

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2025 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday November 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Stacey Boes, Laura Petersen, Alex Hamilton, Maurice Schlaht, and Ashley Lozano. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler, Water/Sewer Supervisor Marty Jung, Chamber Director Jaimie Braun, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guest: Jeff Verville

6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the agenda made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for October 20, 2025 Councilperson Laura Petersen asked that there be a correction as follows: Mayor Cerny distributed an email he received from Hank Wonnemberg and the Horizons board regarding the 4-H building in the city park. Motion to approve the minutes with the above change made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors - None

Council Concerns - None

Department Head Reports - Chamber Director Jaimie Braun reported that the Chamber moved the Trunk or Treat inside due to weather conditions, but the event was still a success with approximately 300 kids coming through. Ms. Braun stated that 60-70% of the businesses offered toys as an option vs. candy and the haunted bus, staffed by eight graders, was fun and will be a feature included in the coming years. The Chamber is putting on a Christmas Cookie Crawl with participants collecting cookies from businesses and participating entities. The tree lighting will be November 22 at 5:00 and the Gregory Arts Council will have hot chocolate and Karaoke at the Dixon Town Hall again. An additional event this year is the Christmas Wreath competition with entrants displaying their wreaths at the Dixon Town Hall and this event will end with a silent action for the wreaths before Christmas. **Library Director Tara Engel** reported that 343 patrons came through the library during the month of October. The library hosted 6 programs, three STEAM and three adult, and the most recent STEAM Club program was about DNA, helix models, and family trees. November 15th there will be a guided painting class for adults from 2:30-5:30. **Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler** reported that the plan was to work on the pool beginning Tuesday and to begin putting the snowplows on the trucks. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** reported that groundbreaking on the T-Hangar had finally and officially begun, the final cost of the 2025 Street Project was \$349,421.48, and that we are still waiting to hear from the insurance company regarding the Gregory signs destroyed north of town.

Mayor Reports - None

Committee Reports - None

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business - None

New Business

- A. **Airport - Cost Share Kotrba Survey With Sean Kelly** Motion to pay ½ of the survey bill Sean Kelly had to get for his building permit to provide to the FAA made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Discussion to Adjust Susan Braun’s Water Leak Bill** Due to current extenuating health circumstances motion to waive the water bill incurred by the leak made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Decision to Fully or Partially Remove Lift Station @ 11th & Rice** Motion to completely pull the lift station in the city right-of-way at 11th & Rice made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. Five (5) ayes: Alex Hamilton, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, Ashley Lozano, and Maurice Schlaht. One (1) nay: Kristi Drey. Motion carried.
- D. Health Pool of SD Insurance Rate Renewal for 2026 (+\$77)** Motion to accept the Health Pool of SD Insurance 2026 rate of \$981.26 made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Renew Legion Special Event License (Sunday 11/9- Sunday 11/23)** Motion to renew the Legion Special Event License for (Sunday 11/9- Sunday 11/23, 2025) made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Renew 2026 Liquor & Wine Licenses**
 2026 Liquor & Wine Licenses
 Dollar General - Retail (on-off sale) Wine & Cider
 Shear Creations - Retail (on-off sale) Wine & Cider
 GF Buche of Gregory - Package (off-sale) Liquor
 Gus Stop 7 - Package (off-sale) Liquor
 Big Ass Liquor - Package (off-sale) Liquor
 Gregory Lanes – Retail (on-sale) Liquor
 Mary Bob’s Bar – Retail (on-sale) Liquor
 Family Dollar Store #33389 – Retail (on-off sale) Wine & Cider
 Triple V LLC (Homesteader) – Retail (on-sale) Liquor
 Motion to renew the 2026 Liquor & Wine Licenses listed made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Approval to Obtain Bids for a New Pick-Up for the Water/Sewer Dept.** The current water/sewer department vehicle is an ‘05 with 146K miles. Motion to obtain quotes for a new(er) pick-up for the water/sewer department made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Discussion of Quonset/Lot on Old Hospital Ground** The council is aware an individual is interested in buying the Quonset and the piece of ground that it is on. Debate ensued over the city’s right to sell it with the current agreement with Avera regarding the ground. Council requested that Rachelle Norberg, city attorney, ask about selling that piece of land. No action taken.
- I. Pay Claims**

Report Title	Claims Report	
Period	10/21/2025 To 11/03/2025	
Vendor Name	References	Amount
US POSTAL SERVICE	WA BILLING POSTAGE	\$ 320.25
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	PARK	180.53
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIB	651.38
APPEARA	GENGOVBLDG	161.69

AIRPORT WEATHER CAMERA SYSTEMS	AIRPORT	\$ 1,000.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	PD	\$ 787.50
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	FINOFF	\$ 63.35
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WA	\$ 286.00
CORE & MAIN LP	WA	\$ 1,896.90
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT	\$ 699.19
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ST LIGHTS	5678.82
TOMMY LEE CLAUSSEN	PD	\$ 171.93
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUDI	\$ 1,367.19
HEALTH POOL OF SD	LIB	7254.6
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	WA	\$ 3,000.00
US BANK St. Paul	DEBT SERV	\$ 700.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	GENGOVBLDG	\$ 600.00
Total		\$24,819.33

Library Director Tara Engel found a correction on the October Library Claims reducing the amount by \$11.19. Motion to pay claims, with the library adjustment, made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Executive Session

6:47 pm Mayor Cerny requested a short Executive Session

7:11 pm Mayor Cerny removed the council from Executive Session.

No action taken.

7:12 K. Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman