

Gregory City Council Meeting
April 16, 2012

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Maurice Schlaht, Chad Peck, Kevin Mikkelsen and Blane Bartling. Others present were Finance Officer Al Cerny, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Librarian Diane Althoff and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Council Member Schlaht requested discussion of Stockman's Livestock to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the agenda with the addition of the Stockman's Livestock. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the minutes of April 2, 2012 as written. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM/VISITORS:

Evelyn Sundquist met with the council to discuss three concerns: 1) the intersection at 5th & Church Avenue should have a yield sign because it is dangerous 2) when the fire siren goes off, a sign or somebody should direct traffic at the 6th & Church intersection 3) the city should designate a storm shelter and have it open in bad weather and somebody should at the shelter sites to help monitor the people using it. The council agreed that they will advertise that city hall and the auditorium will be designated as places that the city owns where people can go during storms.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Chief of Police Dwight Ellwanger reported that things are getting more active. April 28th is "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day" and people can drop off their unused or unwanted prescription drugs at the Gregory Police Dept. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that day.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the John Deere Tractor has arrived. This is the tractor the city can use for free for 250 hours. The department is mowing and filling potholes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW TRANSIT VAN DONTATION:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to donate \$3,500 towards the purchase of a new public transit van. All members voted aye.

MARK FIEBELKORN SIGN:

Mark Fiebelkorn had a request to put a sign up for his new building. The sign would be placed in the city's right-of-way. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to deny permission to put the sign on the city's right-of-way. All members voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

CANVASS OF APRIL 10, 2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

The council members reviewed the April 10, 2012 election results and agreed on the following results: Ward I Council Member: Chad Peck, 61 votes; Wade Juracek, 60 votes, total of 121 votes cast. Mayor: Melissa Vosika, 23 votes; Maurice Schlaht, 218 votes; Lyle Martin, 129 votes, total of 370 votes cast.

S & S MASONRY QUOTE:

The council reviewed the S & S Masonry quote for some more auditorium repairs to the outside brick. The council agreed to repair three areas of damaged brick, re-caulk some areas, fix retaining wall caps and infill the nine north windows with a dryvit product for a total cost of \$3,226. This would be subject to the school's approval because it is a cost sharing expense.

AIRPORT HANGAR:

The council received word that some of the funding for the airport hangar may be delayed a few months, but the city would get the grant money. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to authorize the advertising for bids of the airport hangar. All members voted aye.

CLEAN-UP DAY:

The council agreed to hold a city clean-up day on May 4, 2012 providing free pickup of certain items, including trees and branches, construction rubble and iron goods that are free of freon. An ad will run in the Gregory Times Advocate.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:

The council approved and the Mayor signed the following Arbor Day Proclamation which designates April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day in Gregory.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, Trees in our community increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, Trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Gregory has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan DeSmet, Mayor of the City of Gregory, do hereby
proclaim April 27 in the year of 2012 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Gregory, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for
our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry
program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well
being of present and future generations.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2012.

Dan DeSmet, Mayor

STREET SIGN AGREEMENT:

The city council reviewed a street sign agreement that is required. The city will
be getting new signs and when they do, records will be kept on where they are at and
the condition that they are in. The council agreed to sign the agreement.

ELEVATOR BUILDING PERMIT:

The council approved a building permit submitted by the Gregory Elevator. The
elevator will be replacing a building. The permit did not require a variance.

HOUSE DEBRIS:

The council discussed the rubble debris from some buildings that were knocked
down including the old locker plant. The council agreed to give the owner two weeks to
have the debris off the lots, or the city would haul the debris and assess the costs back
to the owner.

WARD II COUNCIL POSITION:

Council Member Schlaht mentioned that Seymour Studenburg would like to
serve as the Ward II Council Member in the seat that is open. Studenburg will be asked
to come to the May 7, 2012 council meeting, where he can be appointed to the vacant
seat.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

The council approved a travel request by Finance Officer Al Cerny to attend the
Human Resource and Finance Officer School in Huron, SD on June 12-14, 2012.

SUMMER JOB APPLICATIONS:

The park committee will review the job applications and make their
recommendations to the council at the May 7, 2012 meeting.

STOCKMAN'S LIVESTOCK:

Council Member Schlaht stated that the he had been approached by Stockman's Livestock about building a sale barn in the Gregory area. The council agreed that they would support the idea.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve payment of the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats/dust mop	49.57
Association & Society Insurance Corp., health ins. supplement/S. Claussen	264.00
Bonnie Johnson, election worker	125.00
Buche Foods, cleaning supplies	3.82
Edward Nebola, fix front door at Wear N' Wares	34.68
Gerrie Soper, election worker.....	125.00
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance	56.25
H & J Sales, Grasshopper mower repair parts, oil, tires & blades	1,262.07
Homesteader, hosting SDML District Meeting	207.75
Jack Wenger, mileage/meal reimbursement –SDMSMA, Mitchell 4/11-12/12	146.77
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts for dump truck.....	410.59
Jims Garbage Service, garbage pickup.....	244.00
Kathy Kayl, election worker	125.00
Mark Fortuna, meal reimbursement –SD Asphalt Conf., Pierre 3/28-29/12	35.00
Office Products Center, cash register	349.00
Opperman Inc., trucking 87.46 ton gravel/49.02 ton pea gravel/172.3 ton chips	
5.5 hours of snow removal	5,224.26
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	.20
Plains Printing Co., election ballots	75.00
Ramada Mitchell, lodging, Jack Wenger – SDMSMA, Mitchell 4/11-12/12	55.00
Randall RC & D, 2012 dues.....	50.00
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas/diesel fuel/oil change/weed killer	1,798.99
SD DOT Office of Air Rail & Transit, 2010 airport pavement maintenance reimb	809.12
SD Municipal Street Maintenance Assoc., meeting registration/Jack Wenger	40.00
Spencer Quarries Inc., 172.30 ton 7/16" rock chips	2,093.45
Verizon Wireless, April 2012 cell phone service.....	257.95
Total \$	13,842.47

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	7.11
Gregory Building Center, screws/9 in 1 multi tool	16.07
HD Supply Waterworks LTD, trash pump fittings	108.02
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	1.30
Rosebud Farmers Union, propane/gas.....	284.87
South Dakota One Call, locate tickets.....	17.85
Verizon Wireless, April 2012 cell phone service.....	158.37

Total \$ 593.59

SEWER FUND:

HD Supply Waterworks LTD, trash pump fittings 108.02
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas 94.90
Verizon Wireless, April 2012 cell phone service 65.00

Total \$ 267.92

BUILDING DEPOSIT:

Rick Lutt, refund building deposit..... 30.00

Total \$ 30.00

Grand Total \$ 14,733.98

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 4/7-8/12
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 3/31/12 & 4/1/12

4-11-12 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings 2,867.82
SDRS, retirement..... 1,594.42
Aflac, insurance..... 158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment 219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payments 50.00
City of Gregory, extra cell phone payments 42.95
Finance Officer 1,728.00
Police Dept 4,541.78
Street Dept..... 3,433.82
Library 979.55
Water Dept..... 2,507.20
General Government Building 275.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL March 2012:

BankWest, withholdings 1,796.77
Ambulance 6,473.00

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to adjourn. All members voted aye.

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Dan DeSmet, Mayor