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

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Laura Petersen, and Maurice Schlaht. Absent was Guhner Kepler. Also present were City Attorney Amy Bartling, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Chamber Director Diane Bachmann, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitors were Jim & Karen Imler, Marla Stephen, Rachelle Bloom, and Alice Slade.

5:07 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the agenda made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting November 4, 2024 Motion to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024 meeting made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum- Alice Slade addressed the Council regarding the sewer back-up into her basement. The Council and City Attorney Amy Bartling informed Ms. Slade that it was still an ongoing investigation with the insurance company and promised to keep her informed of any updates.

Department Head Reports-

Chamber Diane Bachmann announced that the tree lighting is taking place Friday November 22 @ 6:30 pm with a singing group and Santa Claus, and that the area businesses had contributed 50 coupons for the festivities. The Gregory Arts Council is also having a hot chocolate bar, Christmas karaoke, and providing a Christmas backdrop for pictures. Another murder mystery is in the works for February and rough stock rodeo event is under consideration for 2026.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that business is normal right now. The investigation regarding the cell phones is still on-going. The Gregory Police Department is helping with the Santa letters this year to ensure delivery and Santa's mailbox will be by the blue mailbox on Main Street.

Library Director Tara Engel announced that a dozen kids had attended the library festivities on Saturday. The event included the State Librarian, Rescues Unlimited with several puppies, and the Gregory Police Department. This next Saturday Roger Wonnemberg will be doing a meet and greet book sale/sign and the last club night for the season is this coming Monday. Ms. Engel will be delivering the employee evaluations before the meeting in mid-December.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported the account balances through October and the sales tax receipts year-to-date.

Committee Reports- Mayor Cerny presented the Council with a list of potential snow removal hires and stated that he would like to set a reasonable hourly rate to pay the snow movers. The Council agreed to add the list and pay rate decision to the next agenda.

Conflict of Interest-None

Old Business

- A. 524 E 6th Discussed plans to fill the whole and remove dead trees
- B. Paper Service for Abatement discussion moved to Executive Session

New Business

A. Trees 108 Felton – No large branches down from the windstorm from these two trees. Discussion to hire a state arborist next spring to assist with identifying and creating a list of dead trees for removal. No action taken.

B. Approve 2025 Liquor & Wine Licenses

- Dollar General - Retail Wine & Cider
- Shear Creations - Retail Wine & Cider
- GF Buche of Gregory - Package Liquor
- Gus Stop 7 - Package Liquor
- Big Ass Liquor - Package Liquor
- Gregory Lanes - Retail
- Mary Bob’s Bar - Retail
- Family Dollar Stores of SD - Retail Wine & Cider
- Triple V LLC - Retail

Motion to approve the 2025 Liquor & Wine Licenses made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All Ayes. Motion carried.

C. Water Line Pictures for Lead Pipes After one year the city water office has only received 42 pictures of pipes in the City of Gregory. The City of Gregory has missed the state’s deadline, and the Council discussed several options to ensure the water department gets the images they need. The Council also discussed the use of push notifications. No action taken.

D. Tax Discretionary Formula Mayor Cerny stated after talking with the City Attorney that he intended to move the discussion into Executive Session.

E. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	99.76
BUCHE FOODS	PD-CANDY T OR T	163.12
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPEC	CODE ENFORCE 10/1-31/2024	883.50
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	ANNUAL LIFT STATION INSPECT	720.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	379.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5010.39
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	229.39
GOLDEN WEST TELECOM	PHONE/INTERNET SERV	890.56
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	PASS THROUGH VET PYMNT	1014.50
GREGORY ARTS COUNCIL	PASS THRU SD COMM FND	500.00
GREGORY COMMUNITY PLAYERS	PASS THRU SD COMM FD	1000.00
GREGORY COUNTY HWY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	240.00
GREGORY GOLF & RECREATION	PASS THRU SD COMM FND	500.00

GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PASS THRU SD COMM FND	500.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUB/RCPT BKS/JOBS	712.11
JEREMY ATKINS	GAS/MEAL REIMB	106.88
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	440.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERV	600.00
LONNIE KLUNDT	FERT/SPRAY BLLFLDS	895.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/MATERIASLS	129.55
PAXTON CHURCH RESTORATION	PASS THRU SD COMM FND	500.00
PREMIER BIOTECH LLC	URINE PANEL/SHIPPING	45.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	URINE PANEL/SHIPPING	50.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL/REPAIRS	1478.36
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	189.21
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	PD-EXPLORER TIRES	1084.00
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	256.17
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US BANK	PRINCIPAL/INTEREST	125512.50
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	1ST & 4TH PYMNT #6-FINAL	72625.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHRGES	501.91
Accounts Payable Total		220255.91

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

5:56 pm Motion to move into Executive Session for legal discussion with City Attorney Amy Bartling made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

6:54 pm Mayor Cerny takes the Council out of Executive Session.

Results: No action taken. Item added to the agenda for December 2, 2024.

6:56 Adjourn- Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
 Finance Officer Trudy Waterman