

**City of Gregory**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 6, 2025 | 6:00 PM**  
**Gregory City Hall 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St Gregory, SD 57533**

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler, Laura Petersen, and Stacey Boes. Council members Kristi Drey and Maurice Schlaht were absent. Also present were City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Officer Tommy Claussen, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Rachelle Bloom and Ryler Stevicks.

**6:00 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval** Motion to approve the agenda as printed made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Council Minutes from December 17, 2024** Motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2024, made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum – None**

**Department Head Reports-** Library Director Tara Engel reported that the STEM Club is going again and the participants worked on an ice/salt/water project and discussed how the combination works on the city streets. The library already is gathering items for the summer reading program ‘Color Our World,’ Director Engel has finished the stats for 2024, and the staff only has one box of donated books left to go through. Director Engel finished her report by thanking the Council for decisions related to the library staff during the meeting on December 17, 2024, and stated that she appreciated the acknowledgement of her staff’s hard work.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that the police department is doing well and that the department recently received a \$5,000 donation. Chief Cook says the department will use the funds to upgrade their current computer system and add a laptop to the department resources. He also stated that another portion of the funds will go to purchase two *Simnuition* guns and associated PPE for future training. Chief Cook also addressed the Council with an explanation of the speed sign cloud renewal levels.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman presented the Council with the balance sheet for 12/2024 and the final receipts for sales taxes in 2024, \$897,879.80, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent Tax, \$59,841.84.

**Committee Reports –** Ryler Stevicks addressed the Council announcing that the annual meeting is Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm with a meal at 6:00 pm at 621 Main Street. Mr. Stevicks also stated that he has taken on the responsibility of helping with the Community Meals program.

Laura Petersen asked if the City of Gregory could extend the handicap parking in front of the post office so that the spaces both left and right of the ramp were designated handicapped. Mayor Cerny stated that he would talk to the Street Department to see what needed to be done to do that and the Council agreed that it was a good idea.

**Conflict of Interest – None**

## Old Business

- A. Insurance Meeting Regarding Alice Slade January 9, 2025, at 9:00 am.**
- B. Purple Heart City Update** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman stated that she had now been contacted by several people with instructions on how to proceed with the process of obtaining Purple Heart status for the City of Gregory. A Proclamation must be drawn up and signed, and a gathering and festivities planned to recognize our Veterans and their families. Ms. Waterman asked for interested parties to form a committee to take the instructions and proceed with them.

## New Business

- A. Formal Appointment of Rachele Norberg to City Attorney** Motion to approve Rachele Norberg as the Gregory City Attorney made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Review and Approval of Appendix II for Snow Removal Ordinance 2017-01** Approved
- C. Review of Johnson Controls Service Proposal for the Auditorium** Guhner Kepler discussed the proposal. Council member Laura Petersen asked that the proposal be emailed to all members. Item tabled.
- D. Renewal of Cloud Access for Radar Signs** Council to discuss further with Chief Ryan. Item tabled.
- E. Renewal of Contract with Code Enforcement Specialists** City Attorney Rachele Norberg discussed the advantages to having Code Enforcement Specialists and recommended that the City of Gregory retain the service. Motion to renew the contract made by Cory Graber, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Declare Surplus of and Consider Bid for Purchase of Retired Firearm** Motion to declare the S&W Sig Sauer P226 SN#UU598741 surplus and accept the bid of \$400.00 from GPD Officer Tommy Claussen made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Pre-Approval for Phase I Pay Request #2 from Northern Plains, LLC** Motion to pre-approve the claim for \$156,248.14 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Date for Next Meeting** Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm Approved
- I. Pay Claims**

### CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	1071.00
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	149.71
BANKWEST	RDC FEE	90.00
CATALIS PWE	WEBSITE MANAGEMENT	2114.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	CODE ENFOR 12/1-25/24/M-ABAT	1162.09
CORE & MAIN LP	IPERL METER PARTS	475.16
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	IT/BACKUP/SECURITY	551.71
DAMON EAGLE STAR	CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT	169.77
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE	ANNUAL ENVIRO FEE	1500.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	379.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4718.38
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GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET	901.25
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	PASSTHRU-VETERAN REIMB	3363.50
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	DUPLICATE TITLE	10.00
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER OF	MONTHLY STIPEND	3125.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MONTHLY STIPEND	2267.37
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS/BOOKS	376.77
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	REPAIRS AUDITORIUM 1/2	1958.75
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	REVLVING LN/MORGAN PAINTER	15000.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUBLISHING/EMP ADS	693.07
MARK JACOBSEN	TOW ABANDONED CAR	200.00
HARRY K NAPA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	42.63
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE FEES	285.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	6339.90
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT-T-HANGAR ENG	1440.54
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	REPAIR WATER MN/513 MAIN	2539.08
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE 2 MONTHS	880.00
JOHNSON POCHOP&BARTLINGLAW	LEGAL SERVICES	2317.50
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	55.69
NORTHERN PLAINS LLC	SEWER	709226.07
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SERV CONTRACT/SUPPLIES	175.28
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	16.27
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	30.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6448.01
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	PHASE 1 LOAN PAYMENT	10795.00
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	POLICE OIL CHANGE	77.00
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	7148.30
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	3825.00
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - CITY	1598.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	326.48
US POSTAL SERVICE	ANNUAL FC PERMIT #17 FEE	350.00
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDI HVAC MAINTENANCE	193.00
Accounts Payable Total		802,415.16
Invoices: Paid		757,019.11
Invoices: Scheduled		45,396.05
Payroll Checks		30,854.40
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		833,269.56

Motion to approve paying the claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

**6:56 pm**

- J. **Executive Session (Personnel-Street Department Hire)** Motion to enter Executive Session made by Cory Graber, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**7:35 pm**

Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session

**Actions Taken:**

Motion to offer the approved applicant the Street Maintenance position at \$21.00 an hour was made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm to discuss hiring for the Public Works Superintendent position made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

- K. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Al Cerny**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Finance Officer Trudy Waterman**

**2025 CITY EMPLOYEE PAY RATE**

Atkins, Jeremy .... 24.00	Claussen, Tommy .... 23.50	Cook, Ryan .... 27.50
Eagle Star, Damon .... 22.00	Engel, Tara .... 20.00	Jung, Marty .... 27.00
Keegan, Jennifer .... 26.25	Waterman, Trudy 24.50	
Barlett, Piper .... 12.75	Shaffer, Sherri .... 12.50	Spann, Christian .... 14.50