

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
March 2, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacy Boes. Council Member absent was Chad Peck. Also present were Head Librarian Diane Althoff, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacy Boes to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the minutes from February 17, 2015 as written, seconded by Stacy Boes. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Steve McDowell handed out the February police activity report which showed number of citations and complaints received and handled among other issues.

Diane Althoff handed out the library financial report for February. The library will be hosting a poetry reading and also a poster class is being planned.

Mark Fortuna reported that the street dept. employees have been cleaning things up around the shop, doing some maintenance and also trimming some trees.

Committee Reports

Stacy Boes commented that James Steel, the company who built the fire hall, will be in town in the next week or so. The council agreed that it would be fine if James Steel could look at the fire hall rain gutters.

Old Business

Percentage Charge on Wine

Al Cerny reported that City Attorney George Johnson had looked into the issue of whether or not wine is considered liquor. In technical terms, wine is not considered liquor so Wade Juracek will not be charged a 5% commission on his initial wine purchase. The liquor operating agreement will have to be re-written to include wine. After some discussion on how next to proceed, motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to change all of the operating agreements to include a liquor commission on all alcoholic beverages with the exception of beer purchases, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Grandview Addition

Mayor Schlaht reviewed the meeting that was held with the SPN engineers earlier in the day. The design work was reviewed and a few items were discussed. SPN will be ready to go to bid in a few weeks. The city is waiting on the Rural Development funding. The application is about ready to go to the state and from there it goes to the federal level for final approval.

Water Meter Reader

Marlene Rezac turned in her resignation for being the water meter reader due to issues with her knee. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Stacey Boes to accept Marlene Rezac's resignation. Marcelene Kristian has been helping Marlene with the readings and is interested in taking over the water meter reader position. Motion was made by Tim Mills to hire Marcelene Kristian as the water meter reader at a salary of \$342.09 per month, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Fireworks Class

Mark Fortuna asked about taking 4 to 5 people to a fireworks shooter's class in Sioux Falls and having the city pay for the expenses. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve sending 4 to 5 people to a fireworks shooter class in Sioux Falls, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Excavator

Federal Surplus in Huron, SD has a rubber tired excavator for sale and with the discounts available the machine can be purchased for \$22,125. The original price was \$29,500. The machine could be used in tearing down houses and other projects that the city may run into. Estimates of what it would cost to rent an excavator were also looked at. Motion was made by Stacy Boes to purchase the surplus excavator for \$22,125 from Federal Surplus, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Public Nuisances

The council was informed that the house at 116 W 5th Street is almost ready to be torn down. The council then went on to discuss the nuisance enforcement issue and the need to clean up parts of the town. Mayor Schlaht will talk to Casey Burrus about coming to the next council meeting to discuss code enforcement of public nuisances.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Shana Flakus, seconded by Blane Bartling to go into executive session to discuss a possible contract/lease proposal. All members vote aye. At 8:27 p.m., Mayor Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Action Taken

The council agreed that the city would advertise for bids on the leasing of the airport land that is currently being leased to the elevator but is due to expire in October 2015.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay the claims as presented, seconded by Stacy Boes. All members voted aye.

2nd & 3rd Grade Basketball	Pass Thru Grant/2nd-3rd Bb	220.00
7th Grade Boys Traveling BB	Pass Thru Grant/7th Grade Traveling BB	570.00
Appeara	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	93.81
B & L Communications	EFJ Standard Microphone/Police Dept	85.00
Department Of Revenue	Water Testing	56.00
Galls LLC	Boots/HD DVR Dash Camera	178.93
Gregory County 4-H	Pass Thru Grant/Gregory County 4-H	2,097.74
Gregory County Shelter	Pass Thru Grant/Gregory County Shelter	2,097.74
Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Comm	1st Qtr Subsidy/Less Dues Paid	6,000.00

Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies	851.11
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	305.02
Gregory Youth Wrestling	Pass Thru Grant/Gregory Youth Wrestling	2,800.00
Hach Company	Total & Free Chlorine Reagents/Fluoride Reagents	192.37
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	12 Radio Read Meters/Repair Command Link	1,863.27
Health Pool Of SD	Health Insurance	5,488.48
Insurance Benefits Inc	Airport Liability Renewal	4,831.00
Jennifer Songer	Clean Up House At 116 W 5th St	200.00
Jerry's Electric	Parts For Well Field	246.48
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Klein's True Value	Marking Paint/Fittings/Ups Shipping/PVC Cement	83.20
Myron Songer	Clean Up House At 116 W 5th St	200.00
NASASP	Annual Membership Dues	39.00
Office Products Center	Service Contract For Copier	39.67
Overhead Door	Repairs To Fire Dept Doors	275.51
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash	21.85
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	6,645.34
Schmucker Paul Nohr And Assoc	Preliminary Design Work In Grandview Addn	18,760.00
Stan Houston Equipment	ICS Gas Saw Package W/Bar & Chain	1,044.50
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service Contract	3,000.00
US Postal Service	Water Bill Postage	230.86
Total		\$58,776.88

2-24-2015 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$4,934.26; Street Dept., \$3,411.50; Water Dept., \$2,878.46; Sewer, \$352.13; Airport, \$281.25; Library, \$1,186.88; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,225.28; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,612.22; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$56.23; EFTPS, \$3,612.69

Adjourn

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to adjourn, second by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer