

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday January 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Laura Petersen, Alex Hamilton, and Ashley Lozano. Absent were Maurice Schlaht and Stacey Boes. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guests included Rachelle Bloom and Ryler Stevicks.

6:05 pm Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the Agenda as written made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for December 16, 2025 Motion to approve the Minutes from Tuesday December 16, 2025, made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors - None

Council Concerns – Councilperson Laura Petersen again asked about the Property Tax Rebate for the residents of Grandview. FO Waterman reported that the new DOE for Gregory County is still working out the tax records.

Department Head Reports **Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler** reported that he is hoping for some more airport improvements. **GED President Laura Petersen** announced the Annual Meeting of the Boards is scheduled for February 16, 2026 @ 6:00 pm with a Community Meeting immediately following. This event is at the Legion, and the public is strongly encouraged to come. Please contact any GED, Chamber, Horizons, or similar board members with questions.

FINOFF: James Sinclair Settlement **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** explained the insurance settlement reached with the City of Gregory, Claims Associates Insurance, Northern Plains, LLC, and Mr. James Sinclair. The total settlement was \$6821.39, with Claims Assoc paying half and Northern Plains, LLC paying half. The settlement included a new furnace, payable to Wilson Heating & Cooling, and an allotment for a new hot water heater and basement clean-up.

Mayor Reports **Mayor Al Cerny** discussed not having a Phase I committee and pointed out that there are four city employee points of contact for information, items are routinely brought to City Council for discussion, monthly construction meetings are held between the city, engineers, and contractors and that all are welcome. The time can change if more councilpersons would like to attend. Councilperson Ashley Lozano proposed having a meeting with SPN during this down time and asking questions about the Phase I project going forward. Councilperson Alex Hamilton also stated that historically there have been community meetings during projects and reiterated that he feels it would be beneficial to have a committee. Mayor Cerny and Councilperson Hamilton are scheduling a meeting to discuss the mechanics of a committee.

Committee Reports – **Councilperson Ashley Lozano** reported that the locks are being changed on the auditorium and that the contractors found broken items on the doors and were given the go ahead to fix these things while the doors are apart. This only includes keyed entries and will eliminate most keyed locks on the auditorium.

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business

- A. **Amend Hourly Rates Previously Listed for December 10, 2025** **FO Waterman** explained to council that two of the 2025 wage rates presented for wage increase decisions were incorrect. FO Waterman presented the correct 2025 wage rates.

Motion to approve 2026 wages for Ryan Cook and Ben Schlaht made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried. **Ryan Cook 29.50 & Ben Schlaht 22.66**

New Business

- A. Approve Fireman Roster** Motion to approve the 2026 Gregory Fire Department Roster made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Approve Ambulance Roster** Motion to approve the updated Gregory Ambulance Roster made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Special Event Liquor License Legion January 9, 2026** Motion to approve the special event liquor license for the Legion for the January 9, 2026, benefit made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
Renew Legion Spiking Permit Motion to renew the 3-month spiking permit for the Legion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Financial Reports from Economic Development/Chamber of Commerce/Fire Department/Ambulance** Mayor Cerny reiterated the importance of monthly, quarterly, or annual financial reports from all entities that receive money from the City of Gregory. FO Waterman reported that the GED and the Ambulance provide monthly reports, and that she met the new GFD treasurer and they discussed the report structure and requirements.
- E. Pay Claims**

Report Title Period	Claims Report 01/01/2026 To 01/05/2026
Vendor Name	Amount
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE	\$ 1,500.00
JAMES SINCLAIR	\$ 1,847.18
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	\$ 467.33
HEALTH POOL OF SD	\$7,850.24
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	\$440.00
RANCHERS LIVESTOCK EQUIP LLC	\$ 300.00
PETTY CASH	\$19.25
GREGORY ARTS COUNCIL	\$ 5,000.00
APPEARA	\$159.84
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	\$ 240.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 114.67
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	\$1,637.49
LAURA PETERSEN	\$ 266.38
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$ 1,017.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$ 600.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 12,000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$ 56.00
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,366.28
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	\$ 153.45
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 62.50
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	\$17,466.00

HACH COMPANY	\$ 72.59
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	\$ 1,636.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 370.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$6,828.80
HAWKINS INC	\$2,729.51
Total	\$67,200.51

Motion to pay claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

12-31-2025 Claims Paid

Report Title	Claims Report
Period	12/17/2025 To 12/31/2025

Vendor Name	Amount
RYAN COOK	\$ 71.64
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 325.74
GREGORY COUNTY 4-H	\$ 4,711.67
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	\$ 4,974.21
EFTPS	\$11,885.45
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$1,275.00
SDRS	\$3,175.40
AFLAC	\$474.68
HEALTH POOL OF SD	\$31.50
BREIT & BOOMSMA, P.C.	\$ 220.28
EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC	\$ 220.28
Total	\$22,000.00

The approval to pay these claims given on Tuesday December 16, 2025.

F. Executive Session

6:47 pm Motion to enter Executive Session made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen for purpose of SDCL 1-25-2(3) consult with legal counsel and SDCL 1-25-2(1) for discussion of personnel. **(Items are not related)**

7:18 Mayor Cerny removed the council from Executive Session

Action Taken: Motion to approve Marty Jung's 2026 wage rate at \$28.00/hr. made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. 7:20 pm Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman