

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 7, 2016

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

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to add the surplus of the S 7' of Lot 5, Gregory Heights Addition and appointment of the election workers to the posted agenda and approve the total agenda with additions, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the regular council minutes of Feb. 15, 2016 and the special minutes of Feb. 29, 2016 as written, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum

##### Burning of Building

Joel Bartling met with the council to discuss the burning of his old shop building along Highway 18. Joel submitted a plan to the council and the council was agreeable and accepted his plan for burning the building.

##### Claim to Remove Building

Michael Borszich was scheduled to talk to the council but was not present. Borszich wanted the council to reduce his bill for cleaning up a structure on his lot from \$700 to \$500. Motion was made by Jerry Kafka to accept \$500 for the cleanup bill if payment is received within 5 days and Borszich cleans up the junk that is piled into trailers on his lots, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

#### Department Head Reports

Diane Althoff gave the council the February library report. E-books usage is up and the other book usage is doing well. Diane talked about an upcoming event where people should read something on April 12 at 12 minutes after 12. The mayor agreed to take a picture of reading at that time. The council was also informed that Cheryl Smutny will be leaving and there is a need to appoint another library director. The council agreed that the library board should give the council a recommendation for a director.

#### Summer Projects

Mark Fortuna left a list of possible projects for the summer of 2016. Cost of the projects will be put together and compared to the budget and that will determine what will be or can be completed.

#### Camera Cost

Alex Hamilton gave the council an estimate for a new sewer camera with the trailer and generator. The estimated cost would be \$60,000. The camera is new and based off a State bid list from the State of Minnesota.

#### First Street

The council discussed the possible need to reduce the speed on First Street going out thru the Grandview addition area.

#### New Business

##### Property Tax Abatements

The council was presented with four applications for abatement of property taxes for qualified veterans. The property taxes were mistakenly left on the tax rolls. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to abate the property taxes on the four applications presented. All members voted aye.

##### Duling Awning Building Permit

The planning commission members agreed that no permit was needed for the replacement of the awning at the Duling business building. The deposit and building permit application will be returned.

##### 1109 Felton House

The City of Gregory recently purchased the house at 1109 Felton on a Gregory County tax sale. The city will be cleaning up the lot and then sell the lot. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to surplus the house and items on the property and to place a zero value on the items, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All council members voted aye.

##### S7' of Lot 5, Block 5 of Gregory Heights Addition

The City of Gregory purchased the S 7' of Lot 5, Block 5 of Gregory Heights Addition. One of the adjacent property owners has expressed an interest to buy the lot from the City. Motion was made by Jerry Kafka to surplus the S 7' of Lot 5, Block 5 of Gregory Heights Addition for \$50, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

##### Fire Training/1109 Felton

There was discussion of allowing the fire dept. to use the house at 1109 Felton for fire training before the house is burned down or torn down by the City. It was decided that the fire dept. can use the house for fire training provided that it is done within 30 days and then the City employees will remove the house.

##### Highway 18 Lighting Agreement

The council reviewed an agreement with the State of South Dakota for an additional 11 poles to be added to the East edge of Highway 18 as it runs thru Gregory. The State will put the poles up at no cost to the City but the City will agree to keep items off the States right of way running thru Gregory. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to sign the lighting agreement with the State, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

##### Water Tank Repairs

Alex Hamilton presented the council with two quotes to fix the in-town and blue East water tank. The in-town tank is the worse one. The inside of the tank would be re-sealed and five magnesium cathodic anodes would be installed. The quoted price is \$24,860. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to make the repairs to the in-town water tank at the price of \$24,860, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Young Eagles Airplane Rides

The council agreed that it would be a nice attraction to have the young eagles back for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to give free airplane rides at the airport. The date would tentatively be Sat., July 2, 2016.

Quilt Stitchery Lease

Myrna Schrader, the owner of Quilt Stitchery asked for a two year lease on the portion of the old liquor store building that she has used for her quilting business. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to extend the lease of the building to December 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

SDML District Meeting

The SDML district meeting for Gregory’s area will be held at the Colome Legion on Wed., March 30, 2016. The council members were asked who wanted to attend. The City will send in a registration by March 16, 2016 for all those who want to attend.

Election Workers

The City Council appointed the following person to work the municipal election set for April 12, 2016: Bonnie Johnson, Gerrie Soper and Kathy Kayl.

Executive Session/Discuss Hiring Police Chief

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of a new police chief, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m. At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Results of the Executive Session

Chief of Police

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to hire Travis DeBuhr at \$16.25 per hour with a stipulation that he would have to live within a 15 minute response time from Gregory, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Claims

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to pay the following claims, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members vote aye.

AIRNAV LLC	Airport Basic Listing Renewal	32.00
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	38.90
Bartling Welding & Machine	12 Safety Glasses	58.20
Dept. of Revenue	Water Testing	43.00
Diane Althoff	Mileage Reimb/Workshop in Yankton	135.00
Flexible Pipe Tool Company	Repairs to Sewer Camera	425.00
Golden West	March Phone/Internet Service	1,029.93
Gregory Building Center	Razor Blades/Adhesive	7.68
Gregory County	Tax Deed Sale of Lots	2,801.00
Gregory County 4-H	Pass Thru Grant/SD Community Foundation	1,893.14
Gregory Co Register of Deeds	Filing Fees for 2 Properties	60.00
Gregory County Shelter	Pass Thru Grant/SD Community Foundation	1,893.14

Gregory County Treasurer	Prior Taxes On City Purchased	1,186.64
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies Purchased/Prime Membership	971.25
Gregory Times-Advocate	Publishing	109.15
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Cylinder Charge	15.00
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	Hydrant Repair Kit	219.09
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,317.39
Helms & Associates	Airport Fuel Sys-Apron Expansion Engineering	2,554.56
Jerry's Electric	Splice Kit/Control Box/Cable	103.93
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Johnson Implement Inc	Repairs To Ls180 Skid Loader	129.66
Klein's True Value	Cleaning Supplies/Auditorium Hamm Filter	122.20
KWYR AM	Website Advertising	55.00
McLeod's Printing & Office Sup	Juvenile Citations	39.59
Michael Todd & Company	Gutter Brooms/Dirt Shoe Runners	411.50
Mr. Automotive	Power Grease Gun/Sanding Discs/Supplies	313.02
NASASP	Membership Dues	39.00
Office Products Center	Copy Machine Service Contract/Paper	73.00
Opperman Inc	40.65 Tons Of Screened Sand	400.40
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	15.39
Public Safety Center	Disposable Hand Cuffs/Eye Wash Adapters	64.47
Rosebud Auto Parts	Filter/V-Belt/Bulb/V-Belt/Rivets/Fuses	74.91
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment/60 Fluorescent Lamps	7,725.07
Runnings	Air Sander/Paint/Gear Lube/Hydraulic Oil/Shovel/Supplies	201.58
Sheehan Mack Sales & Equip	Loader Parts	222.49
SD Municipal League	SDML District Meeting Registration	204.00
Tripp County Water User Dist	March Water Service	3,000.00
Wm Krotter Co	Pine Boards/Window Glass/Bits/Pulley/Sealant	51.66
Total		\$31,296.94

2-23-2016 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$5,077.62; Street Dept., \$3,851.86; Water Dept., \$2,983.81; Sewer, \$350.20; Library, \$1,064.90; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,711.47; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,704.46; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$75.76; EFTPS, \$3,711.43

Adjourn

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to adjourn, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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