

Gregory City Council Meeting
July 18, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Maurice Schlaht and Kevin Mikkelsen. Absent were Council Members Chad Peck and Blane Bartling. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the agenda as posted with no additions or changes. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the minutes of July 5, 2011 as written. All members voted aye.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HEARING:

Eric Ambrosen from Planning & Development District III gave a short presentation on some of the comprehensive plan that was developed by the Planning Commission members. The plan takes in several factors to plan for the next 20 years growth of the city. It was felt by the Planning Commission members that the plan reflect that the city grow by 2% per year in the next 20 years, giving Gregory a population of 1900. It was felt that growth would take place in the southeast area of town. The area south of the school would have additional houses and also area for commercial development.

1ST READING OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the first reading of the ordinance adopting the comprehensive plan. All members voted aye.

DIANE ALTHOFF/CITY LIBRARIAN:

Head Librarian Diane Althoff met with the council to inform them of some of the steps remaining to get the Gregory Library state accredited. One of the steps is to offer a position on the library board to a member of the city council. The council does not have to have a member on the library board, but they have the right to have a member on the library board. No action was taken by the council to appoint a representative to the library board at this time. Diane reported that there are a few steps remaining to be accredited and once the library is accredited, they would be eligible to apply for different grants that may be available.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

A number of Chamber of Commerce board members met with the city council to discuss the executive director position for the Chamber of Commerce. Doug Pochop was the spokesperson for the group and he gave a short report on the new position. The council was given a proposed budget for the position and also the Chamber of

Commerce total budget. The budget asked for \$29,000 in 3rd cent sales tax from the city. The Chamber board felt that the ideal location for the executive director's office would be City Hall in the northwest corner of the building. The executive director of the chamber would be a chamber employee and not a city employee. After some discussion, motion was made by Council Member Flakus to make available \$15,000 from the 3rd cents sales tax fund to the Chamber of Commerce for the rest of the year. All members voted aye. No decision on the location of the executive director's office was made at this time.

DEPT. HEAD REPORT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the city's skid loader needed some repairs to fix the way the bucket lifts at an estimated cost of \$2,500. Also, the air conditioner on the airport tractor needs repaired and the estimated cost to fix it is \$2,000. Fortuna also reported that they would spray for mosquitos twice a week, weather permitting. It has been a hard year to control mosquitos due to the recent wet weather. He also reported that he had two trees to cut.

STEEL PANEL BIDS:

The council did not receive any bids for the steel panels.

6TH STREET & LOGAN AVENUE PROJECT:

The council passed the resolution authorizing the assessment for the 6th Street and Logan Avenue Project. The city can act on the resolution after August 1, 2011. The city's engineers, SPN & Associates, will have to some engineering work to get the actual specs and bid items prepared. They have suggested a bid opening this fall with construction to start in 2012. The project has to be closed out by December 31, 2012.

WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

The environmental assessment had to be redone because the scope of the project changed. The assessment is done and the project can now move forward. The engineers, SPN & Associates, suggested bidding in 2011 with a completion date of 2012.

GOLF CARTS:

The council discussed the need or lack of need to pass a city ordinance regulating the use of golf carts on city streets. No decision was made at this time.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

American Red Cross, aquatic affiliation fee/pocket masks & lifeguard books	83.00
Apparea, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats	44.37
B & L Communications, install radio, light bar & radar/2011 Dodge Charger	1,550.98
Bob Boes Trucking, 49.0 ton aglime trucking	2,546.00
Buche Foods, cleaning supplies/pool confections.....	732.16
Gregory Building Center, screws/quikcrete mortar mix/concrete crack repair	372.80

Gregory Community Sunshine Club, 264 boxes of flowers planted	800.00
Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance	168.75
Gregory Youth Recreation, pool confections/M&M's	38.00
H & J Sales, knives/hose/blades/parts	397.40
Hawkins Inc., pool container demurrage	15.00
Kellie Stukel, final swim meet league dues/reimbursement	163.75
Light and Siren, light bar/(2) vehicle partition cages	3,110.83
MC & R Pools Inc., chemicals/parts	856.07
Office Products Center, paper/adding tape/cash reg. rolls/legal pads ink cartridges/post-it-notes/fasteners	92.02
Opperman Inc., 10.3 ton crushed concrete	113.30
Petty cash, postage reimbursement	2.36
Plains Printing Co., 10 receipt books	217.95
Rosebud Auto Parts, gloves/star bit set/v-belt/oil filters/bulb/refrigerant u-joint (3 pt mower)/fuse/lamp/switch/o-rings/trucks stop light	343.97
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	3,022.40
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/oil changes/gas/splices/crank straighten	3,501.61
South Dakota Library Network, remote member fees	650.00
Tim Drey, porta pot usage at park	75.00
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, (5) Toro sprinkler heads w/nozzles	97.60
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	280.63

Total \$ 19,575.95

SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:

Commercial Asphalt 46.68 ton patch mix	3,517.36
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Total \$ 3,517.36

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls	6.93
Office Products Center, paper	20.00
Rosebud Auto Parts, batteries/connectors	55.78
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	1,812.83
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	461.53
South Dakota One Call, locate tickets	38.85
Steffen Fencing, fence repair/well field & blue tank	153.00
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	157.22

Total \$ 2,706.14

SEWER FUND:

Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	77.44
Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	46.88
Verizon Wireless, July cell phone service	64.13

Total \$ 188.45

Grand Total \$ 25,987.90

7-6-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	4,717.57
SDRS, retirement.....	1,974.76
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	30.00
Finance Officer	1,708.01
Police Dept	7,306.72
Street Dept.....	3,362.79
Library	843.22
Park	2,889.63
Pool	3,341.25
Water Dept.....	2,467.20
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building	265.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL June 2011:

BankWest, withholdings	1,184.78
Ambulance	4,843.50

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Dan DeSmet, Mayor