

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2014

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Gregory City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Chad Peck, Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg, and Blane Bartling. Council Members absent were: Shana Flakus and Stacey Boes. Also present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the agenda as posted, but with the two additions of Michael Jacobsen and Holly Glover speaking at the public forum portion. All members voted aye.

May 6, 2014 Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the minutes as written from May 6, 2014. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Holly Glover, Gregory-Dallas Area Chamber Executive Director, gave the council a rundown of upcoming events and a first quarter revenue and expense report. Doug Pochop and Holly are planning to start meeting with business owners next week to find out what concerns or suggestions they have for better ways for the chamber to help with promotions, etc.

Department Head Reports

Diane Althoff reported that the library has a start date of June 18, 2014 for electronic book checkout and they are getting the website operational.

Michael Jacobsen

Michael Jacobsen, Water/Wastewater Supt. informed the council that he had accepted a position with Tripp County Rural Water and that he was giving his two weeks' notice. The council thanked him for his time and service with the City and wished him well in his new position.

Airport

Michael Klarenbeek, Airport Manager, informed the council of some hangar rent prices that he would like to change based on his experience in talking to the pilots using the hangar. The rates would be as follows: 4 hours use, \$25; more than 4 hours use, \$50; January through August, \$30 per day for small planes (wing spans less < 40 ft), and \$60 per day for large planes (wing spans > 40 ft); September through December, \$60 per day for small planes and \$120 per day for large planes. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve of the new rates. All members vote aye.

Klarenbeek would also like to update the airport security by adding a motion sensor that would reach his cell phone whenever someone landed or used the courtesy car. Motion was made by Chad Peck to purchase the motion sensors at a cost of \$300. All members voted aye.

### Airport Grass Runway

Terry Grubbs and Michael Gunvordahl met with the council to discuss the re-opening of the cross wind runway, which was used when the wind was strong and out of the wrong direction for landing their spray planes. After much discussion, the airport manager agreed to check with the FAA about the procedures needed to reopen the cross wind runway.

### Dept. Head Report

Mark Fortuna reported that they were working on getting the pool ready for the season. It appears that the pool is in a lot better shape this year after the work that was done on it last year.

Police Chief Steve McDowell reported that there has been a lot of construction going on in town and the traffic level is up.

### Committee Report

Tim Mills informed the council of a building covered with tin that is situated just south of the Lutheran Church. Some of the tin is loose on the building and when the wind blows the tin is flapping around. Mills is concerned about the safety hazard that this is causing and he noticed that the city has been mowing by the building. A letter will be set to the owner, advising him to get the tin fastened and that he would have to be mowing the grass in the future.

Chad Peck updated the council of the new playground equipment set up. Chad informed the council that Mark Ellwanger would form up a 12'x20' pad that would connect with the new playground area by the little league fields. Grossenberg's are donating the cement and the cost of getting the forms ready would be under \$1000. There is grant money left so it was decided to go ahead with the pad.

### New Business

The following building permits were given approval from the planning commission. The city council gave their final approval for the permits: John Knight and Lakin Stenson for fences and Norma Springer for a pergola, storm shelter and brick patio.

### One Day alcohol Beverage Licenses

Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve a one day alcohol beverage license for the Gregory Golf Club to serve at a wedding dance on May 24, 2014 at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve a one day alcohol beverage license for the Gregory-Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce to serve at the Rockin' Rib Fest at the Gregory City Park on July 5, 2014. All members voted aye.

### Airport Apron Expansion Project

Bob Babcock, from Helms & Associates, met with the council to discuss the proposed airport apron expansion project. If the council wanted the project to actually start this year, the city may have to upfront \$75,000 to \$100,000 of the project costs and get reimbursed 6 months to a year later. Otherwise, the design work could be done this year and the construction phase bid out for next year, that way the city would not have to wait on getting reimbursed for their expenses. Babcock was also asked about the grass cross wind runway. The runway is not on the current city airport layout plan. The cost to get the runway a part of the airport would be substantial and may not be approved by the FAA

because according to the wind charts, any plane should be able to land at the Gregory airport about 95% of the time, in any windy conditions.

#### Housing Board

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to re-appoint David Kotrba to the Gregory Housing Board for a 5 year term. All members vote aye.

#### Police Chief Salary

Motion was made by Tim Mills to give Steve McDowell a pay raise to \$15.25 per hour because of his recent promotion to Chief of Police. All members voted aye.

#### Health Insurance Renewal

The City Council reviewed the insurance renewal rates from the Health Pool of South Dakota. The rate for the plan that the City had went up 11.58% which made the rates for an individual \$619.54 per month. The average rate increases had been minimal over the past 3 to 4 years. Motion was made by Chad Peck to renew the health insurance coverage with the Health Pool and to keep the same plan that the employees had. All members voted aye.

#### Claims

Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve payment of the following claims. All members voted aye.

ACE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC	25 GRINDING/25 CUTOFF WHEELS PKG	343.00
APPEARA	MATS/MOP/TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/COVERALLS	50.05
ARAMARK	MEALS FOR INSTITUTE/LIBRARY	84.15
B & F VARIETY	4 FLOWER POTS FOR BUTTES/HAND SANITIZER	124.24
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE	IRON/REPAIRS	74.70
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE/CASH CLIPS/LG TRAINING SUPP	876.92
CUSTOM TRUCK EQUIPMENT	CHAIN FOR SANDER	907.89
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	INTEREST ON MAIN ST BONDS	21,222.50
GREGORY LANES	MEALS FOR CITY WIDE CLEANUP	44.12
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1/2 COST REIMB/PAINTING MATERIALS AUDITORIUM	565.33
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING ON AIRPORT HANGAR	8,042.11
JERRY'S ELECTRIC	AIRPORT ELECTRICAL WORK	128.06
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	260.00
MEIERHENRY SARGENT LLP	SRF BOND COUNSEL/SEWER PROJECT	2,590.00
MICHAEL R WENDT	SUPERVISE INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIP	1,500.00
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIP CO	MEMORIAL PROJECT/PLAYGROUND EQUIPMNET	15,600.49
MULEHEAD GRAVEL	29.45 TON GRAVEL (HAULED 4/26/14)	386.70
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY	HOUSING FOR INSTITUTE/LIBRARY	137.10
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	PAPER/TONER CARTRIDGE	162.99
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	2.38
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	5,110.26
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/DIESEL/PROPANE/FERTILIZER/TRACTOR LUBE/ALFALFA	12,187.45
SD GOVT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC	FINANCE OFFICER SCHOOL REGISTRATION	75.00
SD GOVT HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOC	HUMAN RESOURCE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE	50.00
SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYS	DWIGHT ELLWANGER/FINAL PAY	6,431.18

VERIZON WIRELESS	MAY CELLPHONE SERVICE	466.05
VEURINK INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC	INSURANCE/1991 FIRE TRK INT. PUMPER	209.00
TOTAL		\$77,631.67

5-6-2014 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,840.00; General Government Building, \$297.09; Police Dept., \$4,456.32; Street Dept., \$3,840.91; Water Dept., \$2,382.60; Sewer, \$354.20; Airport, \$179.38; Ambulance, \$5,119.99; Library, \$1,435.31; Economic Dev, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$20,105.80; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$54.00; EFTPS, \$4,561.82

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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