

City of Gregory  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 3, 2015

The Gregory City Council met at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, August 3, 2015 at the time of 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members: Tim Mills, Jerry Kafka, Seymour Studenberg, Blane Bartling and Stacey Boes. Council Member absent was Shana Flakus. Also present were Finance Officer Al Cerny and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Stacey Boes to add unsafe trees to old business and add fireworks display to regular business (item g) and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Blane Bartling and seconded by Stacey Boes to approve as written the minutes from the regular council meeting of July 20, 2015. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum

Jeff McCormick, SPN Engineer, met with the council members to provide an update on the progress made with the Grandview Addition project. An additional 350' of sewer main pipe was found, which shortens the footage needed to install a portion of the sewer main. The area is taking shape and the street and some of the lots are becoming visible. The utilities going to Lot B should be in within a week or so and the electrical work will need to be scheduled.

#### Department Head Report

Chief of Police Steve McDowell presented the council with the July police report which showed the activity for the month.

#### Old Business

The people wanting to buy and then remove a house along Felton Avenue have run into some issues so the house removal is on hold for the time being. Once the issues get resolved, the council will review what the City can do to help with the removal.

Seymour Studenberg inquired about the removal of a dead tree along 6<sup>th</sup> Street that is adjacent to the Congregational Church parsonage. The tree is dead and could fall in a strong wind. The city street dept. is aware of the tree and it is on their list to be cut down this fall.

#### Airport Bids

The city received two bids for the apron expansion/fuel update project at the Gregory Airport. Anderson Contractors bid \$645,000 and Vanderpol Dragline Inc. bid \$542,000. Both bids came in at over the estimate for the project but the State may be able to find the extra funds needed for the project. Motion was made by Blane Bartling to award the project to the low bidder of Vanderpol Dragline under the conditions that funding is available for the project and the State gives their approval for the bid, seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye.

#### Hearing on Leasing of Lots in Industrial Park Addition

The city council held a hearing on leasing Lots 5-6-7 of the Industrial Park Addition to the City of Gregory. Interstate Commodities was interested in leasing the lots again for use as a temporary place to store extra grain. Dan Baxa and Les Jeffords from Interstate Commodities and Laura Peterson from Rancher's Welding were in attendance at the hearing. There was discussion on cleanup of the lots when the grain is removed and possible fines or penalties if the lots are not cleaned up by a certain time. After some more discussion, motion was made by Tim Mills to draw up a lease for 20 months for the use of the lots by Interstate Commodities subject to various cleanup rules, possible penalties and for a total cost of \$10,000 for the 20 month period. The motion was seconded by Stacey Boes. All members voted aye. The lease will be drawn up and then final approval will have to be made by both parties.

#### One Day Liquor License

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Jerry Kafka to approve a one day liquor license for the Gregory Avera Hospital to be used at the Gregory Auditorium on August 15, 2015 for a fundraising event. All members voted aye.

#### Building Permits

Motion was made by Stacey Boes and seconded by Tim Mills to approve a building permit for Richard Weller for a utility shed on skids. All members voted aye.

The building permit for Brandy Weidner was tabled until the variance permit is presented.

#### City Hall Cleaning Position

Machelle Seeley has submitted her resignation from cleaning the City Hall building. She has been cleaning the building for 23 years. There is some interest in the position but it was agreed to advertise for the position and make the position an employee type position. A job ad will be put in the Gregory paper.

#### Fireworks

The people promoting the relay for life would like to have some fireworks shot off to signify the start of the relay, which will be held in the city park on September 12, 2015. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to allow the fireworks to be shot off, seconded by Jerry Kafka. All members voted aye. After the motion was made, the council agreed that if the weather conditions were too dry, the fireworks would not be fired off.

#### Budget 2016

The council received a preliminary copy of the 2016 budget for the city. The budget is balanced but there is little available for new equipment or vehicles. The council will review the proposed budget and then at the August 17 council meeting, make any final adjustments to have the budget in ordinance form for the first meeting in September.

#### Removal of Old Telephone Building

The council was asked if they would pay for a portion of the bill since the owner thought that some people representing the city had said the city would "help out". There was some misunderstanding in that the City would help part of the removal process by providing a place to put the building and offer to remove at the stated city rates but no monetary reimbursement would be made. The council took no action on the claim.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay the claims as presented, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Dust Mop	95.74
Department of Revenue	Water Testing	176.00
Gregory Athletic Club	Athletic Calendar	10.00
Gregory Building Center	Treated Lumber	136.80
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies/Prof Fees	236.44
Gregory School District	Share Cost of Refinishing Aud Floor	1,325.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Swimming Lessons Ad/Inv For Bids	663.44
Hawkins Inc	Azone for Pool	277.50
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,449.93
Jana Winters	2015 Swimming Lessons	1,022.00
Klein's True Value	Toilet Paper/Towels/Soap/Keys/Fittings/UPS Shipping	367.76
KWYR AM	Website Advertising	55.00
Northern Plains LLC	Payment #1/Grandview Project	213,987.75
Office Products Center	Copy Service Contract	35.00
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	15.81
The Radar Shop	Radar Certification	176.00
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc	Electric Payment	5,587.33
Shana Flakus	Mileage Reimb-Pierre/Elected Officials Workshop	138.00
Tee-Riffic Creations	Work T-Shirts	208.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publish	SD Criminal & Motor Vehicle Law Book 2015	124.50
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
Van Diest Supply Company	5 Gal Mosquito Spray	485.00
Total		\$233,792.00

Adjourn

Motion was made by Blane Bartling to adjourn, seconded by Tim Mills. All members voted aye.

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Maurice Schlaht, Mayor

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