

Gregory City Council Meeting
September 7, 2011

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

AGENDA:

The following items were brought up for consideration to be added to the agenda: "town cleanup" under committee reports; memorandum of understanding with Avera Gregory Hospital and; Gregory Elevator use of airport ground. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the agenda as posted with the added items. All members voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to approve, as written, the regular minutes of August 15, 2011. All members voted aye.

LIBRARY:

Diane Althoff and Diana Boseman, State Assistant Librarian, met with the council to discuss the Gregory Library. Diana Boseman gave a presentation to the council. She indicated that the library looks good and that it is getting close to becoming accredited. She mentioned getting wireless at the library should be a priority. The council agreed to pay for wireless coverage for the library. Boseman also touched on some of the sites that are available online that can really make available all kinds of information from the state and local libraries.

DEPT HEAD REPORT:

Police Officer Shawn Claussen met with the council. He reported that things are okay with the police department. The Mayor asked about some heavy use of the cell phone by police officers, as to whether the calls were public or private.

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna reported that the street department is patching some potholes using some rubberized asphalt which is hard to work with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor DeSmet and Council Members Bartling and Schlaht reported that they had drove through a small portion of town and wrote down four pages of items that need attention. The items included lawns that need mowing, buildings that need torn down and vehicles that need to be moved. There was mention of hiring a code enforcement officer. No action was taken on hiring one. The list was given to Finance Officer Al Cerny, who will work with the other city departments to enforce the city ordinances that may be violated.

BUDGET 2012 ORDINANCE:

Ordinance No. 2011-224 was placed on its first reading. The ordinance is the 2012 Budget for Gregory. Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2011-224.

SURPLUS/POLICE DEPT PISTOLS:

The council tabled declaring the city police department pistols until the police department knows what has to be done in selling the pistols.

QUOTES/REMODEL CITY HALL ROOM:

The council received two quotes for remodeling the former food pantry room into a Chamber of Commerce office. Mark's Home Repair quoted \$2,856.00 and Warren Carpentry & Painting quoted \$4,095.00. Motion was made Council Member Peck to accept the low quote from Mark's Home Repair for \$2,856.00. All members voted aye.

WINDSHIELD CLAIM:

The police department cracked a windshield while unlocking a car. The cost to replace the windshield is \$225.00. After some discussion, motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to pay for the windshield. All members voted aye. It was agreed that the city attorney will be asked to write up a waiver/disclaimer notice that will have to be signed before the police department will unlock any vehicles.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The city council members agreed to take \$15,000 from the city's 3rd cent sales tax fund and give it to the Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Commerce to help fund their operation.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

The city council members reviewed an agreement with Avera Gregory Hospital that would allow the hospital use of the city auditorium in event of a disaster where more space would be needed for treatment of patients. The council agreed to sign the agreement.

GREGORY ELEVATOR:

The Gregory Elevator would like to use a portion of the airport land for excess grain storage. The council agreed to let the Gregory Elevator use the land if they clean the lot up in a timely manner.

FIRE HALL GUTTERS:

The fire hall gutters did not get replaced when a lot of the hail damage work on the city's buildings was bid out. The council agreed to re-bid the replacement of the fire hall gutters.

STEEL ROLLER:

Public Works Supt. Mark Fortuna informed the council that SD Federal Surplus Property has a steel faced roller for sale. He asked the council if he could purchase it if the town that has the roller on hold does not purchase it. Motion was made by Council Member Schlaht to purchase the steel roller and give up to \$4,500 for the purchase price. All members voted aye.

TRUCK ROUTES:

There was a short discussion on city truck routes in the city limits. There have been a few trucks parking on the streets and some that are loaded using the city streets.

CLAIMS:

Motion was made by Council Member Mills to pay the claims as presented and to include the \$15,000 for the Chamber of Commerce. All members voted aye.

GENERAL FUND:

Anshutz Company, city portion/bathroom at Little League Field	5,000.00
Appeara, towels/coveralls/hand cleaner/mats	68.51
B & F Variety, sharpies/binders/folder	16.87
Bartling Welding & Machine, bi-directional tractor repairs	156.11
Burke Oil Company, 2581 gal av gas	12,517.85
Dakota Auto Care, repair seat belt/2006 Dodge Charger	205.55
Department of Revenue, pool water testing.....	96.00
Golden West, September phone service	773.35
Gregory Animal Clinic PC, animal control	135.00
Gregory County Hwy Dept, road maintenance	56.25
Gregory Times Advocate, council publishing.....	331.12
Harrison Plumbing & Heating, filter cartridge/relay/capacitor/washers/lever repair a/c @ Senior Meals	213.12
Hawkins Inc., chlorine cylinder demurrage	30.00
Health Pool of SD, September health insurance	2,547.90
Jeff's Gregory Body Shop, wrecker service/tow car to city storage	79.50
Jim's Garbage Service, garbage pickup service.....	210.00
Johnson Implement Inc., skid loader oil filter.....	47.39
Klein's True Value, batteries/light bulbs.....	8.48
Mulehead Gravel, 27 ton gravel	372.00
Office Products Center, ink cartridges/binders/toner/copy machine service contract	249.91
Opperman Inc., sand/crushed concrete/gravel.....	3,777.45
Pine Valley Eco Products, 1 gal Brom 7.5 herbicide	183.57
Rosebud Auto Parts, drill bit/swivel/couplers/bolts & washers/grasshopper v-belts	274.84
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., (2) 1500W ball field lights.....	797.68
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity	3,086.71
Runnings Supply Inc., antifreeze/electrical wire/connectors/hole saw/cap/sealant gloves/shovel/fittings/clevis hook/chain/hardware/spark plugs/keys/tubing	216.79
Schoenfish & Co. Inc., 2009-2010 financial audit	9,000.00
Scott Supply Co., bushings & pins.....	155.62
SD Municipal League, SDML Conference registration/Oct. 4-7, Sioux Falls	100.00
SD Public Assurance Alliance, library coverage/additional contents value	347.00
Share Corporation, 5 gal citra-sol	430.67
Veurink Insurance Agency, fire dept liability/property insurance	4,110.00
Wilson Heating & Cooling, a/c repairs at auditorium/replace compressor	2,055.99
Total \$	47,651.23

3RD CENT SALES TAX:

Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Commerce, city funding.....	15,000.00
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	Total \$	15,000.00
SPECIAL STREET ASSESSMENT FUND:		
Jebro Inc., 25.31 ton MC3000 medium curing cutback asphalt		15,261.93
Opperman Inc., trucking rock chips		1,771.80
Spencer Quarries Inc., 147.65 ton rock chips for seal coating		1,343.62
	Total \$	18,377.35
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT 2010:		
American Fence Company, 4 th /final payment/airport wildlife fence.....		18,182.25
Helms & Associates, airport wildlife fence engineering		1,144.38
	Total \$	19,326.63
WATER FUND:		
Ace's Backhoe Service, water leak repairs/park (west of ball diamond) .		282.59
Appeara, coveralls.....		15.11
Claude Harrison, labor to put new metal roof on Sattler well field bldg .		200.00
Dakota Auto Care, oil change/2011 Ford F250.....		54.86
Department of Revenue, water testing		49.00
Golden West, September phone service		41.77
Health Pool of SD, September health insurance		1,019.16
Rosebud Auto Parts, strippers		24.69
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity		2,039.13
Runnings Supply Inc., batteries/torx key set/dehumidifier/tubing/ball mount		199.53
Tripp County Water User District, September water service		3,000.00
US Postal Service, water billing postage.....		206.77
	Total \$	7,132.61
SEWER FUND:		
Rosebud Electric Cooperative Inc., electricity		61.70
Rural Development, September payment/Phase I.....		4,285.00
	Total \$	4,346.70
BUILDING DEPOSIT:		
Klein's True Value, refund building deposit.....		15.00
	Total \$	15.00
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:		
Gregory Bleacher Fund, community foundation grant pass thru.....		500.00

Gregory Cinema, community foundation grant pass thru.....	400.00
Oscar Micheaux Film & Book Festival, community foundation grant pass thru	500.00
Total \$	1,400.00
Grand Total \$	113,249.52

PAYROLL OVERTIME APPROVED:

Mark Fortuna, weekend water duty 8/20-21/11
 Jack Wenger, weekend water duty 8/27-28/11 & 9/3-4-5/11; 2.5 hrs overtime

8-17-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	3,565.46
SDRS, retirement.....	1,581.66
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
City of Gregory, extra cell phone charges.....	44.94
Finance Officer	1,708.00
Police Dept	4,473.15
Street Dept.....	3,406.07
Library	840.95
Park	946.75
Pool	2,571.44
Water Dept.....	2,857.21
Economic Development.....	200.00

8-31-11 PAYROLL:

BankWest, withholdings	2,760.24
SDRS, retirement.....	1,526.14
Aflac, insurance.....	158.26
Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support payment	219.23
Finance Officer	1,708.00
Police Dept	4,238.63
Street Dept.....	3,336.16
Library	814.70
Park	61.63
Pool	539.26
Water Dept.....	2,467.20

AMBULANCE PAYROLL August 2011:

BankWest, withholdings	1,170.78
Ambulance	4,545.15

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Mikkelsen to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 8:40 p.m. At 8:44 p.m., Mayor DeSmet took the council out of executive session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Dan DeSmet, Mayor