

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 16, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Maurice Schlaht, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, and Cory Graber. Absent were Ashley Lozano and Darwin Grim. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Chamber Director Ana Smiley, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval

Motion made by Maurice Schlaht to approve the Agenda, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting January 2, 2024

Motion made by Kristi Drey to approve the Minutes, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports – Ana Smiley presented the Council with the Budget Report through the end of December 2023 for the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Smiley also stated the attendance at the Murder Mystery was approximately 100 people including staff and actors.

Committee Reports – 12/2023 Balance Sheets presented to Council.

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business:

A. Athletics Club Building

A List of the contributions by the Athletics Club to the City of Gregory was presented by Beth Leber followed by a request to consider a relocation spot for the Athletics Club Fireworks stand beginning in 2025. Patrick Shaffer stated that various private enterprises have offered a space, but the athletic club would like to use an area of the City of Gregory's property to avoid any biases. They ask that the city consider one of the small lots along Highway 18 as it has good traffic and potential customers. The Athletics Club also stated that their new building would be on skids, movable, and that they would consider other organizations using the building at other times of the year. They also asked the city to consider electricity although it is not required on their part. The Athletic Club is also open to hearing other ideas the City of Gregory and Council may have. The discussion has been moved to the Feb 5th Agenda to look at maps and consider the available spaces.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Questions for Council

Chamber Board President Liz VanOverschelde addressed the Council stating that the Council had agreed to the July 1, 2024, funding, but that the Chamber was at this meeting to discuss other options. Ms. VanOverschelde presented the Council with two options:

1. Make the Chamber Director a salaried position under control of the city or
2. Receive an annual amount from the city and make the position by contract.

City Attorney Amy Bartling spoke and gave clarification regarding Libraries and State Statutes, and how the library is different than a Chamber or BID (GED) group. Mayor Al Cerny stated that the Chamber budget is currently paid out of the 3rd Cent Tax and would continue to come from that fund. Cory Graber reiterated that the City of Gregory had agreed to help the Chamber until it was back on its feet. The Mayor and Council agreed to take further discussion to Executive Session.

C. Code Enforcement Contract Review

Joel Johnson emailed a renewal contract to the Council for the year 2024 and stated there were no changes from 2023. Mr. Johnson included an invoice for a \$1500.00 retainer.

Motion made by Cory Graber to renew the contract for 2024, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. Ayes: Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler, Maurice Schlaht. Nay: Kristi Drey Motion carried.

D. Main Street Lease

Mayor Cerny suggested a few terms to the lease. The Council agreed to take the dollar figures into Executive Session.

E. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	158.25
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	CASE OF PAPER CUPS-CITY HALL	100.00
CIAVARELLA DESIGN INC	FINAL PYMNT-CITY SHOP ADDITION	6259.50
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER SECURITY/BACKUP	896.85
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	POLICE-TIRE REPAIR	24.96
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	967.49
FIDELITY AGENCY	NOTARY BOND-FINANCE OFFICER	50.00
GALLS LLC	POLICE-WINTER COAT	293.98
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	881.77
GREGORY ANIMAL CLINIC PC	ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	35.15
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY CLAIMS	709.53
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUDITORIUM-1/2 COST REPAIRS	147.16
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING-SUBSCRIPTIO	442.08
HARRY K NAPA	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	21.97
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	WATER-REPLACE PUMP & MOTOR	4029.96
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	120.22
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	230.42
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	PAPER	49.95
PLANNING&DEVELOPMENT DIST III	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	2596.00
PREMIER PYROTECHNICS	2024 FIREWORKS DISPLAY	8000.00
REXWINKEL CONCRETE INC	ST SHOP - PYMNT #4	64594.82

ROSEBUD TITLE COMPANY	2ND 1/2 LOTS 11 & 12, BLK 52	12500.00
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	48.98
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1308.90
SDRA	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	195.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY FILING FEE-FIN OFFICER	30.00
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	LOCATE TICKETS	28.35
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	LEGISLATIVE RIB DINNER	30.00
SUNDQUIST FARM SERVICE LLC	SNOW REMOVAL	1087.50
TAYLOR REPAIR	SNOW REMOVAL	1200.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	PAY REQUEST #3/1ST & 4TH ST	126787.50
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDITORIUM MAINTENANCE	186.00
Accounts Payable Total		237612.29
Invoices: Paid		967.49
Invoices: Scheduled		236644.80
Payroll Checks		4394.03
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		242006.32

Motion made by Kristi Drey to pay claims, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 6:50 pm Kristi Drey made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:16 pm Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session.

The results of the executive session were as follows:

- A. Lease agreement with Southern Plains Behavioral Health would be a five-year lease at \$850/month for two years and \$1000/month for three years.
Motion made by Kristi Drey to approve lease proposal, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes.
Motion carried.

- B. Chamber Funding Continue with current agreement until July 1, 2024. July 1, 2024- December 31, 2024, the Chamber Director would extract from City of Gregory Payroll and the Chamber of Commerce would receive the second half of their annual budget or \$19,000 payable in monthly installments of \$3150.00. For 2025 the Chamber of Commerce will receive the same \$38,000 annual budget in continued installments of \$3150.00 per month. The Chamber of Commerce must provide the City of Gregory a quarterly report of budget monies spent.
Motion made by Kristi Drey to accept the City of Gregory's proposal for the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion Carried.

AL CERNY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

TRUDY WATERMAN, FINANCE OFFICER