

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 2, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2015 at the Gregory City Hall. Mayor Maurice Schlaht opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Also present were Water/Wastewater Supt. Alex Hamilton, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, News Reporter Colleen Flynn and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Shana Flakus to approve the January 20, 2015 council minutes as posted. All members voted aye.

Correction to 1-5-15 Minutes

Below is the resolution that the council members had approved during the January 5, 2015 meeting concerning the Authorizing Resolution of Support for the Grandview Development Project. The council had approved the resolution but the resolution was not published.

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Application for Federal Assistance**

Gregory Grandview Development Project

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory has identified the need for the proposed Grandview Development Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory proposes to apply for a Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities Loan/Grant in order to meet local needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory is eligible for federal assistance for the proposed project; and

**WHEREAS**, with the submission of the Rural Development loan/grant application the City of Gregory assures and certifies that all program requirements will be fulfilled; and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Gregory duly authorizes the submission of the Rural Development loan/grant application to assist in the proposed Grandview Development Project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City of Gregory be authorized to execute the Application for Federal Assistance for the City of Gregory.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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

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## Agenda

The Gregory yearend golf financials and the next council meeting date were added to the agenda. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to approve the agenda as posted, along with the additions of the golf financial report and meeting date change. All members voted aye.

## Public Forum

Doug Pochop met with the council to encourage the council to continue to support the Gregory/Dallas Chamber with funding from the 3<sup>rd</sup> cent sales tax. The council members were told a few years ago that at some point the Chamber would be self-supporting and would not need the City's funding of \$26,000 a year. The council members were informed that the chamber would continue to need the financial support of the city because there just aren't enough members to make it work without some outside support. Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve the first quarter payment to the Chamber. All members voted aye.

## Department Head Reports

Chief of Police Steve McDowell gave the council the January police report which showed the police department activity for the month. Steve also commented that a Hope Court is being started that would be for drug offenders. Steve is also working the DARE program in the local grade schools.

Water/Wastewater Supt. Alex Hamilton reported that the snow removal went well. Alex then called the tech person about the well controls. The call was put on speaker phone and the tech person talked a little about the water controls. The equipment is getting old and obsolete so parts will be hard to find to replace unless the system is updated. The estimated cost is around \$30,000. Jeff McCormick from SPN Engineering was at the meeting and agreed to have a person from their staff look at the proposal and give his recommendations. The council agreed to wait with a decision until they heard back from SPN.

Head Librarian Diane Althoff gave the council a year-report on the library usage that included revenues and expenses. Diane also reported that the Gregory Library has been recognized by the State as being an exemplary library. This honor is only given to a handful of libraries across the State of South Dakota. A few of the library board of trustees were also present at the council meeting as Diane gave the council the news of the honor that the Gregory Library had received. The Board of Trustees and Diane were given a round of applause and thanked for their hard work in making the Gregory Library one of the few to receive this award. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Chad Peck to accept the annual library report. All members vote aye.

## Committee Reports

Chad Peck reported that he is checking on the steps needed to burn condemned or public nuisance buildings in the city limits. A notice would have to be posted in the paper among some other steps needed but the insurance company for the city indicated that the city's liability insurance would cover the city.

## New Business

Jeff McCormick, an engineer from SPN, met with the council to discuss the Grandview Project and the sewer main replacement on Felton. The Rural Development preliminary report has been completed and sent to area RD office. All of the necessary information for the final RD report has been completed and sent to District III and the final report is now being completed and will be sent to the RD office in Mitchell. Jeff indicated that they would be ready to go to bid sometime in March. Jeff also discussed the sewer line project on Felton Street and because of the way the Grandview project is being funded, it is not feasible to place the Felton sewer line replacement into the Grandview project. It was agreed to

wait on the Felton sewer project until more information could be received about possibly replacing some other lines.

Jeff also had a new, revised contract to engineer the Grandview project from the design work to the conclusion of the project. The entire cost was just over \$200,000, with most of the cost being covered by the RD loan. Motion was made by Chad Peck and seconded by Stacey Boes to allow the Mayor to sign the engineering contract with SPN. All members voted aye.

#### Planning & Zoning

Scott Anshutz reported to the council about the recent request made to the P & Z Board on hunting lodges in the city and if any zoning should be made for the lodges. The city could set up a conditional usage ordinance and then anyone getting a building permit for a hunting lodge would have to go thru a hearing to grant them the right to have a hunting lodge. The conditional usage permit would list the uses and the conditions that would be needed. The council agreed to look into setting up a conditional usage ordinance. The other question concerned people living in a camper year around and according to the existing city ordinances, this is against the city codes. The person living in the camper will be told that he can no longer live in the camper.

Scott also mentioned the need for the City to update the current ordinances as some of them are outdated.

#### Fire Dept/Spiking Permit

Motion was made by Chad Peck and seconded by Stacey Boes to grant the Gregory Fire Department a spiking permit for the Fireman's St. Patrick Dance to be held at the Gregory Auditorium on March 21, 2015. All members voted aye.

#### Grandview Addition Selling Procedures

The council discussed the procedures for selling lots in Grandview. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to share equally the closing costs of the title work involved in selling a lot in Grandview and having the city pay for the 50% portion because the money is coming back to the city from the BID group, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

#### Ordinance No. 2015-03

Ordinance No. 2015-03 was placed on its first reading. The ordinance outlines certain uses for the lots in Grandview Addition. Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Blane Bartling to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-03. All members voted aye.

#### Gregory Golf Yearend Financial Report

Al Cerny presented the yearend Gregory Golf financial report. The revenue /expense report along with the balance sheet figures were reviewed. The golf course did pay off some debt and showed a profit.

#### Meeting Date

The council agreed to change the next meeting date to Tuesday, February 17, 2015 because of the Presidents Day holiday on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### Claims

The following claims were approved for payment upon a motion by Stacey Boes and a second by Chad Peck. All council members voted aye.

Alex Hamilton	Meal Reimb/Rd Tech Conf-Pierre	61.00
Dakota Pump Inc	Laptop/Software Well Controls	1,705.00

Department Of Revenue	Water Testing	30.00
Gregory/Dallas Chamber Of Comm	2015 Membership Dues	250.00
Gregory Lanes	City Holiday Get Together	1,083.14
Gregory Public Library	Books & Supplies	136.38
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	255.79
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,488.48
Intoximeters Inc	500 Breath Analyzer Tubes	70.00
Jerry's Electric	One Cove Heater for Library	247.96
Klein's True Value	Cleaning Supplies/Bulbs/Lever/Ext Cord	176.86
Kwyr Am	Website Advertising	55.00
Mark Fortuna	Mileage & Meal Reimb/Rd Tech Conf-Pierre	199.00
Office Products Center	Toner Cartridges/Paper/Adding Tape	422.62
Petty Cash	Baking Soda/Postage Reimbursement	6.21
Best Western Ramkota Hotel	SD Rural Water Tech Conf Lodging/Mark & Alex	547.96
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	7,284.92
SD Airports Conference	Al/Mike Airport Conf Registration	170.00
Steve McDowell	Reimb/Office Chair	84.79
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service Contract	3,000.00
Wm Krotter Co	Sealant	5.29
Total		\$21,280.40

1-13-2015 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Building, \$297.09; Police Dept., \$4,670.88; Street Dept., \$4,600.88; Water Dept., \$2,839.85; Sewer, \$453.28; Airport, \$220.50; Ambulance, \$7,244.51; Library, \$862.57; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$23,370.36; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$54.00; EFTPS, \$5,553.09

1-27-2015 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$4,850.50; Street Dept., \$3,707.00; Water Dept., \$2,902.10; Sewer, \$339.99; Airport, \$237.50; Library, \$1,246.64; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,464.53; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,791.00; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$556.22; EFTPS, \$3,651.88

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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