

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
April 20, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Gregory City Hall. Mayor Maurice Schlaht opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Member absent was Chad Peck. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Water/Wastewater Supt. Alex Hamilton, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2015 council meeting as written, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

Lyle Martin, representing Wear N' Wares, met with the council to discuss the fund drive being held to purchase a larger building on Main Street for the thrift store and food bank. At the present time, there has been approximately \$36,000 raised with some potential sources yet to be contacted. The city council members were asked to have the city donate to the fund to help purchase a new building. No action was taken at this time, but it will be discussed in the future.

Department Head Reports

Mike Klarenbeek passed out some proposed rules for spray planes or any person operating a business out of the airport. There have been some issues in the past about proper management of controlling spray chemicals. The council agreed that the rules would be good and an agreement with the rules will be drawn up and any person using the airport will have to sign and abide by the rules. There was also discussion on whether the city should mow an emergency landing area for planes that may need to use such an area. It was agreed that the area would be hayed and if the need be, the city may mow later on in the season.

Diane Althoff talked about some summer programs that the library would like to expand, one being "escape the ordinary". The library board members would like to serve wine during a portion of this program. The city council would agree to a one day wine license after a hearing was held for the issuance of such a license.

Steve McDowell passed out pamphlets on a gun lock program. The police department has gun locks that they will be giving away. Steve also passed out weather awareness information and information about incident command training. The police department is also waiting for bike license tags to arrive so they can license bikes and be able to find the owner if the bike is misplaced.

Mark Fortuna discussed buying road oil and chips for sealcoating a portion of the streets this summer. He plans to sealcoat in August and work with the City of Burke. Also cleanup days for picking up in Gregory are May 7th and 8th. The county will also be open on May 9, 2015 for free dumping of limited items.

Committee Reports

Blane Bartling reported that a house at 5th and Felton and another one on the North part of Rice Street, had some fire damage, and were going to be torn down.

Old Business

The City was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to help purchase some East well controls. The total cost of the controls was quoted at \$61,965. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to purchase the well controls for the quoted price of \$61,965, seconded by Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

New Business

Building Permits

Brad Kruse submitted a building permit for a garage and is asking for a 7' variance to the West side of his property. The P & Z Board has approved the permit. His fee is \$149 for the permit, \$75 for the variance.

Andy Thomas submitted a building permit for a 6' high wood fence to go around his back yard. The planning commission had approved this permit. The cost of this permit is \$25. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve both permits, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Prairie Wind Lot Bids

The city did not receive any bids for lots 5 thru 12 of Prairie Winds Estates to the City of Gregory. The lots will be available for sale at the appraised price of \$3500 per lot or the city may take 90% of that value. The price will remain in effect for one year and then the lots will have to be appraised and declared surplus again.

Summer Help

The following individuals were hired for summer help: Street and Parks Dept., Mitchel Klundt and Damon Eagle Star; Pool: Josie Fortuna (Pool Manager), Jacey Feyereisen, Mackenzie Feyereisen, Mackenzie Odenbach, Kristen Holmberg, Hannah Juracek, Jadesa Jones, Maddie Eklund, Ashley Meyer and Abigail Swan.

Engineer Selection

Tim Mills, Chairperson of the airport committee, reported that the airport engineer selection committee had met to review and interview the engineer firms for consulting work to be done at the Gregory Municipal Airport for the next five years. Since only one engineering firm had submitted a proposal and that proposal came from Helms & Associates, the firm who currently is doing the consulting work on the city airport, the committee recommended that the city hire Helms & Associates for another five years. Motion was made by Tim Mills to hire Helms & Associates to do the airport engineering work for the next five years, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Plat of Lots 2 & 3, Blindert First Subdivision

A plat of Lots 2 & 3 of Blindert First Subdivision was reviewed by the city council. The plat is for a development that is just located east of the Gregory Airport. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve the plat of Lots 2 & 3, Blindert First Subdivision, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Rates for Structural Removal

The council discussed what rates to charge for removal of structures within the city limits. The members wanted to get the city expenses paid for but in the interest of helping remove some problem structures,

did not want to make a profit. After some discussion the following rates were agreed upon: Excavator use would be \$75 a machine hour; trucks would cost \$25 per load and the owner would pay the tipping fees at the dump. In addition, an agreement would be drawn up that stated all junk and garbage and asbestos materials had been removed. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve of the following rates for structure removals: \$75 a machine hour for the excavator, \$25 a loaded truck and the owner pay all charges at the dump area, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Award

Mayor Maurice Schlaht read a letter from Dave Anderson, State Development Representative that congratulated Gregory on being named "Community of the Year" in South Dakota by the State Development Board.

Meeting Date

It was agreed to change the next council meeting date to Tuesday, May 5, 2015 because of several conflicts with the Monday, May 4, 2015 date.

Claims

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

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	59.73
Bachmann Construction	Concrete Caps	110.00
Buche Foods	City Hall Cleaning Supplies	16.76
Burke Oil Company	Airport Fuel	9,694.40
Cardmember Service	Hydraulic Cylinder Kits & Seal/Airport Conf Lodging	821.71
Gregory Bus & Industrial Dev	Pass Thru Grant For Workforce Development	7,000.00
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Cylinder Charge	15.00
Helms & Associates	Airport Fuel System Engineering/Apron Exp Phase I	14,325.71
Jerry's Electric	Clean Sewer At Senior Meals/Wellfield Drive Fan	243.82
Mr. Automotive	Plug/Cap/Filters/Union	183.03
Overhead Door	Fire Hall Garage Door Repairs	379.59
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	5.65
Randall RC & D	2015 Dues	100.00
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	5,238.80
Rosebud Farmers Union	Diesel Fuel/Gas/Propane/Fertilizer	2,004.80
Rural Tech Center	2 Printer Cartridges for Police Dept	79.98
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Assoc	Grandview Addition Engineering	10,720.00
SD Federal Property Agency	Purchase Excavator	22,125.00
South Dakota One Call	Locate Tickets	11.55
Spann Construction	Backhoe Rent	480.00
Tom's Service	Repairs to Airport Courtesy Car	30.00
Us Postal Service	Postage Stamps	49.00
Van Diest Supply Company	Mosquito Control Supplies/Herbicide	314.00
Verizon Wireless	April Cellphone Service	467.86
TOTAL		\$74,476.39

4-7-2015 Payroll: Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; General Government Building, \$297.09; Police Dept., \$4,660.69; Street Dept., \$3,734.63; Water Dept., \$2,556.94; Sewer, \$372.31; Airport, \$231.25; Ambulance, \$7,458.00; Library, \$1,109.94; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$22,601.65; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$72.00; EFTPS, \$5,262.93

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacey Boes to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer