

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members, Tim Mills, Chad Peck, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg and Stacey Boes. Absent was Council Member Blane Bartling. Others present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, and Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna.

Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to approve the following additions to the agenda and approve the rest of the agenda as posted: Dan Fiebelkorn fence building permit, Vince Berens deck building permit and park ordinances. All members voted aye.

April 21, 2014 Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg to approve as written the April 21, 2014 minutes. All members voted aye.

Public Form/Amanda Willuweit

Amanda Willuweit met with the council to discuss the city purchasing racing lines for the Gregory Swim Team. Arnold Pool Company quoted the city \$3,595.00 for (5) 25m 4" racing lanes, 10 anchors and shipping. Amanda Willuweit presented the council a quote from Kiefer for \$2,099.70 for (6) 75' racing lanes with free shipping. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve Willuweit's online quote from Kiefer Swim Shop for \$2,099.70 for (6) racing lanes (75'feet). All members voted aye. Willuweit stated that the lines do not need to meet a certain code for competition and are decent and should be able to be used for several years. The Gregory Athletic Club will be donating a reel, built by Joel Bartling, to the Gregory Swim Team and starting blocks will also be made. It was also agreed that the swim team would receive the same budget as last year. The swim team is scheduled to host a swim meet on Wed., June 18, 2014 in Gregory.

Dept. Head Reports

Head Librarian Diane Althoff presented the council with the April 2014 financial report. Althoff reported that the automation and updating of the catalog is going great and will hopefully be done at the end of the month.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna commented that city cleanup was easy this year and it went well. Grinding on Felton Ave was started and there were a few issues, but Fortuna hopes to finish grinding out the other three streets this week. The contractor for the sewer project will be coming in a couple weeks.

Officer Steve McDowell presented a cake and cupcakes for Dwight Ellwanger's retirement. McDowell reported that an individual, who is already certified, is scheduled to meet with himself and the mayor for an interview for the city's police officer position on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The hiring of a part-time officer was also discussed as well as changing the hours to more manageable shifts. McDowell plans to utilize the speed board more due to more traffic on the roads being resurfaced south of Buche's to the North Star and also with baseball and softball season coming up. The mayor stated that we have the support of the sheriff's dept. and the highway patrol if something mayor comes up while we are down to two officers.

Committee Reports

The mayor asked why the DOT was on the airport runway on May 5, 2014. Mark Fortuna reported that the runway will be closed on May 7, 2014 so that the crack sealing crew can fix some cracks that were reported to Jason Engbrecht with the SDDOT. Fortuna mentioned that Engbrecht plans to talk to the city at the next meeting about issues with spray planes.

Old Business

Alice Slade Sewer Line

Alice Slade met with the council to discuss her sewer problem issues. After discussion with Mark Fortuna and Michael Jacobsen, Mayor Schlaht asked the council to support the plan to dig and find out what is causing the problem, so that Alice Slade can go ahead with her cleanup and not have any more sewer problems. Fortuna said the city would put a new chunk of main in and eliminate the service that may be causing the problem. Digging up the sewer will find if there is a certain service line causing the problem or if it is something else. Motion was made by Stacey Boes to dig up and fix and find the problem on the main. All members voted aye.

Adjourn Old Council

There being no further old business, motion was made by Tim Mills 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: Maurice Schlaht for an elected two-year term as Mayor, Chad Peck for a returned two-year term as Ward I Council Member; Seymour Studenberg for a returned two-year term as Ward II Council Member, Tim Mills for an elected two-year term as Ward III Council Member, and; Stacey Boes for an appointed one-year term for Ward III Council Member.

Council Elections

Motion was made by Chad Peck to nominate Tim Mills as President. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Chad Peck to nominate Shana Flakus as Vice-President. All members voted aye.

Council Committee Appointments

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

Parks – Shana Flakus, Tim Mills, Chad Peck

Trees/Public Nuisance – Blane Bartling, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus

Water/Sewer – Stacey Boes, Chad Peck, Seymour Studenberg

Streets – Seymour Studenberg, Stacey Boes, Blane Bartling

Auditorium – Chad Peck, Tim Mills, Stacey Boes

Airport – Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Blane Bartling

Library Representative – Shana Flakus

Ambulance Representative – Tim Mills

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 a later time. Motion was made by Tim Mills to approve the appointments and official designations. All members voted aye.

Mick Borszich House Removal

Mick Borszich had approached the city about hauling a house out for him during the citywide cleanup. It was agreed that tearing down a house and pushing to the street was not part of city cleanup. Motion was made by Chad Peck to stick with the same policy on house removal and have the city haul the house to the Gregory County Landfill for \$25 per load, but Borszich would have to hire someone to tear down the house and load it into city trucks. All members voted aye.

Handbook Changes

The city's handbook currently states that health insurance will be granted to all regular full time employees who work at least 40 hours per week. Now under Obamacare, health insurance will be granted to all regular full time city employees who work a predetermined schedule of at least 30 hours per week. Also under the current city policy, upon voluntary resignation after 20 years of continuous employees shall be eligible for the payment of accrued sick leave at 33% of the accumulated hours. The city handbook should state that employees shall be eligible for payment of accrued sick leave at 25% of the accumulated hours and the city will not pay out more than 180 hours of sick time leave. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the changes to the handbook. All members voted aye.

Dwight Ellwanger

Motion was made to approve the final payment of Dwight Ellwanger's vacation hours of 124.72 and 720 hours of sick leave at 33% (from the old handbook), for a total of 362.32 hours at 17.75 per hour totaling \$6,431.18. Motion was also made by Chad Peck to declare the pistol Dwight carried surplus and sell it back to him for \$200.00. All members voted aye.

Plat for Skalla First Subdivision

The City of Gregory currently exercises a three mile platting jurisdiction. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and recommended the plat for Skalla First Subdivision be approved. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the Plat for Skalla First Subdivision. All members voted aye.

Fiebelkorn Building Permit for Fence

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Scott Anshutz met with the council to discuss the building permit on the agenda and also the two applications that were added the agenda. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the building permit application and variance submitted by Dan Fiebelkorn for a fence be denied because the property already has 20 feet vacated from the city. Motion was made by Chad Peck to deny the building permit and 10' variance request submitted by Fiebelkorn for a fence. All members voted aye.

Berens Building Permit for Deck

The Planning and Zoning board recommended the approval of a deck permit for Vince Berens. Anshutz stated that Berens submitted the required \$25 flat fee for a permit, which would involve removing and replacing a deck on their home within the setback footages. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the permit for the replacement deck. All members voted aye.

Building Permit/George Kenzy House Addition

The Planning and Zoning went on-site to assess the needed variance to allow George Kenzy to place the north boundary of a house addition on his property line. The property boundary pins had been found

and marked. The board recommended approving an 8' variance for an addition since the outer boundary was in line with construction and fencing on adjacent blocks. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the building permit for a house addition for George Kenzy and to approve the 8' variance needed. All councilmembers voted aye.

Planning & Zoning Commission Update

Scott Anshutz informed the council on District III's work on an entrance application into Grandview Addition and also suggestions for its covenants and ordinances. The Planning and Zoning Board would also like to bring the city's building codes up to date during the process of establishing rules for Grandview.

Park Ordinances

Shana Flakus talked about establishing an ordinance for drug free zones on city properties. These designated zones would enhance penalties for illegal drug related activities. It was agreed to talk to our local law enforcement and have the city attorney look into establishing a city ordinance.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

APPEARA	TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/COVERALLS	29.84
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	HANDICAPPED PARKING/NO U TURN SIGNS	403.16
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WATER TESTING	39.00
DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT CO	REPLACE AIRPORT GASBOY TERMINAL/KEYBOARD	1,178.21
GALLS LLC	POLICE BATON/REINARTZ	95.98
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE SERVICE	954.67
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	AUD. LUMBER, SCREWS, INSUL., SIDING/PARK SUPP	216.35
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING/CLEAN UP DAD ADS	548.91
HARRISON PLUMBING & HEATING	FITTINGS/P-TRAPS	69.60
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD	WATER SUPPLES/FORTUNA & STEFFEN	579.91
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4,442.08
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	CLEANING SUPPLES/BATTERIES/CASTERS	83.91
MULEHEAD GRAVEL	57.4 TON OF GRAVEL HAULED	764.40
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	CLIPS/PRINTER CARTRIDGE/SERVICE CONTRACT	160.87
OLD PIONEER	POLICE DEPT SHELLS	6.99
OPPERMAN INC	97.25 TON CHIPS/TRUCKING	729.38
PETTY CASH	POSTAGEREIMBURSEMENT	24.08
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL	LODGING/MARK FORTUNA- SD MUN ST MAINT MTG	94.99
ROSEBUD AUTO PARTS	HOSE/GLOVES/U-BOLT/AIR FILTER/FITTINGS	380.76
RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC	FILTER/PAINT/STEEL/ANTIFREEZE/SPARK PLUGS	268.57
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR & ASSN	LAND DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN LAYOUT	8,850.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3,000.00
URITOX MEDICAL	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	74.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	PRONONE POWER PELLETS/UNWANTED TREES	89.15
WM KROTTER CO	LUMBER/TAPE MEASURE	204.82
TOTAL		\$23,289.63

4-22-2014 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,840.00; Police Dept., \$5,144.06; Street Dept., \$3,523.03; Water Dept., \$2,734.70; Sewer, \$344.20; Airport, \$205.00; Library, \$1,466.57; Economic Dev, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,457.56; Aflac, \$280.28; SDRS, \$3,517.62; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$66.74; EFTPS, \$3,566.81

Adjourn

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

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer