

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
April 18, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg and Stacey Boes. Council Member absent was Blane Bartling. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Water Supt. Alex Hamilton, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Avera Gregory Hospital Administrator Tony Timanus could not make the meeting, but will be scheduled for the May 2, 2016 meeting. Stacey Boes noted to add "fire siren update" to the agenda. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the agenda as posted with the one addition of the fire siren update, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve as written the April 4, 2016 council minutes, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Diane Althoff gave the March financial report for the library. She reported that the book sale is still on going and the Haisch contribution thru the SD Community grants has been received. The library board would like to expand the e-books program with the grant money.

Mark Fortuna reported that the area in Grandview addition has been re-seeded and erosion controls have been put in place. The east side was the only area that was re-seeded. They will be mowing and patching potholes in the future.

Steve McDowell handed in his letter of retirement. His last day will be April 29, 2016. He thanked the council for working with him and the council likewise thanked him for his work.

Committee Reports

Shana Flakus reported on some garbage bags being piled up behind a house at 907 Main. The bags were getting torn and garbage strewn about. The owners will be given a notice to clean up, which the police will hand delivering on Tuesday. Shana also reported about the slide that was broken during a past wind storm but is still standing in the park. The slide will be torn down when the park dries out.

Old Business

The State of Minnesota bid on the sewer camera system was found to be ok to buy off of so that the City will not have to re-bid. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to purchase the sewer camera system off of the Minnesota state bid for \$57,177, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

New Business

Election Canvas of the 4-12-2016 Election

The council reviewed the election results from the April 12, 2016 election by checking the number of voters who voted with the vote totals. The results were: Scott Anshutz 226 votes; Maurice Schlaht, 214 votes. There were 49 absentee votes. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Jerry Kafka to

accept the voting results from the 4-12-2016 election as reported by the election board workers. All members voted aye.

Ordinance No. 2016-01

Ordinance No. 2016-01, which would lower the speed limit from 45 mph to 25 mph from the intersection of First and Felton going east to the City limits, was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-01. All members voted aye, with the exception of Tim Mills who voted nay. Motion carried.

Building Permits

The Gregory Housing Development submitted an application for a garage. After some changes were made, the permit was changed and the garage will be built on the North side of lot. The garage would still need a 6' setback variance, but it would line up with other buildings on that side. Brandon Kneifel submitted an application for a privacy fence. The fence would be built on the lot lines and not require a variance. The planning and zoning board approved both applications. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve applications, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Zoning Map

Scott Anshutz talked to the council about some zoning changes with residential and commercial. The changes will be put into ordinance form and a map will be drawn up that shows the different areas.

Surplus Pistol

Steve McDowell inquired about buying back his service pistol. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to declare McDowell's pistol as surplus property with a value of \$250 and sell to Steve McDowell at that surplus price, following state and federal laws. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to adopt the following Arbor Day Proclamation which makes April 29, 2016 Arbor Day in Gregory. All members voted aye.

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 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 Maurice Schlaht, Mayor of the City of Gregory, do hereby proclaim April 29 in the year of 2016 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 wellbeing of present and future generations.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2016.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

Hay Land Rent

The council members agreed to continue leasing the East Well field for haying on a one year contract. Notice will be advertised for the 2016 haying of the land in the near future.

Ordinance Codification

The council discussed getting the city ordinances updated since it has been 5 years since this was done. An estimate of \$1350 to \$1675 was received. There was also discussion on changing the zoning and land use ordinances. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to table the updating of the city ordinances until the zoning ordinances are changed. All members voted aye.

One Day Liquor Licenses

The following one day liquor license applications were presented to the council: Frank Days Bar to serve for a wedding dance at the 4-H building in the city park June 10, 2016; Gregory Lanes to serve at a street dance at 308 Main on July 2, 2016; Gregory Lanes to serve at the Gregory Auditorium for a wedding dance on June 4, 2016, and; Gregory Lanes to serve at the Gregory Auditorium for the All School Reunion on July 3, 2016. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve the 4 submitted one day liquor applications. All members voted aye.

Basketball Electric Lifts

The school received a quote for \$35,000 to buy and install electric lifts for all of the basketball hoops in the auditorium. The athletics club has agreed to donate \$10,000 towards the project and the school has another donation secured. The City has \$2950 left from an old family's first fund that could possibly be used. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to donate \$5,000 towards the basketball lifts, using the \$2950 from families first and the rest from the city's general fund. Motion was seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Summer Help

Nine people submitted applications for the pool and three submitted applications for the summer park positions. Motion was made by Jerry Kafka and seconded by Stacey Boes to allow Mark Fortuna to hire the pool and park help. All members voted aye.

Spring Cleanup

The county is offering free dumping for limited items at the county landfill on May 6-7, 2016. The City of Gregory will be picking up items on May 6, 2016. All residents are to have their items for pickup at the curbside by Monday, May 2, 2016. Items to be picked up are construction rubble, trees and iron goods.

Sale of Lot 5 Roadside Park

Al Cerny reported to the council that the BID group had received an offer to purchase Lot 5 of the Roadside Park Addition. The council had questions about the exact type of business going onto that lot and the cost of running utilities and the entrance off of Highway 18 to the lot. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to table the sale of Lot 5 Roadside Park Addition until more details are available, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Fire Sirens

Stacey Boes presented the council with some cost estimates for a new fire siren that would cover the whole town. The total estimated cost with installation would be \$20,715. The fire department is working with the county emergency manager about applying for a grant that would help with some of the cost.

Claims

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to pay the following claims, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

	Backhoe Work/Sewer Main 11th & 12th on	
Ace's Backhoe Service	Rosebud	306.12
Appera	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	61.75
Avenet LLC	Premium Website Upgrade	6,790.00
Bonnie Johnson	Election Day Work	150.00
Cardmember Service	2 Sets of Baseball Bases	454.91
Dakota Auto Care	Oil for Bucket Truck	104.48
Gerrie Soper	Election Day Work	150.00
Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Commerce	Reimbursement for Fireworks July 2016	6,500.00
Gregory School District	Half Cost Aud. Repairs	1,044.78
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder Charge	15.00
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	Hydrant Wrenches/Tru Read Remote Registers	330.51
Helms & Associates	Airport Engineering	11,416.20
Intoximeters Inc.	1000 Breath Analyzer Mouthpieces	140.00
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Kathy Kayl	Election Day Work	150.00
Mr. Automotive	Filters/Oil/Battery/Parts/Brake Cleaner	340.46
Office Products Center	2 Office Chairs/Paper/Time Cards	971.47
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash	11.84
Plains Printing Co.	500 Mayoral Ballots/10 Receipt Books	312.41
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gas/Diesel/Hydraulic Fluid/Propane	1,215.37
Share Corporation	Penetrating Oil	216.95
South Dakota One Call	Locate Tickets	14.70
US Postal Service	Postage Stamps	47.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Charges	485.29
Wm Krotter Co	Spackling/Paint/Trays/Brushes	216.03
Total		\$31,705.27

4-5-2016 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$5,340.03; Street Dept., \$3,787.58; Water Dept., \$2,990.53; Sewer, \$489.11; Ambulance, \$10,120.30; Library, \$814.65; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$25,925.28; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$84.00; EFTPS, \$6,338.07

Adjourn

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

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer