

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler and Kristi Drey. Absent were Darwin Grim and Maurice Schlaht. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Police Chief Ryan Cook, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval

Mayor Al Cerny asked that the on-line banking access with BankWest be added to the agenda. Motion made by Ashley Lozano to approve the addition to the agenda, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting November 6, 2023.

Motion made by Kristi Drey to approve the minutes from November 6, 2023, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports – None

Committee Reports

Ashley Lozano stated that the back garage door and walk-through door of the auditorium need some repair. The garage door is settling and causing a gap and the bottom of the walk-through door appears to be rotting. Ms. Lozano also inquired about the roof repairs and where the city is on that. Mayor Cerny had talked to the contractor but the initial start date for repairs has passed. Mayor Cerny stated he would contact the contractors again.

Conflict of Interest- None

New Business:

A. GPD Evidence Software

Police Chief Ryan addressed the Council requesting that the council approve another five (5) year contract with the Axon Software Co. The software allows for the accessibility to the police bodycam footage and includes storing, retrieving and the sharing of evidence with legal entities. The price increase was approximately \$1,000.00 a year for a total of \$13,750.20 over the five (5) year period but will include 3 new body cams in two years, plus increased storage space for each officer. Police Chief Ryan stated that the body cams have already saved the City of Gregory unnecessary legal fees and helped streamline the court requirements; City Attorney Amy

Bartling Jacobsen concurred. Axon is also the company that provides the software for the Tasers carried by the GPD.

Ashly Lozano made a motion to approve renewing the contract with Axon, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Auditorium Cameras (Interior and Exterior) Cost Share

Currently the Auditorium only has exterior cameras on the south and east side and no cameras inside the auditorium. The Gregory School District requested a quote from Cybertek, our city IT and cyber security company, for the installation of cameras both inside and outside of the auditorium. The city, school, and police department have noticed a sharp uptick in the vandalism in and around the auditorium including the destruction of some recent improvements. The GPD and the school would both have access to the cameras as they would be set to stream to each set of monitors. Currently, the city and the school have no way to record the vandals and no way to prosecute. The quote for the 9 exterior and 6 interior cameras is \$14,236.60, the half cost share with the Gregory School District would require a check from the City of Gregory for \$7,118.00. Police Chief Ryan also pointed out that the cameras would provide an extra layer of security during events at the auditorium.

Guhner Kepler made a motion to approve the cost share for the cameras for the auditorium, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Marty Jung .50 Pay Raise

Marty Jung passed his final certification exam and is to receive a .50/hour raise formerly agreed upon by the Council.

Kristi Drey made a motion to approve the pay raise, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Kristen Jacobsen Appointment for Another Three (3) Year Term on the Library Board

Motion made by Kristi Drey to approve re-appointment, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

E. Consent to Pay Recurring Bills On-Time

The Finance Office has requested permission to pay the following recurring bills before a Council meeting, if the Council meeting falls after the due date, to avoid late fees and interest on past due bills. These bills include and are limited to: Appeara, Golden West Telecom, Google Workspace, Rosebud Electric and Verizon.

Ashley Lozano made a motion to approve the paying of these five (5) bills on-time, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. Vosika Land Abatement

The property formerly owned by Craig & Roberta Vosika:

S ½ Lot 1; All Lot 2, Block 4, Original Town of Gregory

has back taxes due in the amount of \$345.00 for years 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

The property has now been purchased by the Teigen's. The City of Gregory does not feel that the Teigen's should be responsible for these unpaid assessments.

Cory Graber made a motion to abate the assessment, seconded by Ashley Lozano. Three (3) ayes, Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler and one (1) nay, Kristi Drey. Motion carried.

G. GED Checking Account

GED Director, Rachele Bloom, has informed the Council that the GED now has their own EIN# and that they would like to close the checking account that the GED has with the City of Gregory. This will increase grant and funding opportunities for the GED that they have been denied in the past while being listed under the city's EIN#.

Kristi Drey made a motion to allow the GED to close the current checking account and transfer all GED funds to the new checking account, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes, Motion carried.

H. On-Line Banking at BankWest

The Finance Office has requested that Alex Hamilton be removed from the BankWest on-line access and Trudy Waterman be added to the on-line access.

Kristi Drey made a motion to remove Alex Hamilton and add Trudy Waterman, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

I. GED Request for a Letter of Support for Tennis/Pickle Ball Court

The GED is currently applying for funding and grants to help with the restoration and upgrade to the City Park tennis courts. This would include resurfacing, repainting for one tennis court and adding four pickleball courts. Ms. Bloom explained that a letter of support from the City of Gregory is needed to apply for one of the grants.

Ashley Lozano made a motion to approve the letter of support, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Lights on the Pheasant

Rosebud Electric has pointed out that none of the lights for the pheasant at the intersection of Highways 18 & 44 are currently working. The city is paying \$26 a month for no lights. The Council discussed shutting off the power, but two members thought it would be good to at least get a quote for the repairs and then bring that back to another meeting. Emphasis was put on the importance of the pheasant to the community and tourism.

Cory Graber made a motion to get quotes for repair, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes, Motion carried.

K. Claims to Pay

CLAIMS REPORT VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	TWLS/HND CLNR/OVRALLS.AIRFRESH	83.72
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	75.00
CONNECT TASK FORCE	PASS THROUGH GRANT	1000.00
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER- FITTINGS	320.92
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	901.92
DIXON TOWN HALL	SD COM FOUNDATION GRANT	500.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4214.42
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	268.40
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	2023 TAX FORMS	188.44
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	US TREASURY REIMBURSEMENT	1000.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	PASS THROUGH GRANT	500.00
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1/2 THERMOSTAT/GYM FLOOR REFIN	1921.81
GREGORY SENIOR CENTER	PASS THROUGH GRANT	1000.00
HAWKINS INC	POOL CYLINDER FEES	40.00
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	WATER- REPAIR WELL FIELD PUMPS	626.79
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
MARLENE REZAC/GREG CHRIST	PASS THROUGH GRANT	700.00
MC & R POOLS INC	POOL-CLOSE/WINTERIZE	848.15
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES/PAPER	74.50
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	1.83
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	POLICE- BLOOD ALCOHOL TESTING	40.00
ROCS DINING SERVICES	COST SHARE-SEN NUTR CENT-OVEN	10311.95
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GASOLINE PURCHASES	953.60
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	POLICE- OIL CHNG FORD F150	73.85
VERIZON WIRELESS	STREET	536.12
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDITORIUM- PARTS/LABOR	828.00
Accounts Payable Total		27609.42
Invoices: Paid		15691.73
Invoices: Scheduled		11917.69
Payroll Checks		13456.97
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		41066.39

Kristi Drey made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Moton carried.

L. Adjourn

At 6:50 pm Kristi Drey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor, Al Cerny

ATTEST: Trudy Waterman, Finance Officer