

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024 |5:00 PM
Gregory City Hall 120 W 6th St Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday October 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber, and Laura Petersen. Maurice Schlaht was absent. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Police Chief Ryan Cook, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman; Jim and Karen Imler for Public Forum.

5:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes from October 7, 2024 Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum- Jim and Karen Imler addressed the Council with their concerns about the City's lack of transparency. The Imler's stated that when they first considered Gregory as a place to move to there was a Property Tax Discretionary program. This program, put in place by the City of Gregory in 2017, was an incentive for purchasing and building in the Grandview Addition. In 2022, the State of South Dakota changed the formula making the City of Gregory Resolution invalid. Concurrently, the City of Gregory was putting in the Commercial TIF program and was considering a Residential TIF as well. The City of Gregory did not implement a Residential TIF and did not pass an updated Resolution for the new South Dakota Discretionary Formula. The Imler's stated that the city should have formally announced the ending of the tax incentive program providing full disclosure.

Department Head Reports- Police Chief Ryan Cook stated that the officers have been busy with multiple things going on in the city, including the recent lockdown at the school, and that that investigation is still ongoing. Chief Cook also stated that the GPD and school learned collectively and will address those things going forward.

Committee Reports- None

Conflicts of Interest- None

Old Business-

- A. Alice Slade Update** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman stated that Mustang Clean-up had submitted a final invoice, and the bill is submitted to insurance.

New Business-

- A. Building Permit – Farmers Union Coop- Move Building.**
Motion to enter Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the building permit to move and reset the building made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Library A/C** Laura Petersen stated that the quote from Jerry's Electric of \$15,686.61 would remain in effect until March 2025. The Council discussed when to install the new A/C units.

Motion to give Jerry’s Electric the go ahead to install the units before March 2025 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Fogel Tree Agreement- Motion to approve the Fogel Tree Agreement made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Accept Resignation of the Public Works Superintendent- Motion to accept the resignation of Josey Larsen effective October 29, 2024, made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Cerny stated that an ad for a Full-Time Maintenance Worker and a Part-Time Snow Removal worker was going into the paper and asked the Council to read the ad over. If they wanted any wording changes to notify us before the deadline to publish in the Rocket next week.

E. Pay Claims-

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AL FAATZ INC	MANHOLE COVER	147.08
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	86.65
COMMUNITY SUNSHINE	REIMB SPRINKLERS	1471.08
CORE & MAIN LP	WTR MTR PULSE KIT	992.20
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	138.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4267.23
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	FLAG/GOOGLE/SDML CONF	758.02
GREGORY COUNTY HGWY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	840.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEM/PARTS/CYLN FEES	3786.09
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	440.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	57.25
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMB	1.77
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	181.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS	1524.22
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	WATER LOCATE TICKETS	45.15
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	545.94
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDI-SERVICE CALL-FILTERS	192.00
Accounts Payable Total		15474.14

Motion to pay claims made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. Adjourn- 5:47 Motion to Adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman