

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
01/16/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, January 16, 2023 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council Members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, Cory Graber and Guyla Husman. Also present were City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Police Chief Doug Catts, Officer Jeremy Atkins, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, and G.E.D Member Dr. Joseph Hull.

**Agenda**

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the agenda with the addition of change order #3 from the First and Logan Project. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the minutes from the 01/02/23 meeting, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**No Public Forum**

**Dept. Head Reports**

Police Chief Doug Catts presented Officer Jeremy Atkins as it was his first day on the job.

**Committee Reports**

Mayor Al Cerny reported that Finance Officer Hamilton and himself met with Ciavarella Architects and they are ready to go to bid on the city shop rebuild. The project will go out to bid on January 25<sup>th</sup> and will be due and opened on February 13<sup>th</sup> and awarded at the February 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Also Mayor Cerny stated that we had asked Ciavarella for a design concept with building a new city hall on the East side of the current building.

**No Conflict of Interest**

**New Business**

*Main St. Revitalize*

Dr. Joseph Hull was in to inform the council that the grant that Rachelle Bloom had submitted to pay for the Main Street revitalize study from Ciavarella Design had not been awarded. Dr. Hull stated that even though the grant was not awarded the GED would not like to see the idea die, with all the hard work that has already been put into the project. Mayor Cerny spoke that he believes this is a good investment into our Main St., with all the investments we have made into Grandview. The cost of the study would be roughly \$25,000. Mayor also reported that Ciavarella will be sending some concepts of what will be provided. It was decided that after the council will act at the next council meeting.

*G.E.D Director Salary*

Mayor Cerny stated that Rachelle Bloom was originally hired on a 6-month basis. Cerny stated that Rachelle has been doing a remarkable job and encouraged the council to continue to fund the GED Executive Director. Mayor stated that we have budgeted \$20,000 for this salary for the 2023 year, and after visiting with Rachelle and hourly position was decided at \$21/per hr., not to exceed \$20,000 per

year and 30 hrs. per week. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Asley Lozano, to approve the position and salary as stated. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

*District III Delegate and 2023 Membership*

Mayor Cerny reported that our 2023 membership is due and will be paid in the claims. Mayor also asked council for a nomination for a delegate. No council wanted to be the delegate; Mayor Cerny will be our District III delegate for 2023.

*Resolution 2023-01 Contingency Fund Move*

Mayor Cerny presented Resolution 2023-01, a resolution to move \$10,080 from the contingency fund to Economic Development. This is due to an error on the USDA Economic development loans. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

*Ordinance 2023-01 Budget Resolution*

Mayor Cerny presented Ordinance 2023-01, an ordinance to supplement the economic development \$11,500 for the 2022 calendar year. Motion was made Guyla Husman, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve Ordinance 2023-01. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

*Bachman Plat Approval*

Mayor Cerny presented a re-plat from Theresa Bachman. Mayor explained to the council that this is brought to our attention, due to it being within 3 miles of city limits. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve the plat of Lot 2A of the Bachman First Subdivision. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

*New Plow Truck*

Finance Officer Hamilton presented that he has been looking for a snowplow truck for years now. With the rise in the cost of used equipment, he asked the council to approve putting out to bid to purchase a new truck all set up with what our needs would be. Hamilton believes it would be in the \$175,000 to \$225,000 area. The council was ok with asking for bids.

*Change Order #3 SPN*

Mayor Cerny presented change order #3 from SPN our city engineers on the First and Logan project. The mayor explained that this change order is a savings of \$64,925 to the total project cost. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve change order #3. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Claims**

APPEARA	195.59
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	153.36
CIAVARELLA DESIGN INC	34408.75
CORE & MAIN LP	138.20
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	385.00
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	2241.35
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE	1500.00

EFTPS	1081.52
GALLS LLC	593.99
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	835.16
GREGORY COMMUNITY PLAYERS	1000.00
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	930.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	8137.50
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	338.00
HARRY K NAPA	474.23
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	400.00
J.P. COOKE CO.	86.35
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	87.98
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	298.41
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	44.75
OPPERMAN INC	6804.00
PETTY CASH	11.60
PLANNING&DEVELOPMENT DIST III	2519.00
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	234.18
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	20.00
SD DEPT OF LABOR & REGULATION	6331.00
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	18.90
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC	183.26
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	3000.00
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	66511.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	576.80
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	80.00
WM KROTTER CO	650.30
Accounts Payable Total	140270.36
Invoices: Paid	1081.52
Invoices: Scheduled	139188.84
Payroll Checks	4634.16
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	144904.52
GENERAL FUND	138870.29
WATER FUND	4359.87
SEWER FUND	1674.36
TOTAL FUNDS	144904.52

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to pay the claims. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Motion was by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Entered at 6:37 p.m. Mayor Cerny removed the council from executive session at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken upon exit of executive session.

2023 Employee Salaries

Rachelle Bloom Santiago, \$21.00 per hr, not to exceed to \$20,000 or 30 hrs per week; Doug Catts, \$27.04 per hr, set at 45 hrs per week; Jeremy Atkins, \$22.00 per hr, set at 45 hrs per week; Ryan Cook, \$24.00 per hr, set at 45 hrs per week.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Cory Graber to adjourn. All Members voted aye; the carried.

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Mayor: Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton