

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 15, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, February 15, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Stacey Boes, Jerry Kafka, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Blane Bartling and Seymour Studenberg. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

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

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the February 1, 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

#### Department Head Reports

Steve McDowell passed out the January police report on various activities that the police department had been involved with. Steve also mentioned the progress on the ongoing search for a new police chief.

#### Committee Reports

Public Nuisance: Mayor Schlaht talked about some of the residents in Gregory that do not have regular garbage pickup service and are piling their garbage bags in trailers. A list will be compiled and the police department will hand deliver the notice that they need to clean up their residence or be fined and also billed the cost of cleanup. The council then discussed the junk vehicles in the city. It was decided that a notice will be put in the paper that the City will be enforcing the junk vehicle ordinances and then start delivering notices to the owners of such vehicles stating that the vehicles will have to be removed or the City will remove at the owner's expense.

Airport Hangar: The council discussed the high electric bill for heat at the airport hangar. Part of the problem is that the hangar door does not close tight. The problem will be looked at by the public works department and possibly a contractor who has experience with this type of door.

#### New Business

##### Property Being Sold at County Auction

The council was updated on the efforts to condemn the house at 1109 Felton Ave. The house had previously been inspected. A list of violations was noted that had to be fixed or the house would be condemned. Gregory County took the property by tax deed so a notice will be sent to the County stating that the house has been condemned and unless the noted violations are not fixed within 45 days, the house will be torn down. A notice will be posted on the house, stating that the house has been condemned. The council also agreed to consider buying the property at the county auction when the property will be sold.

##### Former Liquor Store Building

The council members were informed that the deal to lease the former liquor store building had fallen through. The question of what to do with the building was raised. The council agreed that the walls should be repainted and the carpet cleaned before the city would consider renting the building out.

Chief of Police Position

Mayor Schlaht reported that two people had been interviewed for the Chief of Police position. Another applicant would be talked to on Feb. 16, and the final person would be interviewed sometime during the week of February 22. The council agreed that they would hold a special meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February at 5:00 p.m. to go over the applications and make a decision at that time on who to offer the position to.

Claims

Motion was made by Bartling to pay the following claims, seconded by Kafka. All members voted aye.

Appera	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	59.73
Arbor Day Foundation	Membership Dues	25.00
Bartling Welding & Machine	Iron	37.05
Dakota Auto Care	Reprogram Modules/99 Ford Pickup	109.00
Golden West	Phone/Internet Service	1,053.53
Gregory Building Center	Shelving & Brackets	65.96
Gregory/Dallas Chamber	1st Qtr Stipend (Less Dues)	6,000.00
Gregory Public Library	Library Annual CSA Renewal for Atrium	995.00
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Cylinder Charge	5.00
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	12 Radio Read Water Meters/Couplings	1,710.68
Helms & Associates	Engineering/Airport Fuel System (Apron Exp)	530.55
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Johnson Pochop & Bartling	Legal Services	1,482.50
KWYR Am	Econ Dev/Website Advertising	55.00
Mr. Automotive	Carb Kit/Fittings/Oxygen Refill/Cabin Air Filter/Headlight	222.89
Opperman Inc.	5 Hours Hauling Snow	500.00
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	11.60
Plains Printing Co	Stamped Envelopes	1,520.95
Rosebud Auto Parts	Leaf Spring/Ignition/U-bolts/Filters/Switches/Handle/Fittings	655.25
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gasoline/Diesel Fuel/Oil/Tire Repair/Propane	3,202.50
SPN	Engineering/Water Leak in Grandview	3,452.45
SD Assoc of Rural Water Sys	Registration/Annual Tech Conf (Fortuna-Hamilton)	410.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Charges	485.42
Wilson Heating & Cooling	Change Filters on Auditorium Fan Control Units	180.00
Wm Krotter Co	Hammer Bit/Fasteners	9.41
Total		\$23,039.47

2-9-2016 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$4,263.38; Street Dept., \$3,672.52; Water Dept., \$3,071.42; Sewer, \$516.07; Ambulance, \$7,101.81; Library, \$1,306.89; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$22,315.17; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$90.00; EFTPS, \$5,289.83

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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