

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2016

The Gregory City Council members met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Gregory City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. 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 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 March 7, 2016 council minutes as written, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Gregory Fire Dept. /Sirens

Joel Bartling from the Gregory Fire Dept. met with the council to discuss the non-working fire sirens. Although the fire dept. members have pagers and can also be notified over their cell phones, the fire sirens are still useful to the fire dept. and the general public. The council members agreed that the fire dept. get an estimate on the repairs needed to get the sirens working.

Dept. Head Reports

Mark Fortuna reported on the repairs needed to get the rear end fixed on the sewer jetter truck. The cost estimate to fix the gears and broken axle is going to run around \$1600. Mark also reported that the contractor working on the airport apron expansion and new fuel tanks, had hit the cable running to the runaway lights. Mark was trying to get the materials needed to repair the broken cable, but until the repairs could be made, the runway would be available only for daylight hours.

Committee Report

The ads for the summer park and pool help have been put in the paper. The closing date for applications is April 11, 2016. Applications will be reviewed at the April 18, 2016 meeting.

New Business

Library Trustee

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to accept the resignation of Cheryl Smutny from the library board of Trustees and to approve the appointment of Halee Hoffman to the Board of Trustees, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye. The council members stated their appreciation and thanks to Cheryl Smutny for her service on the Library Board of Trustees.

Library Surplus Items

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to declare the "weeded out" books and tapes as surplus items at the library with no value, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Building Permit/Fence

The Gregory Planning & Zoning Commission approved a building permit for a privacy fence for Justin and Joy Serr. The Gregory City Council also approved the permit.

Board of Equalization

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Blane Bartling to adjourn as the city council and reconvene as the Board of Equalization. All members voted aye.

The Board of Equalization did not receive any appeals on property values. The members reviewed the assessment books. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to adjourn as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Blane Bartling and to reconvene as the City Council. All members voted aye.

Auditorium Curtain

The Gregory City Council received a quote to purchase a new auditorium stage curtain, with the side curtains and this would be installed at a cost of \$12,877.60, with the cost to be shared with the school. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the purchase of a new auditorium stage curtain for \$12,877.60, with the cost to be shared with the school. The motion was seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

School Driveway Entrance

The contractor, who was supposed to have originally put in an entrance from the new curb and gutter along Logan Avenue, will be back this spring to do some concrete work on the airport project. When the contractor is in the area, he will also cut in the curb driveway entrance for the school.

First Street Speed Limit

The council discussed the speed limit from the intersection of Felton and First Street going east to the city limits. The speed limit is currently 45 mph. Some of the members felt that this was too high because of the recent development of that area and the increased traffic in that area. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph, seconded by Shana Flakus. All voted aye, except Tim Mills, who voted nay. Motion passed. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting to represent the new speed limit.

Code Red Notification Service

The council members heard a report by Al Cerny on the capabilities of a web-based notification system that can send out notices to the general public using phone lines, text, email, Facebook, Twitter and other lines of communication. The public receiving the message can be tailored to fit the situation. The system could be used to report severe weather, snow plow start times, water breaks, etc. The cost to have the system for one year is \$1500. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to try the system for a year at a cost of \$1500, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Fireworks Expense

Mayor Schlaht would like the City to pay for the fireworks for this year's Fourth of July Celebration, instead of the Chamber. The cost of the fireworks for 2016 is \$6500. Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Blane Bartling to have the City pay \$6500 for the fireworks display for 2016 out of the 3rd cent sales tax fund. All members voted aye.

Public Nuisance Report

Al Cerny reported that he has sent out three notices of structures that have been condemned. The owners of these structures have all received several notices on the condition of their property in the

past. They will have 45 days to fix the problems on the structures before the City will demolish them. Also 40 pictures have been taken of vehicles that are currently in violation of the city's code. The license plates will be run to check on the owners and if there are liens on the vehicle. The City has given everyone until May 1, 2016 to take care of their vehicles. Another notice will be sent before that date. After May 1st the City will be taking action on these vehicles and the other ones that have not been put on a list yet.

February Financial Report

Al Cerny presented the council with the February financial report showing the revenue and expense amounts for each department.

Claims

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

Appeara	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	61.75
Buche Foods	Distilled Water	2.68
Cardmember Service	Credit Card Gas Purchases	70.81
Gregory County Highway Dept	Culvert	244.60
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	12 Radio Read Water Meters/2 Meters	1927.75
Insurance Benefits Inc	Airport Liability Insurance	4831.00
Jerry's Electric	Park Supplies for Outlet	233.93
Kevin Rayman	Tree Stump Grinding	415.80
Mcleod's Printing & Office Sup	Election Supplies	31.80
Mulehead Gravel	64.51 Tons Gravel	913.57
Office Products Center	Printer Cartridge/Cas Reg Tape/Time Clock Ribbon	163.47
Old Pioneer Tool Pawn & Gun	Ammunition/Batteries	443.45
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash	40.31
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	5778.09
Rosebud Farmers Union	Propane/Gas/Diesel Fuel	1590.39
Roys Honda & Dist	4 Tires/Oil Change-4 Wheeler	511.93
Rural Office of Com Servs	Dakota Senior Meals Subsidy	4036.20
Sanitation Products Inc	Coil for Sewer Machine	168.76
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Charges	485.42
Total		\$21,951.71

3-8-2016 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$4,462.60; Street Dept., \$3,806.68; Water Dept., \$2,977.41; Sewer, \$484.73; Ambulance, \$6,113.00; Library, \$1,408.49; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$21,635.99; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$84.00; EFTPS, \$5,078.32

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills to adjourn, second by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer