

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 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 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Ashley Lozano, Maurice Schlaht, Kristi Drey and Darwin Grim. Absent were Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Library Director Tara Engel, 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 Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to approve the agenda. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Approve the Regular Minutes of the December 19, 2023, Meeting

Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Heads –

Library Director Tara Engel presented the Council with her December Library Budget Report. Ms. Engel also reported that the library added six new patrons in December and the addition of DVD check outs had helped increase the patron count. The library showed two free movies last week to 19 kids and Lego Club starts up again in two weeks. There will also be a big summer reading program tied in with the 1,000 Hours Outside summer program.

Committee Reports – None

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business:

A. Replace Airport Sign

Ranchers Livestock has designed and proposed an all-metal sign with a white airplane and white letters on a black background. The sign will be readable from either side, the cost would be around \$800.

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to approve the sign proposed by Ranchers Livestock. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Status Updates

1. Auditorium

Fix the damaged roof support. The iron is ready, and the auditorium is next on the repair list. Once the support is repaired, the roofing company will be called in to fix the roof.

2. Main St Building

The interior remodeling project will begin as soon as the weather gets colder. The plan is for new lighting, new carpet, and interior wall changes.

3. New Plow Truck

The truck chassis was delivered to the truck dealer and was then delivered to have the dump bed, sander, and plow added to the truck.

4. New Street Shop

Mayor Cerny attended a walk-through with the engineers and contractor at the new City Shop addition. Mayor Cerny said that it is very nice and that there were only a few minor finishing touches remaining. He also stated that the city would be installing a keypad to eliminate the necessity of a key for the auto locking door. Councilman Maurice Schlaht had also stopped to see the building and stated he was very impressed.

5. Phase I

Mayor Cerny hopes the bidding for Phase I can be opened in January but is still waiting for state approval.

6. Streets

Grinding, blading, and chip sealing plan still in the que. Mayor Cerny is looking for help with some specs for the project and hopes to go to bid in January at the same time as Phase I.

7. Pickleball Court

Decisions regarding the proposed pickleball courts are awaiting cost and grant information.

8. Auditorium Bathrooms

The plan to remodel the existing Auditorium bathrooms and adding a family bathroom has not been scrapped. The problem is finding engineers for this project. Mayor Cerny also stated that we could add the park bathrooms to the project and apply for funding to help defer the costs.

C. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| CITY OF GREGORY | EQUIP REIM | 75.00 |
| DANR - FISCAL OFFICE | ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FEE | 1500.00 |
| DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT | CHILD SUPPORT | 522.92 |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 3506.97 |
| HEALTH POOL OF SD | HEALTH INSURANCE | 7552.50 |

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| OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER | OFFICE SP/NOTARY STAMP | 93.99 |
| SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC | ENGINEERING: 1ST & 4TH ST | 19540.90 |
| SD AIRPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOC | MEMBERSHIP DUES- 2024 | 125.00 |
| SD GOVT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC | MEMBERSHIP DUES-2024 | 70.00 |
| SD GOVT HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOC | MEMBERSHIP DUES-2024 | 50.00 |
| SD MUNICIPAL STREET MAINTENANC | MEMBERSHIP DUES- 2024 | 35.00 |
| SD POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION | 2024-MEMBERSHIP FEES | 200.00 |
| SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND | WORK COMP FUND 1/24-1/25 | 9296.00 |
| SDRS | SD RETIREMENT | 2151.42 |
| SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | 275.00 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE | MEMBERSHIP DUES-2024 | 1577.86 |
| US POSTAL SERVICE | WATER BILLING POSTAGE | 298.86 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | 46871.42 |
| Invoices: Paid | | 6830.17 |
| Invoices: Scheduled | | 40041.25 |
| Payroll Checks | | 11933.33 |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** | | 58804.75 |

Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to pay the claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Adjourn

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Trudy Waterman, Finance Officer

Salaries 2024

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|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Jeremy Atkins | \$23.00 | Rachelle Bloom | \$21.75 |
| Tom Claussen | \$22.25 | Ryan Cook | \$26.50 |
| Damon Eaglestar | \$17.62 | Tara Engel | \$17.50 |
| Marty Jung | \$25.25 | Jennifer Keegan | \$25.25 |
| Josey Larsen | \$24.25 | Ana Smiley | \$16.75 |
| Trudy Waterman | \$23.50 | | |

Claims for December 28, 2023

| CLAIMS REPORT | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|
| VENDOR | | |
| ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT INC. | GARNISHMENT 4 | 183.60 |

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| AFLAC | AFLAC- PRE-TAX | 495.70 |
| AMERICAN FENCE COMPANY | AIRPORT - SLIDE GATE REPAIR | 6950.00 |
| APPEARA | TWLS/CVRALLS/HNDCLNR/AIRFRESH | 57.60 |
| CITY OF GREGORY | EQUIP REIM | 75.00 |
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| DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT | CHILD SUPPORT | 901.92 |
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| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 5382.33 |
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| HARRY K NAPA | REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE | 111.63 |
| HAWKINS INC | WATER-CYLINDER FEES | 277.25 |
| HELMS & ASSOCIATES | AIRPORT-THANGAR DESIGN PYMNT | 30251.26 |
| JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC | SEWER-CNTRL FUSES LIFT STA | 233.16 |
| JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW | LEGAL FEES | 3937.50 |
| OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER | SERVICE CONTRACTS | 141.95 |
| PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY | WATER TESTING | 43.00 |
| ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC | ELECTRIC PAYMENT | 6212.85 |
| RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC. | SUPPLIES/MATERIALS | 167.91 |
| SDRS | SDRS- POLICE | 5227.68 |
| SDRS | SDRS- POLICE | 2151.42 |
| SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | ROTH | 550.00 |
| SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | ROTH | 275.00 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | 67731.65 |
| Invoices: Paid | | 19347.54 |
| Invoices: Scheduled | | 48384.11 |
| Payroll Checks | | 32254.31 |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** | | 99985.96 |