

Gregory City Council Meeting
September 17, 2012

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Maurice Schlaht; Council Members, Chad Peck, Blane Bartling, Tim Mills, Shana Flakus and Seymour Studenberg. Absent was Council Member Kevin Mikkelsen. Others present were Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna, Finance Officer Al Cerny, Librarian Diane Althoff and News Reporter Colleen Flynn.

AGENDA:

The following items were added to the agenda: October Domestic Violence Awareness Resolution and Brad Christensen/Gregory Fire Dept. Motion was made by Council Member Studenberg to approve the agenda as posted with the two additions. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to approve, as written, the council minutes of September 4, 2012. All members voted aye.

PUBLIC FORUM:

WADE JURACEK/BALL PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Wade Juracek met with the council and discussed some ball park improvements that a group of people would like to see done. Among the improvements are: install a canopy over the home plate bleachers; move the crow's nest behind the playing field fence, and; change the fencing down the baselines. The cost for the improvements is roughly estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

ADAM HOUESHELL/GREGORY-DALLAS CHAMBER:

Chamber Director Adam Houdeshell gave the council a financial and activities report on the chamber to the council.

DIANE ALTHOFF/GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Head Librarian Diane Althoff met with the council and informed them that there will be an open house at the library on Monday, October 1, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with the open house, the council agreed to hold their October 1, 2012 regular council meeting at the library.

BRAD CHRISTENSEN/GREGORY FIRE DEPT:

Brad Christensen asked the council to allow the Gregory Volunteer Fire Dept. to sign an agreement with the SD Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Wildland Fire Suppression to fight fires on state owned areas of the state if need be. Motion was made by Council Member Bartling to give permission to the Gregory Volunteer Fire Dept. to sign a new cooperative fire agreement with the SD Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Wildland Fire Suppression. All members voted aye.

DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna gave a short report on the public works department activities. The seed work for 6th Street is done.

Police Officer Steve McDowell reported that the town had two businesses report break-ins early morning Monday morning, Sept. 17. The police dept., along with the state, is investigating the break-ins. The police dept. is charging a fee to people who are on the 24/7 Sobriety Program. The department is receiving approximately \$130 per week. There was discussion on the status of the video cameras that were supposed to be up and working in the city.

NEW BUSINESS:

BID OPENING/AIRPORT AND LAGOON LAND LEASE:

The city council opened the following bids for a five year lease for 182 acres lagoon and 102 acres airport tracts of land:

Airport: Justin Vosika, \$60.00 per acre; Gary York, \$75.50 per acre

Lagoon: Gary York, \$90.00 per acre; Lee Lubbers, \$88.75 per acre

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to accept the Lee Lubbers bid of \$88.75 per aces for the lagoon land lease. All members vote aye. Motion was made by Council Member Peck to accept the Justin Vosika bid of \$60.00 per acre for the airport land lease bid. All members voted aye.

2ND READING OF 2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to approve the second reading of the 2013 Budget Ordinance No. 2012-229. All members voted aye.

OPPERMAN/SHAVLIK LEASE:

Motion was made by Council Member Peck to charge \$60.00 per acre for all industrial park leases which would include the Opperman/Shavlik lease. All members voted aye.

CODIFICATION OF CITY ORDINANCES:

The city received a quote of \$600-\$800 to re-codify the city ordinances. After some discussion, it was agreed to wait with the re-codification until some other issues that may require ordinance changes are taken care of. Among the other issues are: storage building units; cross-turns on Main Street; overhang on buildings; age of mobile homes and changes to the public nuisance code.

SONGER MOBILE HOME:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to table any action on the Songer mobile home until the October 1, 2012 council meeting. It was agreed to do an inspection of the trailer house on September 25, 2012.

CROSSWALK ON HWY 47:

The council members reviewed an email received from the SD Dept. of Transportation in regard to the steps needed to get a crosswalk placed on Highway 47

going to the hospital. The council agreed to go ahead and ask the state to do a study on the number of people crossing Highway 47 to the hospital.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The city council reviewed the August financial report. The sales tax revenue received was approximately \$2,000 less than last year at this time. The general fund showed more revenue received overall than expenses for August 2012.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS:

Council Member Flakus mentioned that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and asked if the city council would support a resolution promoting the Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The members agreed to support such a resolution.

CLAIMS:

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

General

Ace's Backhoe Service, remove trees, \$195.00; Appeara, utilities, \$28.14; Arnold Pool Company, supplies, \$51.24; B & F Variety, supplies, \$22.69; Barco Municipal Products, stop signs & posts, \$842.58; Bartling Welding & Machine, supplies, \$3.74; Buche Foods, pool confections, \$202.36; Creative Product Source Inc., drug testing kits, \$72.67; Department of Revenue, pool sales tax, \$419.30; Golden West, utilities, \$786.36; Gregory Ambulance, reimburse payment of service, \$752.19; Gregory Animal Clinic, PC, prof. fees, \$55.00; Gregory County Hwy Dept., road maintenance, \$21.25; Gregory School District, ½ cost aud. repairs, \$35.00; Gregory Swim Team, league fees reimbursement, \$226.25; H & J Sales, repair & maintenance, \$33.50; Harrison Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$256.95; Jim's Garbage Service, utilities, \$244.00; M & J Auto Inc., cell phone, \$249.99; Mulehead Gravel LLC, gravel/trucking, \$777.90; Petty cash, postage, \$7.00; Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$206.64; Santa Claude's Tree Service, tree removal, \$350.00; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$313.52; Wm. Krotter Co., field marker, \$24.59 – Total, \$6,177.86

Airport Hangar Capitol Project

Helms & Associates, engineering fees, \$6,937.20 – Total, \$6,937.20

Water

Ace's Backhoe Service, install meter pit, supplies, \$373.12; Appeara, utilities, \$4.61; Bartling Welding & Machine, prof. fees, \$10.00; Golden West, utilities, \$43.55; Hach Company, supplies, \$84.24; Harrison Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$77.85; HD Supply Waterworks Ltd., meters, \$2,188.03; Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$7.36; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$159.08 – Total, \$2,947.84

Sewer

Rosebud Auto Parts, supplies, \$19.42; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$66.03 – Total, \$85.45

Grand Total - \$16,148.35

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Michael Jacobsen, weekend water duty, 9/8-9/12

Jack Wenger, .5 hr overtime

9-12-12 PAYROLL:

BankWest, federal withholding, \$1,097.06; BankWest, FICA , \$1,411.20; BankWest, Medicare, \$393.52; SDRS, retirement, \$1,605.50; Aflac, employee deductions, \$158.26; Office of Child Support Enforcement, employee deduction, \$219.23; City of Gregory, employee deductions (wa/sw), \$67.00; City of Gregory, employee deductions (cell phone), \$76.36; Finance Officer, \$1,728.00; General Government Building, \$275.00; Police Dept. , \$4,599.07; Street Dept., \$3,599.27; Library, \$789.37; Economic Development, \$200.00; Water Dept., \$2,507.20; BankWest, \$966.68, federal withholding; BankWest, \$759.22, FICA; BankWest, \$211.68, medicare; Ambulance, \$7300.23

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Maurice Schlaht, Mayor