

Gregory City Council
Regular Minutes
November 16, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, November 16, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Seymour Studenberg, Kristi Drey, Shana Flakus, Guyla Husman, Cory Graber and Ashley Lozano. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, future Chief of Police Doug Catts 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 November 2, 2020 council minutes as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitor

Dan Vavra met with the council to ask why the city is having trouble keeping police officers and if the city is doing exit interviews. The police officers have been asked why they are leaving and there has been a variety of answers given. This is a statewide problem that many towns are struggling with.

Department Head Reports

The city's future Chief of Police, who is scheduled to start January 4, 2021, was present to introduce himself to the council members who had not already met him. Doug mentioned a little about his background as a police officer, security agent and is currently working as a Federal Marshall as courtroom security officer. He has a background in community policing.

New Business

Health Insurance Renewal

The city received the health insurance renewal from the Health Pool of South Dakota. The city's insurance rates will be going up 3.3% or \$22.31 a month to \$698.42. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to accept the renewal quote from the Health Pool of SD for the employee's health insurance for 2021, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Discretionary Tax Formula

The council members reviewed a proposed ordinance which would outline the type of structures that would qualify for a property tax reduction and which structures would qualify for a tax rebate of the city's portion of the property tax. There was discussion on which areas might qualify for which property tax reductions if the owners where to build a new structure or add on an addition costing \$30,000 or greater. It was agreed to table any action on the ordinance at this time. Some changes will be made, and the council will review the proposed ordinance later.

Supplement Budget Ordinance No. 2020-04

Ordinance No. 2020-04, supplementing the 2020 budget, was placed on its first reading. The ordinance would supplement the General Fund by \$336,800. Most of the funds used to supplement the ordinance would come from the Airport Grant, Cares Reimbursement, and ambulance payroll reimbursements.

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-04, second by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Liquor License Renewals

The following liquor and wine license renewals were presented to the city council for approval for 2021: Dollar General (on-off sale wine); Buche Foods (Package off-sale liquor); Mary Bobs Bar (on-sale liquor); Gregory Lanes (on-sale liquor); Shear Creations (on-off sale wine); Big Ass Liquor (Package off-sale liquor); Homesteader (on-sale liquor). Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the license renewals of the listed businesses for wine, and on and off sale liquor licenses for 2021, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye with Kristi Drey not voting.

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Scott Anshutz read some of the information, from the SD Dept. of Health web site, about the various COVID-19 cases in Gregory County. The number of cases is rising. It was suggested that the city publish the city's resolution concerning the restrictions implemented to help slow the spread of COVID-19 on the city's Facebook page.

Claims

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

Appearra	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Mats/Mop/Sanitizer/Coveralls	121.30
Bartling Welding & Machine	Iron/Oxygen/Acetylene	126.94
Black Strap Inc.	24.99 Ton of Road Salt	1,836.77
Burke Oil Company	Airport Fuel	5,942.10
Cardmember Service	Monitor/Cable/Surf Pro Dock/9 iPads For Remote Mtgs	4,533.56
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	6,705.14
Golden West	Phone/Internet Charges	1,251.13
GovOffice	Renew Domain Name-5yrs	220.00
Gregory Building Center	Roof Flashing/Self Tapping Screws	46.67
Gregory County Treasurer	October Law Enforcement	6,400.00
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine	573.50
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
MC & R Pools Inc.	Winterize/Close City Pool	2,395.00
Office Products Center	Printer/City Shop	283.00
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gasoline/Diesel	1,168.23
Runnings Supply Inc.	Spray Paint/Posts/Towels/Fittings/Antifreeze/Boots/Hat	475.42
Scott's Auto Repair	4 Tires/F250 Pickup	764.00
Sioux Equipment	Fuel Pump Maintenance/Calibration	3,122.04
Soil Technologies Inc.	Soil Work at Airport	14,423.00
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
US Bank St Paul	2013 Sales Tax Rev Bond Fees Paying Agent Fee	600.00
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Charges	1,148.04
Yankton Fire & Safety Co Inc.	Fire Extinguisher Inspections	472.50
Accounts Payable Total		\$55,908.34
Invoices: Paid		\$6,705.14

Invoices: Scheduled	\$49,203.20
Payroll Checks	\$22,936.37
Total	\$78,844.71

11/10/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$2,852.40; Street Dept., \$2,816.98; Water Dept., \$3,639.88; Sewer, \$649.03; Ambulance, \$13,919.37; Library, \$1,161.80; Gross Amt, \$28,486.46

Adjourn

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer