

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, October 5, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Seymour Studenberg, Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano and Shana Flakus. Council member absent was Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to add dog complaints to the agenda and to approve the rest of the agenda as was posted, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the September 21, 2020 council meeting minutes as written, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the public forum portion of the meeting.

Department Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel reported on the virtual meetings that she had the past two weeks. The Gregory Library was mentioned for applying for and receiving grants. She has been re-organizing some library books.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton informed the council that the contractor should be seal coating 30 streets either on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. The security system is being installed but is not completed yet. Alex had some quotes on new skid loaders but wanted to look at two of them before he presented the quotes to the council members.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2020-02

Ordinance No. 2020-02 was placed on its first reading. This ordinance would eliminate the 3-year time requirement to build on a lot purchased in Grandview addition. Three members from the BID group were present to show BID's support of the ordinance. The BID members were Doug Pochop, Rick Messerschmidt and Gregg Drees. Rick spoke about the recent grant application made to help fix up some of the housing in Gregory. After further discussion, motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-02, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Personnel Handbook

The council members were informed about some proposed changes to the employee handbook. The proposed changes were made to give employees who work a scheduled 32 hours per week, full time benefits that are prorated. The changes would give all employees working 32 hours per week, 80% of the benefits received by employees who work 40 hours per week. The proposed changes would affect the head librarian and chamber secretary. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve the changes in the handbook to allow 32 hour per week employees to receive 80% of the full time benefits of 40 hour

per week employees, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye. It was also agreed that the library should be closed on holidays.

County Law Enforcement Contract

The council reviewed a law enforcement contract with the Gregory County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement coverage when the Gregory Police Department needs help. The County would charge \$400 per day (24 hours) for the service. The council agreed to the contract.

Hazard Mitigation Prevention

The council members reviewed the 5-year hazard mitigation plan for Gregory County and in particular the plan as it pertains to the City of Gregory. The council agreed that drainage should remain the top priority along with a backup generator for the auditorium. The other items from the current plan would be left in place except for the fire sirens, which have been replaced.

Re-cycle Trailer

The city has received a \$7,200 grant to help purchase a re-cycling trailer from the State of South Dakota. The trailer would cost \$14,400. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to pay the \$7,200 for the match to purchase the re-cycling trailer, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Purchase iPads

The council members were asked if they would be ok with iPads that just had the Wi-Fi hookup instead of models with both Wi-Fi and cellular. The council members agreed that the Wi-Fi iPads would work out. The iPads would be bought with the Cares Funds that the city has available. The iPads would be used for council meetings and if the meetings would be remote, they would come in handy.

COVID Resolution/Update

Mayor Anshutz reported that at this time, there were 36 active cases of COVID in Gregory County. The cases are down slightly. Everyone was encouraged to follow the CDC guidelines and there would be no changes made on the city level at this time.

Dog Complaints

A few of the council members reported that they had received complaints of dogs barking, running at large, and acting in a hostile manner. The council would like to have the city ordinances on dogs enforced and if there needs to be some changes made, the ordinance should be reviewed.

Claims

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to pay the following claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Aflac	Aflac Insurance	446.22
Al Cerny	Reimb/4th Qtr Health Ins Supp	371.80
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Sanitizer/Coveralls	54.92
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges	100.00
Core & Main LP	Meter Pit/Couplings/Cap	1,313.92
Dakota Pump Inc.	40' Cable/Mounting Bracket	374.30
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax 9-29-2020 Payroll	4,735.01
Golden West	Phone/Internet	1,251.26
Gregory Building Center	Hackzall/Blades/Measure Wheel	276.97

Gregory Co. Register of Deeds	Filing Fee-Transfer Tax/Jerry Klein Lot 14 Blk 37 OT	32.50
Gregory Golf & Recreation	Final/Subsidy Payment	5,000.00
Gregory Public Library	Supplies/Books	72.31
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Appropriation Ord/Police Ad	463.27
H & J Sales-Mark Jacobsen	Tow Suburban to City Shop Area	100.00
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder Fees	15.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,732.77
Helms & Associates	Airport Engineering	2,761.68
Jerry Klein	Sale of Lot 14 Blk 37 OT	2,342.50
Jerry's Electric	Fittings	64.90
Klein's Housemoving	Replace Concrete Dip/11th & Spencer	4,400.00
M & J Auto Inc.	H&H Light Bar	25.00
Office Products Center	Toner Cartridges/Stapler/Service Contract	497.72
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	13.80
Public Health Laboratory	Water Testing	43.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Battery/Filters/V-Belt/Fluid/Antifreeze/Grease	457.55
Rosebud Title Company	Jerry Klein Lot/Title Ins/Lot 14 Bk 37 OT	315.00
Runnings Supply Inc.	Grass Seed/Bulbs/Lube/Supplies/Screws/Snips	259.67
SDRS	SD Retirement Sept 2020	5,537.90
Secretary of State	Notary Filing Fee/J Keegan	30.00
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	226.80
Wm Krotter Co.	Lumber/Plywood	489.95
Accounts Payable Total		\$36,805.72

9/29/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Mayor/Council, \$6,675.00; P & Z, \$350.00; Finance Officer, \$2272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$3,600.91; Street Dept., \$2,809.34; Water Dept., \$3,132.80; Sewer, \$480.00; Library, \$1,358.00; Gross Amt, \$21,853.05

Executive Session (Personnel)

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of a Police Chief, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members vote aye. Council went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. At 7:16 p.m., Mayor Anshutz took the council out of executive session.

Results of the executive session

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to offer the Chief of Police position to an applicant for the position, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye. (The applicant will be notified and if the offer is accepted, the details will be placed in the next council meeting minutes).

Adjourn

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to adjourn, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer