs to be replaced. The possible purchase of a camera system to televise the sewer mains would be a good place to start. Getting a map of the city's sewer/water mains and marking which ones are bad or good was also discussed.

### House Burning for Fire Training

The council is interested in working with the fire department on the possibility of burning some of the houses in Gregory that are condemned or in bad shape, provided that there is room to burn them and the conditions are such to allow the burning.

### Claims

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

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	37.11
Dept of Revenue	Water/Wastewater Testing	246.00
Gregory/Dallas Chamber	2016 Membership Dues	250.00
Gregory Public Library	Books & Supplies Purchased	495.84
Gregory Times-Advocate	Publish Minutes/Police Chief Ad/Notice of Vacancy	529.75
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,317.39
Intoximeters Inc	1000 Breath Analyzer Mouthpieces	140.00
Klein's True Value	Supplies/Toilet Paper/Ice Melt/Ups Shipping	170.13
Office Products Center	Supplies/Printer Cartridges/Copy Machine Service	337.49
Ramkota Hotel	Lodging/SD Rural Water Annual Tech Conf	263.98
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	7,800.79
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gas/Diesel/Repair Gasboy/Blazer Alternator/Tire Repair	2,073.17
Rural Tech Center	Ink Cartridges	58.99
SD Airports Conference	Airport Conference Registration	90.00
SD State Plumbing Comm	2016 Installer License/Mark Fortuna	45.00
Tripp County Water User Dis	Feb Water Service	3,000.00
Total		\$19,855.64

### 1-26-16 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$4,470.17; Street Dept., \$3,813.28; Water Dept., \$2,955.07; Sewer, \$373.95; Airport, \$162.50; Library, \$1,197.23; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,355.28; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,386.00; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$75.76; EFTPS, \$3,591.92

### Adjourn

Motion by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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