

Gregory City Council Meeting
August 15, 2011

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Mon., Aug. 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Dan DeSmet; Council Members, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus, Maurice Schlaht and Blane Bartling. Absent were Council Members Chad Peck and Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The agenda additions included a report by the library board and discussion on replacing a rear door at the thrift store (old liquor store building). Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve the agenda with the noted additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the minutes of August 1, 2011 as written. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

LIBRARY:

Head Librarian Diane Althoff met with the council, along with the some members of the library board. The following three requests were made: mention library board members in the minutes along with their term limits; mention the bylaws for the library in the council minutes, and; have council members visit with state assistant librarian who will be in Gregory on Sept. 7, 2011. Motion was made by Council Member Flakus to approve the following library board members, officers and term limits. All members voted aye.

The Board of Trustees of the Gregory Public Library have been assigned term limits as follows:

Cheryl Smutny, term expires 12/31/11
Pat Mattson, term expires 12/31/12
Bonnie Johnson, term expires 12/31/12
Kathy Kayl, term expires 12/31/13
Joan Bloom, term expires 12/31/13

The library board elected Kathy Kayl as president, Cheryl Smutny as vice president and Bonnie Johnson as treasurer to serve for the rest of the year 2011. Kristi Roeder was recognized and thanked for her years of service as she relinquishes her role as a trustee and president of the board.

The city council reviewed and accepted the bylaws for the library board. The council also agreed to change the meeting date of the next council meeting to Wednesday, September 7, 2011 and to have the state assistant librarian on the agenda.

STREET DEPT:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the city street department will start chip sealing some city streets this week. Fortuna also reported that he had lost all the summer help, but was going to keep one person on for a few more weeks. This person was working on a government work program and the program is set to close on August 17, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The council members discussed some concerns with some buildings in Gregory. A house at 301 Rosebud Avenue is vacant and the front door has just a screen door; a doublewide mobile home at 112 E 10th Street needs to be repaired or torn down. The owner of the mobile home has agreed that it needs to be removed. The council also discussed the condition of the old high school building and there were concerns that there was mold and water damage. Finance Officer Al Cerny was asked to send a letter to the owner asking for permission to have the city's health inspector look at the inside of the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

TEMPORARY ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE:

A public hearing was held to consider a temporary liquor license for the Gregory Golf Course to serve for a wedding dance at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on Sept. 10, 2011. Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve of the one day liquor license for the Gregory Golf Course on September 10, 2011 at the Gregory Auditorium. All members voted aye.

WEAR 'N WARES BUILDING:

The council reviewed a quote from Weathercraft to replace the gutter on the rear of the city building used by Wear 'N Wares in the amount of \$1,183.00. The council also discussed replacing the rear metal door. An estimated figure of \$3,000 was given to replace the door. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to accept the gutter quote and replace the door if the cost is approximately \$3,000. All members voted aye.

SURPLUS PISTOLS:

The council tabled any action on declaring the two police department pistols as surplus until an estimate of their value can be determined.

CITY HALL REMODEL:

The council discussed making two rooms out of the room that will be used by the Chamber of Commerce Director. The extra room would be used by the police dept., probation officers, social services, etc. when there is need. The council agreed to get some quotes to remodel the room.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The city council agreed to hold the next council meeting on Wed., Sept 7, 2011 because of the Labor Day holiday that falls on the regular Mon., Sept. 5, 2011 date.

2012 BUDGET:

The council members reviewed the proposed 2012 Budget. They discussed the pool rates. It was agreed to raise the pool rates by the following for the 2012 season: Single Season Pass, \$50; Family Season Pass, \$100 (additional \$10.00 per individual for over 5 members), and; Daily Rates: 12 & Older, \$3.00; 11 & Under, \$2.00. Swimming lessons will not be included in a season. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve the new pool swimming rates for the 2012 season. All members voted aye. The budget will be put in ordinance form and have its first reading on Sept. 7, 2011.

TREE DUMP:

The council discussed charging a fee to use the tree dump but agreed not to charge a fee at this time. They agreed that some hours of operation of the tree dump could be cut when the weather gets bad in the winter time.

CLAIMS:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats	44.37
Arnold Pool Company, reagent #1 tabs	24.88
B & F Variety, binder/memory card/dvd cases/dvd-r/(2) floral pots (Buttes)	71.97
Buche Foods, pool confections/cleaning supplies	660.60
Civil Air Patrol Magazine, column inch airport ad	95.00
Claude Harrison, removal of 3 trees	1,200.00
Gregory American Legion, city hall flag	20.00
Gregory Building Center, (2) 18V Dewalt impact drivers/screws/utility blades	246.18
Gregory County Hwy Dept, road maintenance	93.75
H & J Sales, blades/knives/bolts/Grasshopper belt/oil mix	181.50
Johnson Pochop Law Office, attorney legal fees	693.09
K's Sports, 2011 Dodge Charger decals	302.25
Mike Steffen Construction, remove & replace window at city hall.....	208.00
Petty cash, postage reimbursement/car wash	11.84
Pine Valley Eco Products, brom 7.5 herbicide (2 gal)	354.43
Pomps Tire Service Inc., (2) tires for '86 IHC	770.52
Rosebud Farmers Union, diesel fuel/grease/gas/filter/engine oil	1,409.45
Spann Construction Services, backhoe rental	175.00
Traffic Control Corporation, warning light flasher cube	74.28
Verizon Wireless, August cell phone service	270.69
Wm. Krotter Co., star bits/fasteners/lumber/field marker/sealant/mortar	150.36
Total \$	7,058.16

WATER FUND:

Appeara, coveralls.....	6.93
HD Supply Waterworks LTD, (10) radio read transmitters.....	1,165.02
Petty cash, postage reimbursement.....	.58

Rosebud Farmers Union, gas	191.66
Verizon Wireless, August cell phone service	170.67
Total \$	1,534.86
SEWER FUND:	
Verizon Wireless, August cell phone service	64.34
Total \$	64.34
WATER DEPOSIT:	
Jeff Martin, refund of water deposit	20.00
Total \$	20.00
Grand Total \$	8,677.36

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 7/30-31/11; 1 hr overtime
Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty 8/6-7/11 & 8/13-14/11

8-3-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,851.84
SDRS, retirement.....	1,566.54
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, water/sewer payment	42.00
Finance Officer	1,708.01
Police Dept	4,337.79
Street Dept.....	3,440.49
Library	918.81
Park	1,382.38
Pool	3,471.64
Water Dept.....	2,567.20
Economic Development.....	200.00
General Government Building	265.00

AMBULANCE PAYROLL July 2011:

BankWest, withholdings	1,176.91
Ambulance	4,616.00

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Dan DeSmet, Mayor