

Gregory City Council
 Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, May 5, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 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. Absent was Council Member Chad Peck. Others present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, and Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna.

Old Council

The old council convened to discuss old business. Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg, seconded by Blane Bartling, to approve as written the April 20, 2015 minutes. All members voted aye.

Claims

Motion was by made by Blane Bartling, seconded by Tim Mills, to pay the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

Allied Specialized Products	Pressure Washer Part	49.00
Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	38.90
Apple Time Inc	Evidence Bags	221.74
Department Of Revenue	Water Testing	43.00
Golden West Telecommunications	May Phone Service	1,025.87
Gregory Building Center	Screws	11.80
Gregory Public Library	Supplies/Continuing Edu/Books	548.94
Harrison Plumbing & Heating	Pump for In-town Well/Sewer Pipe	571.25
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	Meter Parts/Bartling Temp Water Line	623.19
Health Pool Of SD	Health Insurance	5,488.48
Jerry's Electric	In-town Well Pump	420.15
Johnson Pochop & Bartling Law	Legal Services	4,169.23
Klein's True Value	Batteries/Brass Plug/Fuel Cylinder	36.95
KWYR Am	Website Advertising	55.00
Maurice Schlaht	Meal Reimb/Golden West	56.20
Med-Tech Resource Inc	CPR Masks/Spit Hood/Gloves	115.69
Office Products Center	Printer Cartridge/Post-It-Notes/Clips/Service Contract	182.16
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	3.50
SD Govt Finance Officers Assoc	Finance Officer School Reg/June 10-12	75.00
SD Govt Human Resource Assoc	Human Resource School Reg/Jun 9-10	50.00
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
Total		\$16,786.05

Adjourn Old Council

There being no further old business, motion was made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Shana Flakus to adjourn the old council. All members voted aye.

New Council/Oaths of Office

Mayor Schlaht called the new council to order. Oaths of office were administered to: Shana Flakus for an elected two-year term as Ward I Council Member; Blane Bartling for an elected two-year term as Ward II Council Member; and Stacey Boes for an elected two-year term as Ward III Council Member.

Council Elections

Motion was made by Blane Bartling, seconded by Shana Flakus, to nominate Tim Mills as President. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Tim Mills, to nominate Shana Flakus as Vice-President. All members voted aye.

Appointments

Mayor Maurice Schlaht made the following appointments: City Administrator/Finance Officer, Al Cerny ; Chief of Police, Steve McDowell; City Attorney, George Johnson; City Health Inspector, Sue Hogue; Official City Depositories, BankWest, First Fidelity Bank, Consumer's Federal Credit Union, and SD Public Funds Investment Trust; Official Newspaper, Gregory Times Advocate. Gregory Housing Board five-year term appointment will be made at the next council meeting. Motion was made by Tim Mills, seconded by Blane Bartling, to approve the appointments and official designations. All members voted aye.

Council Committee Appointments

Mayor Schlaht made the following committee appointments with the first named being the Chairperson:

Parks – Stacey Boes, Shana Flakus, Blane Bartling

Trees/Public Nuisance – Shana Flakus, Chad Peck, Stacey Boes

Water/Sewer – Chad Peck, Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg

Streets – Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling, Stacey Boes

Auditorium – Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Chad Peck

Airport – Blane Bartling, Seymour Studenberg, Tim Mills

Library Representative – Shana Flakus

Ambulance Representative – Tim Mills

Agenda

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Stacey Boes, to approve the following corrections and additions to the agenda and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted: Remove Mavis Leiferman (dog complaint) under Public Forum; add Randy Klein under Public Forum; and add airport grant amendment. All members voted aye.

Public Form

Randy Klein met with the council to ask if the waste concrete at the lagoons is still planning to be crushed. Klein would like to have the city proceed with crushing the material so that local contractors can keep costs down by not having to haul out of Gregory. Public Works Supt Mark Fortuna commented the person he has lined up to crush is busy. Klein also met with the council to discuss the city tearing houses down and the city's intent. Klein feels it is not fair to have to be a competitor with the city in the business of tearing down houses.

Dept. Head Reports

Head Librarian Diane Althoff presented the council with the April 2015 financial report. Althoff reported that visits to the school have been made to give information on summer programs. The library will continue its on-going book sale.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna commented that he is busy with city cleanup this week.

Committee Reports

Stacey Boes reported that Kellie Stukel had applied for a grant from the community foundation for the city pool. Boes asked that a committee be formed for ideas and fundraising on replacing the Gregory Swimming pool.

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. Bob Duerfeldt - garage
2. Glenda Wyatt - addition to house
3. Cat Bartling - fence

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

1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-04 & Ordinance No. 2015-05

Ordinance No. 2015-04 and Ordinance No. 2015-05, which would require all residential and commercial buildings in the city limits to connect to the city water and sewer system, were both placed on their first reading. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the first readings of Ordinance No. 2015-04 and Ordinance 2015-05. All members voted aye.

Arbor Day Proclamation

The council agreed to pass the following Arbor Day Proclamation:

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting or more than a million trees in Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, Trees in our community increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, 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 May 8th in the year of 2015 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 well being of present and future generations.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2015.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

One-Day Liquor Licenses

The city council received a request for a one-day liquor license for the Gregory Golf Club to serve at the Gregory Public Library on Sat., May 27, 2015. Motion was made by Tim Mills, seconded by Stacey Boes, to approve the one-day liquor license for the library event.

The Gregory Golf Club applied for a one-day liquor license to be used at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, June 20, 2015 for a wedding dance. Motion was made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Blane Bartling, to approve the one-day liquor license on June 20, 2015. All members voted aye.

City-Wide Street Assessment Resolution

Motion was made by Tim Mills, seconded by Stacey Boes, to approve the following city-wide street assessment resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY TO LEVY A FRONT FOOT ASSESSMENT FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF STREET SURFACES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SDCL 9-45-38.

WHEREAS SDCL 9-45-38 provided for the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces not exceeding \$.40 per front foot of lots abutting the streets; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory maintains and repairs street surfaces on many streets within the City limits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the assessment of annual maintenance of street surfaces shall be levied as follow:

- 1) All lots so assessed shall be at the rate of \$.40 per front foot.
- 2) A detailed list of the legal descriptions, amount of assessment shall be provided to the Gregory County Auditor for collection with taxes based on the following streets;

First Street; Second Street; Third Street; Fourth Street; Fifth Street; Sixth Street; Seventh Street; Eighth Street; Ninth Street; Tenth Street; Eleventh Street; Twelfth Street; Thirteenth Street; Fourteenth Street; Sixteenth Street; Logan Street; Rice Street; Felton Avenue; Spencer Avenue; Rosebud Avenue; Main Street; Church Street; Whittecar Avenue; VonSeggern Street; Nepper Street; Jones Street; Georgia Drive; Gerkin Drive and Duling Drive; and Park Avenue.

- 3) The maximum amount to be levied on any legally described lot or lots shall be \$60.00 per year.

Dated this 5th day of May 2015.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

Airport Grant Amendment

Motion was made by Blane Bartling, seconded by Seymour Studenberg, to authorize Mayor Maurice Schlaht to sign the airport grant amendment for Project No. 3-46-0018-010-2012. All members voted aye.

Health Insurance Renewal

The City Council reviewed the insurance renewal rates from the Health Pool of South Dakota for members' coverage from July 1 to July 1. Motion was made by Tim Mills, seconded by Stacey Boes, to renew the health insurance coverage with the Health Pool and to keep the same plan. All members voted aye.

April Financial Report

The council reviewed the April financial report which included a general fund prior year comparison report and a bank cash report. Sales tax collected was up over last year.

4-21-2015 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$4,120.50; Street Dept., \$3,668.01; Water Dept., \$2,872.10; Sewer, \$349.99; Airport, \$262.50; Library, \$1,078.19; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$14,532.09; Aflac, \$297.06; SDRS, \$3,518.64; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$55.99; EFTPS, \$3,382.66

Adjourn

Tim Mills made the motion to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer