

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
12/20/2022

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the time of 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council Members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber, and Guyla Husman. Absent was Darwin Grim. Also present were City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, News Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Alex Hamilton.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve the agenda with addition of library employees. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the minutes from the 12/6/22, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

No Public Forum

Dept. Head Reports

Superintendent Josey Larsen reported that the street guys have been working many hours with keeping streets open and hauling snow. They are hoping to be able to rest up and do some minor repairs on some equipment during the cold spell coming. Council Member Drey spoke that she has had many compliments on the job that was done with the blizzard and wanted Larsen to know and pass on the information.

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Hamilton spoke that he wanted to thank Opperman's Crew, Jim Birkel, and Kevin Sundquist for being available and helping us out.

No Conflict of Interest

New Business

Ordinance 2022-07 2nd Reading

Mayor Cerny presented Ordinance 2022-07, an ordinance to supplement the 2022 budget, for the second reading. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2022-07. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Library Employee Evals

Mayor Cerny reported that it was brought to his attention that Christian Spann and Sherri Shaffer are still listed as part time employees of the library, and he misread the evals and thought they were no longer there. Mayor recommended a .25 cent raise for Spann for his years of service and that both Spann and Shaffer receive the \$100 Christmas bonus. Council Member Lozano complimented both employee's work but questioned if they work enough hours to receive the Christmas bonus due the fact that they don't give seasonal employees bonuses. Councilmen Graber agreed. Council Member Drey made a motion to pay them the Christmas Bonus this year due to the hours they have worked this year, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Police Hire

Mayor Cerny presented the council that both Ryan Cook and Jeremy Atkins have accepted the offers that the city presented them with for police officers. Cook will start Feb 1st with Atkins starting Jan 16th.

Cash Basis

Mayor Cerny stated that he and Finance Officer Hamilton and been looking into switching from accrual to cash basis. Mayor Cerny stated that the main reason would be to simplify the year end reporting. The reports that the council would receive would most likely not change. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to move from accrual to cash basis. All member voted aye; the motion carried.

City Hall Cleaning Services

Mayor Cerny reported that we need to reevaluate our cleaning needs at city hall. Finance Officer Hamilton reported that he believes 3 days a week would be sufficient to clean Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. Council asked Hamilton to put a list together of duty’s to be advertised.

Scavengers Journey

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that the Scavengers Journey event was not explained properly at the last council meeting, and he wanted to properly explain. The event is not only limited to the antique business in town, any business or garage sale can pay a small fee to have their information put into the handouts and website explaining what they are serving or selling. It may be a business lunch special or a great deal they will be having in their store the days of the event or garage sale. Hamilton stated the event was funded last year by the chamber, but the chamber was not involved in it. Council replied that they love the idea of the event, and they believe that the chamber should sponsor this. Hamilton replied that he would like to see the city pay the \$250 fee do to the fact that it will benefit all business in town not only chamber member businesses. Mona Taggart is willing to volunteer to be the contact person and do the groundwork. Council spoke in high regard to the event and is asked the chamber to pay the \$250 fee to put Gregory on the map. Hamilton replied he will talk with Chamber Director Seegers.

Financial Report

Finance Officer presented the financials up to November for the council. Hamilton stated that sales tax is up roughly 200K from this time last year.

Claims

Mayor Cerny presented an additional claim from Johnson Pochop Bartling Law Office in the amount of \$2170.18 for legal expenses that he would like added to be approved with the claims.

ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT INC.	PAYROLL GARNISHMENT	131.18
APPEARA	TOWELS, HAND CLNR, COVERALLS	82.49
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ST SANDER/GOOGLE/EXAM/BID	2216.41
CORE & MAIN LP	RNI/SENSUS ANALYTICS FEE	16391.40
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
DOUG CATTS	REIMB FLOOR MATS	46.84
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4275.88
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EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4705.88
GRAHAM TIRE MITCHELL	2019 FORD TIRES PD	704.80
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	360.00
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEES	90.00
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT RUNWAY ENGINEERING	15354.48

JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	REPAIR POOL/PARK/CURB STOP	2033.68
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	LEGAL FEES	5576.13
MC & R POOLS INC.	WINTERIZE POOLS	3016.42
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	WINDOW HANDLE/FUEL TREAT	54.76
MULEHEAD GRAVEL LLC	57.2 TON GRAVEL DELIVERED	946.40
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	DESK CALENDARS	20.78
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	ICE MELT/FITTINGS	115.02
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	REPLACE WTER PMP F250	429.10
SD DEPT OF LABOR & REGULATION	REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE RIVE	14.24
US POSTAL SERVICE	ANNUAL FIRSTCLASS PRESORT FEE	265.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	583.62
Accounts Payable Total		53665.55
Payroll Checks		17264.60
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		70930.15
GENERAL FUND		48621.72
3RD CENT SALES TAX		1354.99
WATER FUND		20436.34
SEWER FUND		517.10
TOTAL FUNDS		70930.15

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton

Mayor: Al Cerny