

Gregory City Council  
Regular Minutes  
December 21, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Cory Graber and Guyla Husman (via Zoom). Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy (via Zoom), Head Librarian Tara Engel, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Alex Hamilton (via Zoom), and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to add to Public Forum the representatives from ROCS and to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the December 7, 2020 council minutes as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

#### Public Forum/Visitors

Don Steppat, Rebecca Brown and Andrea Irwin met with the council to discuss the need for a van to replace the silver van used in Gregory for public transportation. There is a great need for two vans and currently there is only one van that is useable. The ROCS group asked if the city would consider donating \$8,000 to \$10,000 dollars towards the purchase of another van. ROCS would also spend the same amount to purchase a replacement van. The council members asked the group to let them know when they found a replacement van and they would consider the request.

#### Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel reported on the online classes that she is taking, and she also discussed some of the ongoing library projects. She had a financial report that the council members reviewed.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton gave a short report on the public works activities and he told the council that the street dept. is ready to clear snow, if it snows.

#### New Business

##### Ordinance No. 2020-03

The council reviewed the updated version of Ordinance No. 2020-03, an ordinance that would give certain tax breaks to different type of developments within the city. There was discussion on what area of the city should be included in the redevelopment area, which would be defined as a blighted or slum area of the city. It was agreed to table any action on Ordinance No. 2020-03 until a redevelopment area could be agreed on.

#### Lot Sale Grandview

The city received an offer for the purchase of commercial Lot 1 in Grandview Addition. The asking price of the lot was \$20,000 and the offer was for \$10,000 down and payments over 5 years at 3% interest for the remaining \$10,000. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to accept the offer and terms for the sale of Lot 1 in Grandview Addition, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Street Extension Grandview

The council members were informed that the city had received an offer to purchase two lots in Grandview Addition, but the lot sales would be dependent upon the city extending 4<sup>th</sup> Street so there would be access to the lots and utilities being brought into the lots. An estimate from SPN was for \$236,500 to develop a block or 400' of 4<sup>th</sup> Street that would include all utilities, curb and gutter and an asphalt street. It was also brought up that all the work would not have to be done right away and the street could be graveled and not finished at this time, making the cost less. After some discussion, the council members agreed to table taking any action at this time.

#### November Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a brief November financial report. Sales tax revenues are up over last year and \$132,000 of cares grant monies have been received.

#### COVID-19 Update

Mayor Scott Anshutz reported that there have been 26 deaths, 24 active cases and the positive rate is 26% for Gregory County.

#### Claims

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to pay the following claims, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Al Cerny	Reimb/Dec 2020 Medicare Part B/3mo Rx Plan	196.20
Appeara	Mats/Mop/Sanitizer/Towels/Cleaner/Coveralls	81.70
Buche Foods	6 Rolls Paper Towels/City Hall	23.78
Cardmember Service	Vid Conf Kit/iPad Cases/Sign Parts/Lockset/BID Repo	3,926.74
Clark Equipment Co/DBA Bobcat	S76RT4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader	50,027.10
Code Enforcement Specialists	Code Enforcement/8/31/20 Thru 12/15/20	521.10
Colonial Research Chemical Co	Sludge Remover/Lubricant/Wipes	598.19
Core & Main LP	Cable/Riser Rings	321.14
DENR Board of Operator Cert	Operator Certification Renewals	60.00
Dept of Envir & Nat Resources	Fiscal Yr. 2021 Environmental Fee	1,500.00
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	6,489.24
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Gregory Ambulance Service	CRF Payment/Refund of Payment Rcvd by Mistake	27,222.24
Gregory County Highway Dept	Road Maintenance	115.00
Gregory Library	Supplies/Books	102.13
H & J Sales-Mark Jacobsen	Mower Parts/Lift Arm	774.00
Hach Company	Chem Key Reagents	616.05
Helms & Associates	Pool Master Plan Work/Airport Runway Design	8,648.37
Office Products Center	Paper	39.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	2.55
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	3,237.63
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gas/Diesel Fuel/Bulk Oil/Gauge/Propane	2,054.99
Scotts Auto Repair	Replace & Replace Fuel Pump/White Chevy	522.60
SD Assoc of Rural Water System	Annual Dues Class B	590.00

Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Charges	431.74
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Change Aud Filters/Belt	180.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$108,686.63
Invoices: Paid		\$6,894.38
Invoices: Scheduled		\$101,792.25
Payroll Checks		\$24,893.34
Report Total		\$133,579.97

12/8/2020 Payroll: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent Econ Dev., \$991.89; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Street Dept., \$2,786.40; Water Dept., \$3,726.88; Sewer, \$678.03; Ambulance, \$16,035.20; Library, \$1,013.28; Gross Amt, \$27,689.88

12/9/2020 Bonus Payroll: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent Econ Dev., \$289.52; Finance Officer, \$289.52; General Government Bldg., \$108.28; Police, \$296.39; Street Dept., \$579.04; Water Dept., \$506.66; Sewer, \$72.38; Library, \$506.08; Gross Amt, \$2,647.87

**Executive Session**

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to go into executive session to discuss employee evaluations, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Scott Anshutz took the council out of executive session.

**Results of the Executive Session**

Motion was made by Kristi Drey and seconded by Ashley Lozano to make the following salary decisions for the city employees for 2021. All members voted aye. The following employees will receive a 3% raise for the year 2021: Damon Eaglestar, Josey Larsen, Alex Hamilton, Tom Grove, Jennifer Keegan, Al Cerny and Beth Raschke. Mataya Peck will receive the new state minimum wage for 2021. Christian Spann and Tara Engel had already received raises recently so their pay per hour will remain the same and Suzanne Braun's salary amount will be reviewed after an employee evaluation is received from the Chamber Board.

**Retirement**

City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the council notice that he will be retiring on June 30, 2021.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Kristi Drey and seconded by Ashley Lozano to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Al Cerny, Finance Officer