

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
April 6, 2015

The Gregory City Council met at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, April 6, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Members absent were Shana Flakus and Chad Peck. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, Water Superintendent Alex Hamilton and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to remove item #2 (floor cleaning machine), and to adopt the rest of the agenda as posted, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Tim Mills to approve, as written, the March 16, 2015 city council minutes. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Police Dept: Steve McDowell handed out the March police report which showed the activity of the month for the police department. Among the items listed were 22 traffic stops; 7 written warnings; 18 citations and 9 motorist assists. There was also discussion about ICS training and passing the ICS training classes since someone from the city has to be ICS certified.

Library: Diane Althoff handed out the March library report which showed revenues, expenses and usage of the library. Diane also mentioned several activities which are planned for April.

Street: Mayor Schlaht read a list of items that Mark Fortuna had written down. Among them were work that needed to be done to the drainage system at the nutrition site building; budget for chip sealing; work on a portion of street in Duling Addition; grant for mosquito control and truck route signs.

Committee Reports

Blane Bartling will be getting a meeting put together for the nuisance committee to discuss public nuisance abatement items and the process.

Old Business

Alex Hamilton met with the council to discuss the upgrade of the East well water controls. The East water tank overflowed last Sunday because power was lost at the site and due to the age of the radio controls, he was not notified until someone driving by reported it. The controls are now up and working. The quote that the council received at the last meeting has been firmed up and the cost to do the whole upgrade is \$62,100. The city is on the SCWDD monthly meeting set for April 14th and that board will be asked for some assistance. The council members agreed to ask for \$20,000. The well controls will be put on the April 20th meeting agenda.

New Business

One-Day Liquor License: The council received a request from Mary Bob's Bar for a one-day liquor license for the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, May 30, 2015 for a wedding dance. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to approve the license. All members voted aye.

Zoning Administrator

There was discussion to change the current way the building permits are issued. A proposal to appoint one person to issue building permits was discussed. The person would be able to issue simple permits without zoning or council approval. This eliminates the need to have to wait for a council meeting in most cases. The council tabled any action on this until the next meeting.

Building Permit Fee

The council discussed the building permit fees in the development of Grandview Addition. In particular, Joel Bartling's permit would cost \$1700 for his new building. There was discussion of including the permit fee in the land purchase or capping the fees at a certain dollar amount. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to cap the building permit fee at \$1,000 for any new buildings being built in the industrial or commercial areas of Gregory but not in the residential areas, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Building Permits

The following building permits were presented to the council for approval. All the permits had been approved by the planning commission members.

1. Bartling Welding - commercial building
2. Rick Teigen - patio
3. Mark Fortuna/Doug Steffen - fence for camper area
4. Rose Frank - commercial building for hair salon

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to approve the building permits as listed. All members voted aye.

Public Nuisance

Al Cerny gave a short update on the public nuisance letters and contacts that he had made. The council also reviewed a list of buildings that was put together for abatement. The council agreed that any structure that had the water shut off to it for several months would have to be inspected to make sure the house was fit to live in before the water could be turned back on.

Grandview Groundbreaking

Scott Anshutz informed the council that the ground breaking ceremony for the Grandview area would be held at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on April 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Claims

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

Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	37.11
Arbor Day Foundation	One Year Membership	25.00
B & L Communications	Repair Light Bar	65.00
Bartling Welding & Mach	Add 'Thumb' to Excavator	3,820.10
Butler Machinery Co	Haul Excavator from Huron	949.25
Department Of Revenue	Water Testing	43.00
Golden West Technologies	Check Phone System for Police Dept	85.00
Golden West	April Phone Service	1,022.03
Gregory Building Center	Treated Lumber	85.80
Gregory Public Library	Books	479.59

Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/2014 Drinking Water Report	726.15
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	12 Radio Read Meters/Couplings	1,749.63
Health Pool Of SD	Health Insurance	5,488.48
Intoximeters Inc	500 Breath Analyzer Tubes	70.00
Jeff's Gregory Body Shop	Repair Windshield '05 Blazer	40.00
Jerry's Electric	Fittings for Park Bathroom	74.70
Jim's Garbage Service	116 W 5th Rolloff-Landfill Fee/Monthly Garbage Service	2,070.40
Klein's True Value	Vacuum Cleaner/Bags/Screws/Ball Valve/Rat Bait	351.66
Kwyr Am	Website Advertising	55.00
McLeod's Printing & Office	Laser Water Bills/Animal Control Citations	1,154.09
Michael Klarenbeek	Mileage/Airport Conference-Sioux Falls	219.65
Office Products Center	Toner Cartridges/PD Photo Paper/Paper/Service Contract	338.29
Opperman Inc	41.45 Ton Crushed Gravel	644.55
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	4.34
Potomac Aviation Tech	Monitoring Fees/SuperAWOS	250.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Mirrors/Filters/Bolts/Fittings/Emery Cloth	189.47
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment/Disposal Charges For Street Lights	7,586.80
Runnings	Batteries/Fittings/Oil/Towels/Bulbs/Shovel/Plugs/Grass Seed	516.26
Rural Office of Com Serv	Donation To Senior Meals	4,537.40
SD Public Assurance All	Add Property Coverage 89' Excavator/2015 NH Skid Loader	296.00
SDML Workers Comp Fund	Payroll Audit For Work Comp	315.00
Tripp Co. Water User Dist	Water Service Monthly	3,000.00
Total		\$36,473.75

3-24-2015 Payroll: Mayor, \$7,125.00; Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$4,380.88; Street Dept., \$3,750.82; Water Dept., \$2,905.56; Sewer, \$361.16; Airport, \$400.00; Library, \$1,120.19; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$22,224.41; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,567.80; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$57.74; EFTPS, \$4,790.22

Executive Session

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacey Boes to go into executive session to discuss city employees. All members voted aye. The council went into executive session at 8:16 p.m. At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Maurice Schlaht took the council out of executive session.

Results of Executive Session

No action was taken.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn and seconded by Blane Bartling. All members vote aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer