

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 4, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Seymour Studenberg and Blane Bartling. Council members absent were Shana Flakus and Stacey Boes. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Water/Wastewater Supt. Alex Hamilton and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to add item (g) under New Business to the agenda, police service award, and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted. Motion was seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve, as written, the March 21, 2016 council meeting minutes. All members voted aye.

#### Department Head Reports

Mark Fortuna reported that the house at 1109 Felton was torn down and the rubble was hauled away. He reported that the underground wire for the airport runway lights has been fixed. The wire was cut by the airport contractor who was working on the fuel system/apron expansion project.

Steve McDowell introduced Travis Debuhr to the council. Travis will be replacing Steve as the new Chief of Police on April 30, 2016.

#### New Business:

##### Ordinance No. 2016-01

Ordinance No. 2016-01 was placed on its first reading. The ordinance would set the speed limit from First & Felton on First Street going east to the City limits at 25 mph from the current 45 mph. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-01, seconded by Jerry Kafka. Ayes: Studenberg, Kafka; Nays: Mills, Bartling. Mayor Schlaht voted aye to break the tie. Motion was approved.

#### Sewer Camera

Alex Hamilton gave the council a quote of \$57,000 for a new sewer camera system that would be bought off a state of Minnesota bid. Alex received a quote from Benders to televise the sewer lines in Gregory at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per foot. This did not include cleaning them. At that price quote, he figured around \$75,000 to \$80,000 to hire the televising of the sewer mains. With the cost of an enclosed trailer and generator, Alex figured the City would be spending close to \$60,000. The council agreed to table any decision until the legalities of using the bid quote from Minnesota could be checked on.

#### Prairie Winds Surplus Lots

The appraised value of the lots given to the City in Prairie Winds Estates is about a year old. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Jerry Kafka to re-appraise Lots 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 at \$3500 for the next year. All members voted aye.

### Pleasantview Right of Way

Vic and Leanna Schmitz approached the City about the cul-de-sac area north of their lot in Pleasantview Addition. They would like to use some of the cul-de-sac area for an entrance into their lot. Currently the area in question is not used for a street. The council agreed to consider the request after the area in question is staked out and if the Schmitz's agree to pay for all of the costs associated with vacating the land.

### Police Officer/Chief Job Descriptions

The city council reviewed a job description for the Chief of Police and Police Officer position. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve the police officer and chief of police job descriptions, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

### Tree Grant

Gregory has tentatively received approval for a State tree grant that would give the City \$1000 to help buy trees and the City would contribute \$500 cash and \$500 in kind to plant and care for the trees. The State Forester would have to approve the City's tree plan before the grant is final. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to accept the tree grant for \$1000, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

### Police Service Award Nomination

Officer Steve McDowell started with the Gregory Police Department as a patrol officer on September 14, 2008 and rose to the rank of Police Chief on July 1, 2014, where he has served at that position to the present. Officer McDowell will be retiring from law enforcement and the Gregory Police Department on April 29, 2016.

During Officer McDowell's time as a patrol officer and chief of police, he served the City of Gregory with outstanding service by upholding the Federal, State and Local laws and doing so by being fair and just in his enforcement of these laws, his willingness to perform his duties regardless of the hazards that may be present, his help and support that he has given to his fellow police officers. Therefore, the City Council for the City of Gregory, South Dakota would like to recommend Police Chief Steve McDowell for the Distinguished Police Service Award.

Motion was made by Council member Tim Mills and seconded by Council member Jerry Kafka to approve the above resolution, recommending Officer McDowell for the Distinguished Police Service Award. All members present voted aye. Motion carried

### Claims

Motion was made by council member Tim Mills to pay the following claims, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Allen's Repair	Fix Taillight/'06 Charger	14.75
Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	37.67
Chris Reinartz	Reimbursement/Two Pair Jeans	27.98
Dept. of Revenue	Water Testing	43.00
Golden West	Phone/Internet Service	1,031.34
Gregory Public Library	Supplies/Books/Travel	1,332.35
Gregory Times-Advocate	Publishing/Business Review/Drinking Water Report	1,090.12

H & J Sales	Repairs/Parts Grasshopper Mower	447.00
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	Fire Hydrant/Adapter 10th & Main	2,337.80
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,317.39
Inland Truck Part & Service	Rear-end Work on Sewer Truck	1,599.61
Jerry's Electric	Repairs/Airport Underground Wiring Damaged	682.67
Klein's True Value	Bulbs/Cleaning Supplies/Batteries/Ext. Cord/Tape	66.24
Kucera Electric Inc	Wire-Splice Kits/Airport Underground Wiring Accident	158.38
KWYR AM	Website Advertising	55.00
Office Products Center	Copy Machine Service Contract	35.00
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash	9.91
Rosebud Auto Parts	Filters/Fuses/Bearings/Lamps/Fittings/Valve	463.36
Runnings	Seed/Lawn Granules/ Grease/Oil/Pickup Stick/Parts/ Filters	214.83
SD Public Assurance Alliance	Liability/Property Insurance	31,689.96
Tripp Co Water User Dist	April Water Service	3,000.00
Vanderpol Dragline Inc	Airport Apron Exp-Fuel Sys Imp Project Pay #1	57,582.00
Total		\$106,236.36

3-22-16-2016 Payroll: Mayor/Council, \$6,625.00; Planning Commission, \$525.00; Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$143.08; Police Dept., \$4,587.42; Street Dept., \$3,806.68; Water Dept., \$2,953.82; Sewer, \$360.19; Library, \$1,231.95; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$22,473.14; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,673.14; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$75.76; EFTPS, \$4,904.99

Adjourn

Motion was made by Blane Bartling, seconded by Jerry Kafka to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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