

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tues., July 5, 2016

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Jerry Kafka, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg and Valerie Johnson. Council Members absent were Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff, Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Valerie Johnson to add the building permit of Gary Clayton for a porch/dormer and the highway sweeping contract with the State to the agenda as posted, and to approve the agenda with the noted new items, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve as written the council meeting minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

Library: Diane Althoff gave a report on the library 4th of July events and she also reported that the library is installing 3 new desk top computers to replace some older computers.

Public Works: Mark Fortuna reported that the employees had been working hard on getting the town ready for the 4th of July celebration. Mark had talked to Lee Atteberry about crushing some concrete at the lagoon area. Atteberry will not be able to get the concrete crushed for at least a year. Mark also reported that he wants to grind up and relay the asphalt on 4 blocks and blotter seal. He also has some blocks in mind to seal.

Police: Chief of Police Travis DeBuhr reported that although the police department was short-handed during the 4th, things went ok. The county sheriff's department did help out. Travis did ask about the fireworks ordinance. The city's code states that all fireworks will stop at 11:00 p.m. but the State allows fireworks to be shot until midnight. The fireworks code will be looked at and some changes may be made.

Committee Reports

Parks: Valerie Johnson reported that the dedication to the Graesser family for the help with the scoreboard controller went really well. It was held before one of the baseball games.

Public Nuisance: Shana Flakus handed out a list of items that were taken care of and other items that were pending. The next public nuisance committee meeting will be held on July 21st. Carla Warnke expressed an interest in being on the committee and the council agreed to have her join the committee.

Old Business/Governor's House

It was agreed not to act on buying a Governor's house until a new BID director is hired.

New Business/Police Department Hire

Nick Myers will be starting to work in the police department on July 11, 2016. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to start Nick Myers at \$14.00 per hour with a 6 month probation period, since he is not certified, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Police Dept. Resignation

Chris Reinartz resigned as a Gregory Police Officer, effective July 1, 2016.

Police Officer Position Open

Andrew Marshall had interviewed earlier for the open police officer position. He is still interested in working as a Gregory Police Officer. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to offer Marshall the police officer position with a starting wage of \$14.00 per hour with 6 month probation to replace the position held by Reinartz, seconded by Valerie Johnson. All members voted aye.

Law Enforcement Contract with Gregory County

The council discussed entering into a law enforcement contract with Gregory County to help out until the Gregory Police Dept. has a full staff working. Both of the new people to be hired will also need to become certified within a year of being employed and the certification will take 13 weeks. Motion was made by Jerry Kafka and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to contract with the County for \$130 per day, as needed, to provide law enforcement services for the City of Gregory. All members voted aye.

Zoning Change Request

Joe Nguyen had a request to change a portion of the land between the Homesteader and Karl's warehouse building from commercial to residential. Sam Flakus reported that the planning and zoning members could not act on the request until there was a way or process to use to go about making the change or denying it. He suggested that two ordinances be worked on. The two ordinances would be a change of zoning and the other would cover conditional use permits. Sam agreed to research the information and Al Cerny would then put the information into ordinance form for the council to consider.

Building Permits

The planning members did not have all the information they needed to act on Gary Clayton's building permit for a porch/dormer and they recommend that it be tabled. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to table the Clayton building permit request, seconded by Valerie Johnson. All members voted aye. The Dave/Sara Stevicks application for building request for an 8x10 shed was discussed. The boundary pins could not be found but it appears that the shed would not meet the setback requirements but this would not be a problem with visibility or any other concerns. The planning members recommended approval if the \$75 variance fee is paid. Motion was made by Valerie Johnson to approve the shed building permit of Stevicks as long as the variance fee is paid, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Cleanup Agreement

A cleanup agreement for tearing down structures in city limits and taking the material to the City's dump site was reviewed. A \$1,000 deposit along with proof of insurance would be needed. The structure site would have to be cleaned up. A couple of minor changes to the proposed agreement were made. Motion was made by Valerie Johnson to accept the cleanup agreement with the changes being made, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. Roll call vote was all ayes.

Indemnity Agreement

A proposed indemnity agreement, drawn up by the city attorney, was looked at. The agreement would be used between the City and the wrecker service used to haul vehicles off lots or streets that are in violation of city code. The wrecker service would have to be insured. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to accept the agreement, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

“Old Liquor Store” Building Lease

The painting has been completed in the old liquor store building and the carpets have been cleaned. The building is ready to be leased. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to lease the building on the following terms: first 3 months \$200; second 3 months \$300; and thereafter \$400 per mo. The lease would pay for all utilities, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

BID Director

The BID group will be meeting July 11th and they will have some recommendations for the city council to consider about hiring a new BID director.

State Water Plan

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the following resolution to get the city on the State Water Plan to get a few blocks of sewer main replaced, seconded by Val Johnson. All members voted aye.

STATE WATER PLAN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has recently identified the need for Logan Street Wastewater improvements within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory has identified the need to seek additional outside financing to assist in funding the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory requests placement onto the State Water Plan (SWP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory is eligible for placement on the SWP; and

WHEREAS, the submission of the SWP application of the City of Gregory assures and certifies that all SWP program requirements will be fulfilled; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gregory duly authorizes the submission of the SWP application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Gregory be authorized to execute the SWP application for the City of Gregory.

Dated this 5th day of July, 2016.

SIGNED: _____
Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Bathroom Cleaning

Motion was made by Valerie Johnson to hire Beth Raschke to clean the little league bathrooms as needed at a wage of \$13.50 per hour, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

821 Felton/Trees

The council members discussed the planting of some trees at 821 Felton that were planted too close to the street. The tree planting was in violation of the City's tree ordinance. The council members agreed that the trees needed to be re-planted back towards the property line so that the trees would be at least 2' behind the curb.

State Highway Sweeping Contract

Motion was made by Jerry Kafka to enter a contract with the State of South Dakota to sweep Highways 47 and 18 from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The hours would not exceed 15 hours at a cost of \$125.00 per hour, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Claims

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the payment of the following claims, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

Am. Red Cross Health & Safety	Lifeguard Course/13 Lifeguards	455.00
Appera	Mats/Dust Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	61.75
B & L Communications	Repair Police Radio	137.62
Department of Revenue	Water/Wastewater Testing	174.00
Flexible Pipe Tool Company	Sewer Camera with Computer & Software	57,177.00
Frontier Motors	Replace Power Steering Pump/2011 Charger	1,583.50
Golden West	Phone/Internet Service	1,246.41
Gregory Co. Register of Deeds	Quit Claim Deed-BID/City on Messerschmidt property	30.00
Gregory/Dallas Chamber	2nd Quarter Stipend	6,250.00
Gregory Public Library	Computers/Books/Supplies	2,206.29
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Police & Pool Ads	433.30
Harrison Plumbing & Heating	Sand Filter/Park Irrigation	42.50
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	3,417.93
Klein's True Value	Fan/Ext. Cord/Power Strip/Cleaning Supplies/Saw/Fittings	203.73
KWYR AM	Website Advertising	55.00
Office Products Center	Signature Stamp/Copy Machine Service Contract/Paper	120.82
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash	15.73
Rosebud Auto Parts	Floor Jack/Air Filter/Gloves/Power Steering Fluid	295.99
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment/2 Capacitors for Park Lights	5,429.57
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Assoc	Grandview Engineering	1,420.00
Share Corporation	10 Gal Citra Sol Cleaner	816.41
SD Municipal League	Elected Officials Workshop Registration/Pierre 7/20/16	100.00
Tripp County Water User Dist	Water Service	3,000.00
Arlene Fuhrman	Water Deposit Refund	9.60
Dorothy Rohde C/o K. DeSmet	Water Deposit Refund	25.00
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	232.90
Total		\$84,940.05

6-28-2016 Payroll: Mayor/Council, \$4,675.00; P & Z, \$625.00; Finance Officer, \$2,040.00; General Government Bldg., \$244.33; Police Dept., \$4,028.21; Street Dept., \$3,801.46; Water Dept., \$3,068.86; Sewer, \$385.22; Pool, \$3,381.99; Park, \$919.12; Library, \$1,712.80; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$25,081.99; Aflac, \$199.68; SDRS, \$3,523.08; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$75.76; EFTPS, \$5,456.76

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn, seconded by Valerie Johnson. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer