

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2014

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Members absent were Chad Peck and Shana Flakus. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to move the Chamber funding from old business to public forum; add the building permit of Randy Lane to the agenda; and approve the agenda, with the new changes. All members voted aye.

February 3, 2014 Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the minutes as written for the February 3, 2014 council meeting. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Kalen Wenger met with the council to ask about the council to consider vacating the platted street behind to the south of Mr. G's. Trish Keiser and George Johnson were also present for the street vacation question. It was determined that the platted street was not needed for any water or sewer lines. Motion was made by Tim Mills to start the street vacation process with the people asking the city council to vacate the street paying all the legal and publication fees. All members voted aye.

Parkside Motel

A recent survey by the State of South Dakota showed that a portion of one of the Parkside Motel buildings was situated on the state's Hwy 47 right of way. Owner Brett Oliver asked the city council for a letter of support in his efforts to get the state to vacate a portion of their right of way so his building would not be in the state's right of way. The city council agreed that a letter of support for Brett Oliver's request for a removal of a portion of the right of way would be written.

Chamber Funding

A number of Gregory/Dallas Chamber supporters were present at the council meeting to voice their support of the chamber and ask that the city continue their financial support of the chamber. Chamber Director Holly Glover presented the city council with a 2013 financial statement of the Chamber. The council members heard comments about the chamber activities, the need for the chamber to continue its work and the efforts of both Dallas and Gregory in keeping the chamber going. Motion was made by Tim Mills to continue the funding of the Gregory/Dallas Chamber by committing \$26,000 to the chamber for 2014. All members voted aye.

Dept. Head Reports

Mark Fortuna reported that the people going to fireworks training were going to wait for a training session in Sioux Falls, which would be closer than Watertown. He discussed the water main break at 5<sup>th</sup> and Whittecar. Mark also noted that the hospital was without water for a short time but the hospital is

fed by two lines and the other line should have still been working. They are checking for the reasons why the other line did not work and a portion of the line may have to be dug up to find the answers.

#### New Business

The city received a request from the school to increase the internet speed at the auditorium so that games could be streamed or watched over the computer. The cost for the increased speed of the internet would run \$30 a month. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay the extra \$30 a month for the increased internet speed to allow the streaming of activities at the auditorium. All members voted aye.

#### Water Bill

The council received a request to lower or forgive a portion of a water bill because the water line broke to a frozen line and since the owner did not live at the house, the break was not noticed for a while, which resulted in a very large water bill. After some discussion, the council would not lower the water bill but they did agree to waive any late fees or interest associated with the bill and to allow the user to make payments on the water bill at 1116 Felton Avenue.

#### Small Community Planning Grant

The council reviewed information about applying for a small community planning grant. If awarded, the state would help the city develop a plan for future uses of sidewalks, trails and streets. The plan developed would help the city in applying for future grants for sidewalks, streets and trails. The council members agreed to apply for the planning grant. The deadline for applying is March 14, 2014.

#### January Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a January report on the balance sheet and revenue and expense items. A lot of the revenue items were reported in December since they were earned in December.

#### Building Permit

Randy Lane submitted a building permit for an addition to his building along Highway 18. He wants to add a 15' by 45' addition to the east side of his building. No variance is required. The council members approved the building permit.

#### Claims

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

ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE	WATER LEAK 5TH & WHITTECAR/WELLFIELD PIPE	1,630.94
APPEARA	MATS/MOP/TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/COVERALLS	56.96
B & F VARIETY	STAPLES/PEN/CLIPS	5.98
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE	IRON WORK/WATER KEY	479.00
BOOK SYSTEMS	LIBRARY HANDHELD SCANNER	505.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	6 FLAGS/LODGING & MEALS/LOCK SERVICE	421.83
GALLS/QUARTERMASTER	UNIFORM BOOTS/SHIRTS POLICE DEPT	164.93
GOLDEN WEST	FEB PHONE SERVICE	905.82
GRAHAM TIRE MITCHELL	4 TIRES/POLICE DEPT	495.92
GREGORY COUNTY HWY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	42.50
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	HALF COST OF AUDITORIUM REPAIRS	132.37

HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD	FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR PARTS/METER PARTS	239.22
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT HANGAR ENGINEERING	302.23
JACK WENGER	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	7.76
JERRY'S ELECTRIC	LED EXIT SIGNS & EMERGENCY LIGHTS	815.90
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	260.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	BINDERS/TONER CARTRIDGE	200.93
OPPERMAN INC	2 HOURS HAULING SNOW	200.00
ROSEBUD AUTO PARTS	FUSES/FITTINGS/FILTERS/SOLENOID/PINS/ETHER	403.46
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	DIESEL/GAS/PROPANE/OIL CHANGE/GREASE	4,455.32
RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC	FITTINGS/PAINT/PRIMER/BRUSH/SILICONE/CLAMP	205.84
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	REPLACE TIRE/RUINED ON MANHOLE	111.30
URITOX MEDICAL	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	74.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	FEB CELLPHONE CHARGES	465.89
TOTAL		12,583.10

2-11-2014 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,840.00; Police Dept., \$3,958.30; Street Dept., \$3,291.68; Water Dept., \$2,422.60; Sewer, \$354.20; Airport, \$205.00; Library, \$1,223.25; Ambulance, \$4,261.50; General Gov Bldg, \$297.09; Economic Dev, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$18,053.62; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$55.00; EFTPS, \$4,086.16

Adjourn

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to adjourn. All members voted aye.

---

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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