

Gregory City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 3, 2013

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2013 at the Gregory City Hall. Mayor Maurice Schlaht called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Members absent were Chad Peck and Tim Mills. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Some items that were not picked up during the city cleanup and lifeguard salaries were mentioned as items to add to the agenda. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to approve the agenda as posted and add the clean-up items and lifeguard salaries to the agenda. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes from May 20, 2013

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve as written the May 20, 2013 council minutes. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum/Visitors

Doug Pochop and Berle Johnson met with the city council to discuss a proposal to purchase 53 acres of land that is located south of the school and extends to Highway 18 adjacent to the roadside park. The BID group would like the city to purchase the land for further city development. A portion of the land could be used for residential lots and a portion that is closer to Highway 18 could be used for an industrial park. A delegation of BID members, the state development representative and a member from Planning & Development District III will meet with the council on June 17, 2013 to further discuss the proposal to purchase the land.

#### Department Head Reports

Mayor Schlaht reported on some items that Mark Fortuna had given him. Fortuna had received reports of junk blowing around from the salvage place that Mike Boxa owns. The council agreed that a letter should be written to Boxa about cleaning up his place. Also, the pool should be ready to paint this week and the pool step work should be completed by the end of this week. Thirdly, there is an issue with some dead tree branches in the park that need cutting. It was agreed to have Mark hire someone to trim the trees up.

Police Officer Steve McDowell reported that the training of new police officer is ongoing. McDowell also mentioned some dog complaints; they currently have 5 dogs in the dog pound. The speed board has been set up and placed around town. The police dept. has determined that the Gregory Memorial Auditorium, First Southern Baptist Church and St. John's Lutheran Church basements are the designated storm shelters.

#### Committee Reports

Mayor Schlaht reported on a recent State DOT inspection of the sidewalks adjacent to Highway 47 as it goes thru Gregory. There are plans to make all the sidewalks adjacent to Hwy 47 handicapped accessible in 2014. There was also discussion of a crosswalk that is needed by the Parkside Motel and the ball fields. The state policy is that they will not put a crosswalk in unless there are sidewalks on both sides of the highway. The council agreed that something needs to be done and they will continue to work on finding a way to make this area safer to walk across.

## Old Business

### Main Street Sidewalk

An inquiry was made to a company about “lifting” some of the main street sidewalks to make them more level but no further information has come back yet. Efforts will be made to keep contacting the company.

### Airport Proposed Hangar/Rent Contract

The city attorney had made one suggestion to the proposed hangar lease and the suggestion was added to the contract. The council reviewed the lease and the question of how much liability insurance should the council have the lessee provide came up. The council agreed to table further action on approving the lease until they get a better idea of how much insurance should be required.

## New Business

### Public Hearing for Malt Beverage License Renewals

The following malt beverage licenses were listed for renewal: Gregory Lanes, off sale; Mary Bob’s, off-sale; American Legion Club, on-off sale; Mr. G’s, on-off sale; GF Buche Co., on-off sale. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the renewal of the above listed malt beverage licenses. All members voted aye.

### Southern Missouri Waste and Recycling

The council appointed Tim Mills to be the city’s delegate and Chad Peck the alternate delegate to the Southern Missouri Waste and Recycling Center.

### Building Permits

Joe Nguyen submitted a building permit for a new deck. There was no variance needed. The council approved the building permit.

Gary Clayton submitted a building permit for a house addition that did not require a variance. The council approved his building permit.

### ROCS Funding Request

The city council received a request from the Rural Office of Community Service (ROCS) for funding to help with the cost of running the senior meal program in Gregory. The council tabled making any decision until they could get more information on the cost of the meals and the program in general.

### City Clean-Up

Seymour Studenberg reported on some junk items by the old high school that may have been missed in the city wide clean up. The items will be checked into to make sure that the items met the criteria to be picked up. Studenberg also mentioned the possibility of adding a fall clean up.

### Lifeguard Salaries

There was discussion about the lifeguard salaries for 2013. Over the past few years, all returning lifeguards received a .25 per hour pay raise and all new lifeguards were paid the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to give all returning lifeguards and summer help employees a .25 per hour raise. All members including the Mayor voted aye. Stacey Boes did not vote. The new salaries for the summer help are as follows: Cristina Drey, \$7.50; Paxten Johnson, \$9.25; Josie Fortuna, \$7.50; Allison Sundquist, \$7.50; Courtney Opbroek, \$7.75; Erika McClellen, \$8.00; Shelby Rajewich, \$7.50; Ashlie Steppat, \$7.75; Brody Boes, \$7.50 and Cody Jung, \$7.50.

Claims:

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

General

Appera, utilities, \$34.29; Associated Supply Company Inc., anchors for pool racing ropes, pool star inlets, \$316.21; Barco Municipal Products, (4) no parking on grass signs, \$96.55; Dennis Hazen, reimb. for jeans, \$38.15; Gregory Building Center, rent pressure washer, backer rod, lumber, \$66.53; Gregory Public Library, computer monitor reimb., \$141.00; Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing, notices, \$407.04; Harrison Plumbing & Heating, fittings, repair aud. faucets, \$91.20; Health Pool of SD, health ins., \$2,612.85; Jim's Garbage Service, garbage service pickup, \$260.00; Klein's True Value, key rings, paint supplies, bulbs, batteries, \$76.48; Office Products Center, copy machine service contract, \$35.98; Old Pioneer Tool, Pawn & Gun, police ammunition, \$174.93; Petty cash, postage, \$5.94; Rod Vosika, city wide clean-up, \$100.00; Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., utilities, \$3,189.38; Running's Supply Inc., grease gun, trash cans, pool supplies, pump, towels, clevis, gloves, supplies, \$502.58; Spann Construction, city wide clean-up, \$520.00; State of South Dakota-Dept. of Ag, registration fees for 2008-2009 pesticide applicator certification classes, \$240.00; Steve McDowell, clean & wax city hall floor, \$152.20; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler heads, riser extension, \$110.30; US Postal Service, yearly box rent, \$130.00 – Total \$9,301.61

Water

Dept. of Revenue, water testing, \$39.00; Harrison Plumbing & Heating, fittings, pumps, control box, well repairs, \$2,664.75; Health Pool of SD, health ins., \$1,045.14; Jerry's Electric, hook up sand separator @ football field, hookup grinder box, \$370.97; Klein's True Value, PVC pipe, fuses, \$25.25; Northwest Pipe Fittings, transducer, \$410.74; Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., utilities, \$1,453.68; Running's Supply Inc., hose, fittings, \$15.77; Tripp County Water User District, utilities, \$3,000.00; US Postal Service, water billing postage, \$219.78 – Total \$9,245.08

Sewer

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., utilities, \$82.00; Rural Development, \$4,285.00 (automatic pmt) – Total \$4,367.00

Airport Hangar Capitol Project

Helms & Associates, engineering fees, \$2,589.62 – Total \$2,589.62

Grand Total \$25,503.31

5-21-13 Payroll:

BankWest, federal withholding, \$1,236.32; BankWest, FICA, \$1,897.02; BankWest, Medicare, \$443.70; SDRS, retirement, \$1,780.36; Aflac, employee deductions, \$158.26; Office of Child Support Enforcement, employee deduction, \$219.23; City of Gregory, employee deductions (cell phone), \$116.96; Finance Officer, \$1,756.00; Police Dept., \$5,305.03; Street Dept., \$3,743.33; Park, \$371.56; Library, \$1,126.22; Economic Development, \$200.00; Water Dept., \$2,925.30

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn. All members voted aye. Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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