

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
11/07/2022

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, November 7, 2022, at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, and Cory Graber, absent Guyla Husman, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Chamber Director Trenton Seegers and guest Russell Nelson.

Agenda

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to approve the agenda as written. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Darwin Grim to approve the minutes from the 10/17/22, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Public Forum

Russell Nelson was in to ask council permission to be able to bring his dog home. Russell's dog was deemed vicious after it had bitten a lady twice. Russell made it known that he believed his dog was not vicious. Mayor Cerny made it known to Russell that city ordinances are set for a reason. Mayor stated that he was sorry that things were this way, but we need to follow our policies. Councilman Grim stated that he wanted Russell to know that he believed the council must follow our ordinance. The council decided not to make an exception.

Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel handed out October financial reports. Engel spoke on the library purchasing AED and having the library staff trained in using the AED. Tara also reported on upcoming events. Chamber Director Trenton Seegers reported that November has been slow. Trenton reported that Christmas plans are coming along. Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen reported stated that he has been working on potholes. Larsen also stated that the jetter truck has been down so crews have not started jetting yet. Police Chief Doug Catts Reported that he had met with the library to help them with a security assessment. Chief also reported that he met with the 6th, 7th & 8th graders about civility, being courteous and treating others with respect.

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that gWorks, our billing software, is moving away from Forte and going with G-pay. Hamilton stated that this is the part of the software collecting credit card payments.

Conflict of Interest

Mayor Cerny reported that he will not discuss the health insurance renewals due to being on the Health Pool board.

New Business

Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to enter the board of adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented building permit 2022-29 from David Fogel for building a fence. Mayor Cerny stated that Planning and Zoning met and reviewed the permit with a recommendation to approve. Motion was by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to approve building permit 2022-29 from David Fogel. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin to exit the board of adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-06

Mayor Cerny presented Ordinance No. 2022-06, an ordinance amending the term length of planning and zoning members. Mayor Cerny stated that this is changing the length for five years to two-year terms. Going to two-year terms will follow the city council term length. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, second by Darwin Grim to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-06. All members voted aye the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2022-06

An ordinance amending section **31.21** Planning and Zoning Memberships and Terms.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GREGORY THAT **31.21** be amended to read as follows:

31.21 The Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The term of each of the members shall be for 2 years, except when a member is appointed to fill a vacancy, that member will fulfill the term they were appointed to. Administrative officials may be appointed as ex-officio members of the Commission.
Dated this 7th day of November 2022.

Al Cerny, Mayor

Attest: _____
Alex Hamilton, Finance Officer/Administrator

First Reading: 11/07/2022

Second Reading: 11/21/2022

Adoption: 11/21/2022

Publication: 11/30/2022

Ordinance No. 2022-04 & Ordinance No. 2022-05 Water & Sewer Rates/Surcharge

Mayor Cerny presented Ordinances 2022-04 and 2022-05 for the second reading. Mayor Cerny reminded the council that these were the two ordinances that are adding the surcharge to our water rates that the state set to pay for phase 1 of our infrastructure project. The motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber to approve ordinances 2022-04 & 2022-05 as written. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Mayor Cerny asked Finance Officer Hamilton to speak due to his conflicts of interest. Finance Officer Hamilton presented the City with the rates for employee health insurance for 2023. Hamilton stated that we are very lucky to only see a 4% increase in premiums. Our current monthly rate that the city pays 100% of a single policy is \$733.34 and will be going to \$762.67. Hamilton also advised the council that the city is currently paying \$4.20 per employee a month to give that employee a \$20,000 Life rate. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve the current plan D with the 4% increase and the current life rate of \$4.20 for 2023. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny advised that it has come to his attention that by the city offering an employee to be able to purchase a family insurance rate from the city, it does not allow that employee to purchase the marketplace insurance which would be a great benefit to our employees. Mayor Cerny asked for a motion to remove the option in our handbook to purchase a family plan and only offer insurance to the employee. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Annexation Gus Stop

Mayor Cerny was proud to report after much discussion with RF Buche that RF has signed a voluntary petition to be annexed into city limits. Mayor Cerny thanked RF, and all involved with this process. The motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber to approve the petition to annex the Gus Stop into City limits. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Main St. Property Update

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that the city has retained ownership of the property at 509 and 511 Main St. Hamilton stated the property at 511 Main is in very tough shape and is causing damage to the building next to it that the city owns. Hamilton stated that Public Works Superintendent Larsen and himself have looked at the building and believed the city crews would be able tear the building out. Council gave the permission for the city crew to demolish the building.

Street Sander "Purple Wave"

Finance Officer Hamilton stated that the City of Salem has a street sander for sale on purple wave action service. Hamilton stated that he has talked with the City of Salem, and they stated that the only reason they are selling it is because they purchased a larger one. Hamilton asked permission to bid on the sander. Hamilton Stated that a new one goes anywhere from \$12,000-\$15000. The council advised Hamilton to use his judgment when bidding.

2023 Liquor and Wine License Renewals

Mayor Cerny reported that the 2023 liquor and wine license renewals are due. Licenses are as stated, Dollar General retail (on-off sale) Wine & Cider, Shear Creation (Jennifer Peck) retail (on-off-sale Wine & Cider, Buche Foods Package (off-sale liquor), Big Ass Liquor (Wade Juracek) Package (off-sale liquor), Gregory Lanes retail (on-sale liquor), Mary Bob’s Bar retail (on-sale liquor), Triple V LLC (dba Homesteader) retail (on-sale liquor). The motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve the 2023 Liquor & Wine License Renewals as written. Kristi Drey withstood voting all remaining members voted aye; the motion carried.

Financial Report

Finance Officer Hamilton provided financials up to September. General fund being \$831,878.24, Water Fund \$319,537.71, Sewer Fund \$629,708.15, Hamilton also provided council with revenue and budget numbers.

Claims

AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	300.24
APPEARA	MATS,TOWELS,HANDCLNR, COVERALL	154.61
BURKE OIL COMPANY	AIRPORT FUEL	12924.17
BURKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 26-2	INJECTOR PUMP JETTER TRUCK	1000.00
COACH'S LAWN SERVICE LLC	BALLFIELDS STEP 3 OF 3	1455.18
COLLIERS SECURITIES LLC	TIF DISTRICT #1 CREATION	13500.00
CORE & MAIN LP	RUBBER METER GASKETS	36.50
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	2017INTERCEPTOR BATTERY&SERVIC	473.53
DIESEL SYSTEMS	JETTER TRUCK REPAIRS	200.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3713.60
FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL COMPANY	REPAIR PUSH CAMERA COUPLING	530.70

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	830.32
GOV OFFICE	ANNUAL WEBSITE HOSTING	660.00
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	DEED RECORDS	2.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	OCT 2022 LAW COVERAGE 3 DAYS	1575.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	288.65
gWORKS	2023 ANNUAL LICENSE, SUPPORT	9727.00
HARRY K NAPA	BRAKE CLEANER, FLOOR DRY	66.86
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEE	90.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4494.54
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	ANTIFREEZE, FITTINGS	378.46
MULEHEAD GRAVEL LLC	64.14 TON GRAVEL DELIVERED	897.96
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	PAPER	44.75
OPPERMAN INC	TRUCKING PATCH MIX 40.82 TON	778.85
PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON INC	PRAIRIE WINDS PARK FINAL PMT	8886.73
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	43.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	4921.28
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	FITTINGS, ADHESIVE, BRAKECLEAN	1720.02
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	ENGINEERING PHASE 1 SEWER	12850.00
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	4297.72
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	800.00
THE RADAR SHOP	RECERTIFY RADAR UNITS	128.00
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC	LOADER COMPLETE SERVICE	9115.66
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US BANK	GREGORY SALES TAX REV BOND2013	121235.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	264.44
WM KROTTER CO	SCREWS, PLYWOOD, CONCRETE MIX	296.83
Accounts Payable Total		222208.52
Invoices: Paid		18389.65
Invoices: Scheduled		203818.87
Payroll Checks		13389.91
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		235598.43
GENERAL FUND		200957.44
3RD CENT SALES TAX		1629.34
WATER FUND		23905.66
SEWER FUND		9105.99
TOTAL FUNDS		235598.43

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to pay the claims. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to adjourn. All Members voted aye; the carried.

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton

Mayor: Al Cerny