

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 2, 2014

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014 at the Gregory City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Chad Peck. Council Members absent were Shana Flakus and Stacey Boes. Also present were news reporter Colleen Flynn, Librarian Diane Althoff and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve the agenda as posted. All members voted aye.

May 19, 2014 Minutes

Seymour Studenberg made the motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2014 as written. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Mike Klarenbeek, Airport Manager, asked the council about the crosswind strip. Mike had talked to another airport about their crosswind landing area. They put up the closed X marking on the end but pilots only use it if need be. After some discussion, the council agreed to hay the strip area once and then put the X markings on the strip. The City would cut the grass if need be, but the area would be available for use only if a pilot would need to land a plane in an emergency.

Library

Diane Althoff reported that the library will have a burgers and brats fundraiser in the Buche's parking lot on Friday, June 6, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They have also started the summer reading program at the library which has been well attended.

Streets

Mayor Schlaht reported that Excel Underground has started to work on the sewer line replacement project today. Seventh Street from Main Street to Spencer Avenue will be closed.

Road Oil Quotes

Motion was made by Chad Peck to accept the quote from Jebro Inc. for road oil at the price of \$705.00 per ton for 24 tons. All members voted aye

Police

Steve McDowell reported that they had been putting the speed board up and it has helped with slowing traffic down. He also mentioned a dog complaint that he was working on with the city attorney.

New Business

Building Permits

The following building permits were reviewed and approved by the planning and zoning commission: Gregory Public Library for a utility shed; Berle Johnson for a utility shed; Doug Pochop for a deck. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the listed building permits. All members voted aye.

There was discussion on whether a building permit would be needed for a concrete patio or slab that was poured flush with the ground. The council agreed to include the concrete patio or slab in the building permit requirements to eliminate any gray area. Motion was made by Chad Peck to approve the building permit for Mark Ellwanger for a concrete slab or patio. All members voted aye.

#### Property Cleanup

Mayor Schlaht wants the City to make a better effort to clean up some of the property around town. This would include condemning certain houses that are unfit to live in and working with the owners to clean up areas. The city attorney will be contacted to set up a process to work on the different properties that need cleaned up.

#### Community Access Grant

The council discussed the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a resolution for a community access grant to apply for a grant to extend Logan Avenue South past the high school. There was some discussion on paying for the City's share of 40% of the construction costs. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to pass the resolution of local commitment for the community access project. All members voted aye.

### **RESOLUTION OF LOCAL COMMITMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory has identified the need to construct Logan Avenue between the Gregory School and First Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory is eligible for South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Grant Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory does not have adequate funding available to complete the project without assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gregory currently controls the required rights-of-way.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Gregory will seek assistance through the South Dakota Department of Transportation Community Access Grant Program for this project in accordance with all program requirements;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Gregory will be responsible for financing all non-participating items associated with the project, and a minimum of forty percent (40%) of all construction costs;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Gregory will be responsible for ensuring the continued maintenance of the road once the project is complete;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of Gregory be authorized to execute the Community Access Grant Program application.

**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2014.

Adopted:

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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

### District III Support

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to sign a statement of extension for services with District III for the year 2015 in the amount of \$2213.00, which is payable in 2015. All members voted aye.

### Rural Office of Community Support

The council received a letter from the ROCS group asking for a dollar amount of \$4,537.40 to be placed in the City's budget for 2015 for support of the elderly nutrition meal program in Gregory. Chad Peck made the motion to put \$4,537.40 in the 2015 city budget for the meal program. All members voted aye.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Gregory was asked to give a letter of commitment to Gregory County in their efforts to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was made by Chad Peck to support Gregory County in their efforts to upgrade their hazard plan. All members voted aye

### City Polices

The council members looked over some city polices that had been left out of the employee handbook when it was revised. Tim Mills made the motion to table any action on the policies until the next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June so that the members could have more time to review some of the policies.

### Claims

Motion was made by Chad Peck to pay the following claims and also the claim for the swim team league dues of \$217.00 that had not been posted. All members voted aye.

APPEARA	TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/COVERALLS	28.84
ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION INC	ASPHALT GRINDING/SEWER PROJECT	3,755.11
CHRISTENSEN SALES & SERVICE	FIX DRAIN AT NUTRITION CENTER	27.18
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WATER TESTING FEES	39.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUB/NOTICE/WA SUPT AD	230.84
HAWKINS INC	PH SENSORS w/ CONNECTOR CABLE	238.75
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD	REPAIR KIT/FIRE HYDRANT	282.68
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,886.82
JAMES RIVER VALLEY SWIM LEAGUE	SWIM TEAM LEAGUE DUES	217.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC	FIRE INSPECTION REQUESTS FOR AUD	478.43
JONO'S	YEARLY RENT/PHEASANT PARK	120.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	GARBAGE BAGS/BATTERIES/KEY/EXT REACH	124.55
MARK A ELLWANGER	CONCRETE PAD WORK AT MEMORIAL PARK	969.00
MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP	LASER CHECKS	305.88
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	CLIPS/FOLDERS/INK CARTRIDGES/SERV CONTRACT	95.52
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT/CAR WASH	21.61
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	WATER SERVICE PAYMENT	3,000.00
WM KROTTER CO	PLAYGROUND REBAR/STAKES/SCREWS	217.29
US POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX RENT	140.00
TOTAL		\$14,178.50

5-20-2014 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,840.00; Police Dept., \$4,362.19; Street Dept., \$3,532.16; Water Dept., \$2,774.70; Sewer, \$344.20; Airport, \$328.00; Pool, \$598.00; Park, \$465.00; Library, \$1,480.64; Economic Dev, \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$15,924.89; Aflac, \$280.28; SDRS, \$3,483.10; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$66.74; EFTPS, \$3,723.98

Adjourn

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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