

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall on January 6, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Bartling and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the council minutes from the December 16, 2019 council meeting as written, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the public forum/visitor's portion of the meeting.

Department Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel gave the council a listing of some of the activities being planned at the library for the month of January. Among some of the activities are health-based cooking; cook the book and a class on folding pages. Tara also reported that part of the library lights had been replaced with LED lights.

Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster handed out the December activity reports and a year-end report on police incidents requiring a written report.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton reported on a few issues at the East well fields and the recent snow removal.

Committee Reports

Mayor Anshutz gave the council a few updates from the recent BID meeting that was held January 6 at city hall. The BID group discussed some changes to their by-laws and had a conflict of interest statement that every member would sign after the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held with the Chamber on January 27 at the Gregory Lanes, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Conflict of Interest

None of the council members had a conflict of interest with the following agenda items.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2019-07

Ordinance No. 2019-07 was placed on its second reading. The ordinance supplemented the 2019 budget \$45,000 in the street dept and \$15,000 in the airport fund. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2019-07, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

District III Representative

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to re-appoint Shana Flakus as the city's representative to District III, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Class I Wastewater Certification

Josey Larsen has passed his Class I Wastewater certification test that was administered by the State of South Dakota. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to give Josey Larsen a .50 an hour pay raise for passing the certification test, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Snow Blower

The council reviewed the cost of a new snow blower from Fair Manufacturing. The present cost would be \$84,141.00 and the cost would be going up within the next two months to \$108,026.00. The city's current snow blower needs some repairs, is getting old and is under powered. There was also discussion of some other equipment needs. It was agreed to discuss the city's equipment needs along with pricing and decide on what the city would be buying for this year at the January 21 council meeting.

2005 Dodge Car

The council agreed to surplus the 2005 Dodge ex-police car. Motion was made by Guyla Husman and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to surplus the 2005 Dodge Charger and take sealed bids for the vehicle. The appraised value was \$500. All members voted aye.

Meierhenry Grandview Lots

The Council members reviewed a letter that came from Todd Meierhenry that asked for an extension of the original 3 years to build on two lots in Grandview because of the health of Mark Meierhenry. The extension asked for was December 2021. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to grant the extension to December 2021 to build on the two lots that were purchased in Grandview Addition, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a preliminary December 2019 financial report consisting of a cash balance sheet, revenue and expense report. Sales tax revenues continue to look good and will be higher than what was budgeted for.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the payment of the following claims, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Aflac	Aflac Insurance Dec 2019	267.76
Al Cerny	Medicare&Rx/Health Ins-Reimb Jan-Feb-Mar	522.30
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	41.79
B & F Variety	Employee Christmas Cards	19.00
Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel	Lodging/Josey Larsen Class I Wastewater Collect	225.00
Birkel Dirtwork & Excavation LLC	Clean Out Drainage Ditch	487.50
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges/Jacket Deduction	127.20
Civil Air Patrol Magazine	Airport Column Inch Ad	95.00
Code Enforcement Specialists	Retainer Fee For 2020 Code Work - Joel Johnson	2,500.00
Core & Main LP	Water Meters	1,423.52
Dakota Senior Meals	Subsidy/Senior Meal Program	5,000.00

Dept of Envir & Nat Resources	Annual State Wastewater Fee	1,500.00
Dixon Town Hall	SD Community Foundation Grant	2,300.00
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	409.77
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Golden West	Phone/Internet Service	1,106.70
Gregory County Treasurer	3 Half Days/Law Enforcement Work	225.00
Gregory Lanes	Citywide Cleanup Meals/2018-2019	153.24
Gregory Library	SD Community Foundation Grant	857.00
Gregory School District	1/2 Cost Auditorium Laser Projector	3,563.35
Gregory Senior Center	SD Community Foundation Grant	1,250.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Subscription	252.30
H & O Electric	Repair Heat Pump at City Hall	486.85
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,408.88
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Klein's True Value	Cleaner	10.76
Minnesota Child Support Payment	Child Support	202.12
Office Products Center	Copier Service Contract	35.00
Planning & Development Dist III	2020 Membership Dues	2,383.00
Public Health Laboratory	Water/Wastewater Testing	70.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Shop Towels/Socket/Starter/Parts/PD Booster Pac	811.15
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	6,373.57
Runnings Supply Inc.	Fittings/Cable/Mop/Paint/Slip Plate/Parts	146.35
SD Airport Management Assoc	2020 Dues	25.00
SD Assoc of Code Enforcement	2020 Dues	40.00
SD Govt Finance Officers Assoc	2020 Dues	70.00
SD Govt Human Resource Assoc	2020 Dues	50.00
SD Municipal Street Maintenance	2020 Dues	35.00
SD Police Chiefs' Association	2020 Dues	96.81
SD Retailers Association	2020 Dues	150.00
SDML Workers Compensation Fund	2020 Work Comp Premiums	20,146.00
SDRS	SD Retirement Dec 2019	5,280.54
South Dakota Municipal League	2020 Dues	1,373.96
Sundquist Farm Service LLC	8.5 Hours Hauling Snow	977.50
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	237.65
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Change Filters/Auditorium Roof	80.00
Paid Total		\$13,236.13
Sched Total		\$60,776.30
Report Total		\$74,012.43

12/31/19 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$1,297.50; Mayor/Council, \$6,475.00; P & Z, \$450.00; Finance Officer, \$3,309.60; General Government Bldg., \$180.00; Police Dept., \$8,373.18; Street Dept., \$4,733.59; Water Dept., \$2,567.20; Library, \$1,787.08; Gross Amt, \$29,173.15

Salary List for 2020

Wages for 2020 are as follows: Melinda Bartling, \$9.35 per hr; Suzanne Braun, \$15.45 per hr; Al Cerny, \$28.41 per hr; Damon Eaglestar, \$15.29 per hr; Tara Engel, \$12.87per hr; Lafe Gildemaster, \$22.28 per hr; Tom Grove, \$18.02 per hr; Alex Hamilton, \$24.00 per hr; Jennifer Keegan, \$20.66 per hr; Kane Kortum, \$17.51; Josey Larsen, \$19.04 per hr; Beth Raschke \$185.40 biweekly; Carolyn Spann, \$9.35 per hr; Christian Spann, \$9.50 per hr and; Jack Wenger, \$17.51 per hour.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Cory Graber to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer