

Gregory City Council Meeting  
May 7, 2012

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet, Tim Mills, Maurice Schlaht, Kevin Mikkelsen, Blane Bartling, Chad Peck and Shana Flakus. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following item was added to the agenda: Marvin Braun's request to plant some trees in Pleasant View Park. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the agenda with the addition. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve, as written, the regular minutes of April 16, 2012. All members voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIEBELKORN BUSINESS SIGN:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve Mark Fiebelkorn's request to place a sign up on the west end of his lot on the city's right-of-way for his new auto repair business located at 218 Rosebud Avenue. All members voted aye.

2012 SUMMER JOB HIRES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to hire the following lifeguard and park help as recommended by the park committee for the summer of 2012. All members voted aye. Full-time Lifeguards: Paxton Johnson (Pool Manager), Erika McClellan, Ashlie Steppat, Michaela Beck, Courtney Opbroek, Alisyn Graesser, Mackenze Shauf-Benter, and Christina Drey; Park Help: Brody Boes and Cody Jung.

The council also approved the hiring of the following part-time lifeguards who need training: Allison Sundquist, Josie Fortuna, Shelby Rajewich, Mackenzie Odenbach, and Courtney Petersen. The cost of the certification will be paid by the city.

PITCHING MACHINE:

Mayor DeSmet reported that a group of parents bought a pitching machine for the Little League field. More information will be gathered about whether or not the city's insurance will cover the machine.

ADJOURN OLD COUNCIL:

There being no further old business, motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to adjourn the old council. All members voted aye. Dan DeSmet was thanked for his 13 years of public service and was awarded with a plaque in recognition.

#### NEW COUNCIL:

Maurice Schlaht took the oath of office for a 2-year term as mayor. Chad Peck (Ward I) and Tim Mills (Ward III) each took the oath of office for a new 2-year term as council members.

#### WARD II COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Schlaht appointed Seymour Studenberg to fill the vacancy of Council Member Ward II. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the appointment. All members voted aye. Seymour Studenberg then took the oath of office for Council Member Ward II for a one year term.

#### PUBLIC FORUM/VISITORS:

##### SPN/CHANGE ORDER & 6<sup>TH</sup> ST & LOGAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BIDS:

Camden Hofer of SPN & Associates reviewed the change order request for the booster station project with the council. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve Change Order No. One for the Booster Station Project. The change order would raise pumps 6" on a concrete base and install a raw water sampling connection in an existing manhole and substitute with some alternate building materials.

The council also approved the contractor's application for Payment No. One in the amount of \$33,919.20 from D.W. Proehl Construction for the Booster Station Project.

Project Engineer Camden Hofer also reviewed the 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Logan Avenue Street Improvement Project Bids with the council. Bids came in higher than budgeted for the project. Finance Officer Al Cerny had given the council a financial budget for the project as bid that showed how the city could pay for the \$112,022 remaining amount. Hofer also showed an option of not awarding some potential items to lower the project cost by \$31,435. The council tabled the discussion until the next meeting on May 21, 2012 so they can discuss further on the financing options.

#### AMANDA WILLUWEIT/SWIM TEAM:

Gregory Swim Team Coach, Amanda Willuweit, met with the council to report that 25 kids are signed up for this year's team. She asked about the budget and requested to buy kick boards and swim blocks. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve a \$2,000 budget for the swim team and approve the request to buy kickboards and swim blocks.

#### DOUG POCHOP/AUDITORIUM:

Doug Pochop met with the council to confirm that the city would share cost the repairs to the auditorium for the areas of damaged brick that need fixing. S & S Masonry quoted a cost of \$3,226 for the repairs. Pochop also requested that the city cost share 40 gallons of paint at \$30 per gallon for a project the athletic club is doing to group some new banners together for a better display. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve splitting the costs for the masonry repairs and also for the 40 gallons of paint. All members voted aye. Pochop will take it back to the school board for their approval.

#### DOUG POCHOP/CITY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Doug Pochop, a member of the city's planning commission, reported to the council on some recommendations he had on city expansion. He mentioned that the city has the opportunity to purchase 52 acres of land south of the school extending to the roadside park for \$10,000 per acre. He asked the council to reopen discussion on purchasing the land for community growth and help get businesses to move to Gregory.

#### DIANE ALTHOFF/LIBRARY:

Library Director Diane Althoff informed the council that the library's community communication board is starting to be utilized more and that a teen advisory board is being started for the library with their first meeting being held on May 22, 2012. Also, Althoff showed the council the library's new logo with the slogan Sharing Books, Touching Lives. The logo meets the requirement for state accreditation.

#### DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Police Officer Shawn Claussen met with the council to give a department update. He informed the council that he will be requesting that the police department buy a taser gun at cost of \$800 for officer safety.

Public Works Superintendent Mark Fortuna recommended that there be a limit on trees during the city-wide cleanup. He also reported that a photocell at the airport had been fixed and discussed sprayer planes at the airport. The council suggested that information be gathered on how other local airports deal with containment and charging sprayer planes.

Fortuna requested that a drainage ditch be put in out at the little league field. Council Member Mikkelsen made a motion to dig out the ditch and put in rock.

A discussion was held on the street maintenance of Duling Drive. The council agreed that it is one of the worst streets in town. More discussion will be held at the next meeting about street funding.

#### COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to nominate Tim Mills as President. Council Member Mikkelsen made a motion that nominations cease and Mills be elected by unanimous ballot. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to nominate Blane Bartling as Vice-President. Council Member Mikkelsen made a motion that nominations cease and Bartling be elected by unanimous ballot. All members voted aye.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Maurice Schlaht made the following appointments: Chief of Police, Dwight Ellwanger; City Administrator/Finance Officer, Al Cerny; City Attorney, Stephanie Pochop; Gregory Housing Board (5-year term), Kevin Mikkelsen; City Health Inspector, Sue Hogue; Official City Depositories, BankWest, First Fidelity Bank, Consumer's Federal Credit Union, and SD FIT; Official Newspaper, Gregory Times Advocate;. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the appointments and official designations. All members voted aye.

**CHECK SIGNATURE CARD:**

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to have Dan DeSmet's name taken off the signature card at BankWest and have the following listed as authorized signers: Maurice Schlaht, Al Cerny, Jennifer Keegan, Kevin Mikkelsen, Chad Peck, and Tim Mills. 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 – Kevin Mikkelsen, Chad Peck, Seymour Studenberg  
Streets – Seymour Studenberg, Kevin Mikkelsen, Blane Bartling  
Auditorium – Chad Peck, Tim Mills, Kevin Mikkelsen  
Airport – Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Blane Bartling

Council Member Shana Flakus was appointed as the Gregory Public Library representative.

Mayor Schlaht mentioned that he would like to see more committee involvement and the council members concurred.

**POOL FEES:**

The council tabled the pool fees until next meeting.

**COMMUNITY ACCESS GRANT EXTENSION:**

The council approved Mayor Schlaht to sign the Community Access Grant extension, an amendment that will extend the completion date of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & Logan Street project to January 1, 2013.

**KEVIN RAYMAN BUILDING PERMIT:**

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to approve the building permit request for Kevin Rayman to move the trailer house located at 409 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 806 Logan Avenue in Gregory.

**BRUMBAUGH LOT CLEAN-UP:**

The council agreed to go ahead with actions to have the debris cleaned up and hauled away from the lots where the old locker plant was located. Eugene Brumbaugh, owner of the property had a deadline of May 4, 2012 to have the rubble removed. Since the deadline was not met, the council decided to progress with plans to clean up the lots and assess the costs to the property and get help from the city attorney. Mark Fortuna will get estimates on the cost to clean up the lots and have the debris hauled to Winner.

**SOUTHERN MISSOURI RECYCLING WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:**

Council Member Mikkelsen was appointed the delegate to the Southern Missouri Recycling Waste Management board and Council Member Bartling was named the alternate.

TREE PLANTING REQUEST:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve Marvin Braun's request to plant some trees in Pleasant View Park. All members voted aye.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to pay the claims as presented. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Al Cerny, reimbursement for appreciation plaque.....	66.22
Arnold Pool Company, 12 tubes permaseal caulk/blue pool paint .....	370.20
Barco Municipal Products, (10) street signs .....	348.59
Bartling Welding & Machine, street iron work/custom build dog traps ..	742.76
CBA Lighting & Controls Inc., (12) couplings for airport lights .....	116.45
Doug Osborn, used chip spreader .....	1,000.00
Galls LLC, Shawn Claussen 2 pair of tactical pants .....	74.97
Golden West, May phone service.....	769.39
Graybar, Crouse Hinds 120V, 50/60 Photocell .....	747.83
Gregory Building Center, dog pound roof repairs .....	205.93
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance .....	136.64
Gregory School District, ½ cost auditorium floor scrubber repairs .....	158.62
Gregory Times Advocate, election & council publishing .....	538.87
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, urinal repair kit/washers/adaptors/coupler	50.65
Hawkins Inc., pH sensors .....	238.16
Health Pool of SD, May health insurance .....	2,547.90
Jennifer Keegan, reimbursement for antivirus software renewal.....	79.49
Jerry's Electric, airport electrical outlets .....	205.59
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service.....	244.00
Kevin Rayman, park tree stump removal .....	120.00
Klein's True Value, police dept. batteries & UPS shipping .....	17.18
M & J Auto, retainer spring.....	4.30
Mr. Automotive, oxygen refills/flags/acetyl/filters/hose clamps/carb cleaner	158.72
Office Products Center, copy machine service contract/airport ink cartridge	58.99
Old Pioneer Tool Pawn & Gun, police dept. ammunition .....	189.98
Opperman Inc., 50.31 ton pea gravel delivered from Blunt.....	1,157.13
Plains Printing Co., stamped envelopes.....	275.70
Rosebud Auto Parts, battery/filters/bearing/puller/socket/horn/cable terminals/wire/kit/junction box/coupling/repair kit .....	586.91
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity used.....	2,761.84
Runnings Supply Inc., nuts & bolts/grass seed/sprayer/cleaner/hand soap fittings/UPS shipping/hose clamps/ball mount/hitch ball set/bulbs/4" HD vise	380.01
SD Dept. of Transportation, city's share of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk.....	674.39
SD Govt. Finance Officers' Assoc., finance officers' school registration	75.00
SD Got. Human Resource Assoc., human resource school registration...	25.00
SD Public Assurance Alliance, insurance coverage for John Deere Tractor	350.00
Wagner Building & Supply Co. Inc., haul dirt from lagoon to shop.....	123.00
Wm. Krotter Co., (3) crec posts .....	23.67

Total \$ 15,624.08

WATER IMPROVEMENTS 2011:

Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Assoc., engineering/water dist. & booster station 9,847.20

Total \$ 9,847.20

6<sup>TH</sup> STREET & LOGAN IMPROVEMENTS:

Gregory Times Advocate, Invitation to Bid..... 86.97

Schmucker, Paul, Nohr and Associates, engineering/community access 3,450.00

Total \$ 3,536.97

AIRPORT HANGAR CAPITOL PROJECT:

Helms & Associates, airport new hangar design ..... 6,454.94

Total \$ 6,454.94

WATER FUND:

Golden West, May phone service..... 42.05

Harrison Plumbing & Heating, fittings ..... 9.20

Health Pool of SD, May health insurance ..... 1,019.16

Klein's True Value, 1/2" HD staples ..... 4.79

Kucera Electric Co., installed outlet to boost chlorine from Tripp Co. Rural Water 188.04

Plains Printing Co., stamped envelopes..... 275.70

Rosebud Auto Parts, unibit drill set ..... 228.15

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity used..... 1,294.89

Runnings Supply Inc., PVC straps/adaptor ..... 2.68

Tripp County Water User District, May water service/2,875,000 gallons used 7,312.50

Us Postal Service, water billing postage ..... 222.72

Total \$ 10,599.88

SEWER FUND:

HD Supply Waterworks LTD, man hole cover ..... 305.18

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity used..... 64.55

Rural Development, May loan payment/Phase I..... 4,285.00

Total \$ 4,654.73

Grand Total \$ 50,717.80

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 4/21-22/12

Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 4/14-15/12

4-25-12 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings .....	2,947.88
SDRS, retirement.....	1,654.04
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment .....	219.23
Finance Officer .....	1,728.00
Police Dept .....	4,902.92
Street Dept.....	3,399.60
Park .....	31.88
Library .....	917.56
Water Dept.....	2,867.20

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Keegan, Assistant Finance Officer

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor