

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, November 2, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Seymour Studenberg, Kristi Drey, Guyla Husman, Cory Graber and Ashley Lozano. Council member absent was Shana Flakus. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton was not present but left a written report on the items that the public works employees are working on. They will be out jetting sewer mains. Mike Hoffman has just about finished the security camera system. Alex indicated that he thought the city's current skid loader should be declared surplus at an appraised value of \$10,000.

Police Dept: Mayor Anshutz read the resignation letter from Kane Kortum. Kane has accepted a police officer position with the City of Winner. His last day of work will be November 13, 2020. It was agreed that the city will advertise for a police officer.

Conflict of Interest

Nobody had a conflict of interest with the new business portion of the agenda.

New Business

Board of Adjustment/Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to go into the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

The following building permits were reviewed by the council and the permits were previously approved by the planning and zoning committee members: Joe Svoboda (fence); Gregory School District (metal storage containers); Natasha Rezac (garden shed storage building 8x15). Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve all three building permit applications, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to adjourn out of the Board of Adjustment and back into the city council, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Airport Engineer Selection

The FAA requires that every 5 years the city go through an engineer selection process. The city must advertise for engineering companies, that are interested, and submit a statement of qualification (SOQ). The city will then have an airport committee review the SOQs and make a recommendation on which engineering firm they would like to have. The council agreed to have the two airport committee members (Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber) meet with Al Cerny to review the SOQs and make their recommendation for the next council meeting on November 16, 2020.

Skid Loader

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to declare the current city skid loader as surplus property and set an appraised price of \$9,500 and to take sealed bids on the loader. Motion was seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

BID Loan

The council received a request for a revolving loan that would come from the RD grant and city match fund for revolving loans. The loan requested was for \$12,000 for 4 years at a 3% interest rate. The loan would be for equipment purchases for a local welding/fabrication company. The BID group had recommended approval of the loan. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the loan. All members voted aye.

Video Conference System

The council received a quote for \$3502.73 to purchase a video conferencing system that would allow the council to use Zoom to have remote council meetings and to also allow the city employees to watch remote classes or allow presentation to a council remotely. A quote was also received for a 75" screen TV to be used with the system. The price of the TV would be \$999.99. Motion was made by Kristi Drey and seconded by Ashley Lozano to purchase the system and TV. All members voted aye. The purchase would be sent to the city's Cares Fund for reimbursement.

Finance Report

The council reviewed the October financial report given by Finance Officer Al Cerny. Sales tax revenue is up for the year compared to last year. The city will have to supplement the budget before the end of the year as there were some purchases made that were not budgeted.

Discretionary Property tax

The state has changed the property tax discretionary rules. The city is working on re-doing the current ordinance which governs the property tax rules. At this time, the new ordinance is not ready but will be put on the next council's agenda.

COVID-19 Update

As of this date, there are a total of 257 COVID-19 cases in Gregory County with 69 active, 32 hospitalized and 10 deaths.

Claims

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

Aflac	Aflac Insurance	297.48
Al Cerny	Reimb/Medicare Part B Med Oct 2020	144.60
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Sanitizer/Coveralls	54.92
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Street Signs/Grande Circle-Not A Thru St	100.30
City of Gregory	Cell Phone	100.00
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	3,489.95
Gregory County Highway Dept	Road Maintenance	115.00
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies	203.19
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Stamped Envelopes	2,074.42
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder Fees	15.00
Health Pool of Sd	Health Insurance	4,732.77
Helms & Associates	Airport Engineering	6,995.88
Klein's True Value	Batteries/Spray Paint/Clamps	46.42
Office Products Center	Folders/Paper/Service Contract	84.26
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	5.62
Public Health Laboratory	Lead/Copper Water Testing	698.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Fittings/Wiper Blades/Grease/Gear Oil/Towels	273.72
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	4,913.12
SDRS	SD Retirement Oct 2020	3,709.70
Syn-Tech Systems	Technical Support-Airport Fuel Pumps	73.00
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	224.70
Accounts Payable Total		\$28,352.05
Invoices: Paid		\$7,821.83
Invoices: Scheduled		\$20,530.22
Payroll Checks		\$11,176.59
TOTAL		\$39,528.64

10/27/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Finance Officer, \$2272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$3,307.62; Street Dept., \$2,913.83; Water Dept., \$3,263.30; Sewer, \$523.50; Library, \$1,265.25; Gross Amt, \$14720.50

Adjourn

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to adjourn, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer