

City of Gregory
Regular Council Meeting
July 6, 2015

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, July 6, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Stacey Boes, Shana Flakus, Tim Mills, Seymour Studenberg and Blane Bartling. (Jerry Kafka was sworn in later as a Council Member). Also present were News Reporter Colleen Flynn, Head Librarian Diane Althoff and City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve, as written, the regular meeting of June 15, 2015 and the special meetings of June 18, 2015 and June 29, 2015, seconded by council member Blane Bartling. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

Bob Wik, representing Wear N' Wares Thrift Store, met with the council to ask about the current lease of the store with the city and about possible repairs to the walls when they move out. The lease is on a month to month basis. The council felt that once they move out, within the next few months, then an inspection would be made of the building to see if anything needs repaired.

Dept. Head Reports

Police: Chief Steve McDowell reported that the 4th of July Celebration went well for the most part. They did open up city hall and the auditorium for people to go to when the storm came up. McDowell also handed out the June police report.

Library: Diane Althoff reported that the library staff was very busy in June with the numerous programs that they had offered and were well attended. She also mentioned the July 14th tent sale fundraiser for the library.

Committee Reports

Shana Flakus will reschedule the public nuisance committee meeting in the near future. The council members thanked the city employees for the prompt cleanup of the city park and streets after the recent wind storm went thru the town.

Old Business

The city council discussed the request from the Wear N' Wares committee for a donation to help purchase a new, larger building for their store. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to donate \$5,000 to the building fund for Wear N' Wares Thrift Store and Food Bank. The motion was seconded by Tim Mills. All council members voted aye.

New Business

There was a vacancy created on the council when Chad Peck moved out of Ward I. Mayor Maurice Schlaht appointed Jerry Kafka to finish out the Ward I term of Chad Peck's. Motion was made by Tim

Mills and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve of the appointment of Jerry Kafka to the Ward I council position. All members voted aye. Jerry Kafka was sworn in as the new council member from Ward I.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the planning commission and sent to the council for their approval: Tim Mills, deck; Alice Miner, fence. No variances were needed in either building permit. Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Shana Flakus to approve the building permits as presented. All members voted aye.

One-Day Special Liquor License

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to grant the Gregory Golf Club a one day liquor license at the Gregory Library for July 21, 2015, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

East Well Field Hay Bids

The following sealed bids were opened for the haying of the East well field land: Nick Reber, \$2,430; Kahler Farms, \$4,020; Gary York, \$4,850, and; Mel Peck, \$4,200. Motion was made by Tim Mills to accept the high bid of Gary York for \$4,850, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

House Removal

The council discussed a recent request for some help in removing a house or maybe two houses along Felton Street that an adjacent owner wanted to buy and clean up the area around his home. The council wanted to check whether or not the rubble could be taken to the county landfill area or if they could be hauled out of town and possibly be burned. The council agreed to table any action on the request until the August 3, 2015 meeting.

Pool Closing/Renting

The council received a request to close or rent the pool for a certain time on July 25, 2015 because of a wedding taking place in the park. After some discussion, a motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to open the pool an hour earlier on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at noon and to close the pool at 3:00 p.m., and then charge a \$100 fee to rent the pool from 3:00 p.m. until the normal closing hours of the pool. Motion was seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye, with Blane Bartling not voting.

Lease of Airport Lots

The council agreed to hold a hearing on August 3, 2015 for the possible leasing of some airport industrial lots.

School Contract/Auditorium

Tim Mills will be meeting with members of the school board to discuss revising the present contract for the joint operations of the auditorium, which was dated 1975. The council looked at the 1975 contract and noted some items that were being handled differently than what the contract had stated.

Logan Street

The council discussed the issue of a tree adjacent to Pat Mattson's house along Logan Street that is currently in the construction zone and is scheduled to be removed once Logan Street is extended onto First Street as part of the phase I portion of Grandview Addition project. The owner does not want the tree removed and asked if the street could be moved over to the East to avoid the tree. The council looked at three possible changes to the plans. The city's engineer's recommendation was to proceed as

originally drawn up for a couple of reasons. After some discussion, the council members agreed to proceed with the original plans.

Amendment to SPN Engineering Contract

SPN has made an amendment to their original contract for engineering on the Grandview Project. The total cost will remain the same but some of the areas of cost will change. Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve the amendment to the engineering contract. All members voted aye.

Information

Mayor Schlaht has talked to a few contractors who will be working on the Grandview project and they have agreed to look at the downtown sidewalks and give their recommendations and an estimated cost for the work.

Claims

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to pay the following claims, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	98.63
B & L Communications	Repair Light Bar 2011 Charger	65.00
Burke Oil Company	2643 Gal Airport Fuel	11,074.17
Department of Revenue	Water Testing	127.00
Golden West	July Phone Service	1,121.25
Gregory Building Center	Pool Door Lock/Dug Out Lumber/Screws/Sandbags/Lumber	187.61
Gregory Comm Sunshine Club	Planting Flowers/Park	800.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	934.62
Hawkins Inc	Reagents/Azone/Sign/Chlorine/Hydrofluosilicic Acid	2,116.96
HD Supply Waterworks Ltd	Sewer Pipe/Couplings	213.78
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,449.93
Hillyard/Sioux Falls	Floor Scrubber /Half Cost With School	6,000.00
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	260.00
Kevin Rayman	Tree Stump Grinding	145.80
Klein's True Value	Toilet Paper/Wax/Keys/Phone/UPS/Broom/Deodorizer/Bait	206.50
KWYR AM	Website Advertising	55.00
MC & R Pools Inc	Pool Fitting	37.43
Michael Todd & Company	2 Gutter Brooms/Deflector/Runner	458.12
Mulehead Gravel	91.4 Tons Of Gravel	1,241.40
Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc	Water Parts	207.54
Office Products Center	Copy Machine Service Contract/Stapler/Dispenser	76.09
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement/Car Wash/Dog Food	38.28
Best Western Ramkota Hotel	Lodging/HR & Finance Officer School/Al Cerny	287.97
Rosebud Auto Parts	D-Earth Powder/Filters/Bearings/Cord/Flasher/Tape/Gloves	473.09
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	5,235.81
Sensus USA	Repair Handheld Meter Reader	455.86
Spencer Quarries	16.61 Ton Hot Mix	1,245.75
Tri-State Turf & Irrigation	6 Toro Sprinkler Heads/Manifold Cross/Tees	155.54

Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
Uritox Medical	Drug Testing Supplies	148.00
Wear N' Wares	Donation/Building Fund	5,000.00
Wilson Heating & Cooling	Change Auditorium Filters/6 Cases of Filters	643.68
Total		\$47,560.81

6-16-2015 Payroll:

Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$4,141.00; Street Dept., \$3,413.06; Water Dept., \$2,540.00; Sewer, \$340.00; Airport, \$262.50; Pool, \$3,246.21; Park, \$1,292.00; Library, \$1,747.76; Total Gross Amt, \$18,963.33; Child Support, \$219.23; EFTPS, \$4,485.74

6-30-2015 Payroll:

Mayor/Council, \$7,400.00; Finance Officer, \$1,980.80; Police Dept., \$5,000.25; Street Dept., \$4,563.70; Water Dept., \$3,005.98; Sewer, \$394.61; Airport, \$300.00; Pool, \$4,545.08; Park, \$1,355.75; Library, \$1,540.69; Economic Dev., \$200.00; Total Gross Amt, \$30,286.86; Aflac, \$445.59; SDRS, \$5,565.10; Child Support, \$219.23; City of Gregory, \$56.19; EFTPS, \$6,747.18

Adjourn

Motion was made by Tim Mills and seconded by Stacey Boes to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer