

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
12/21/2021

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th St on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Cory Graber, Guyla Husman, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg. Also present were City Administrator/Finance Officer Alexander Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Librarian Tara Engel, City Engineer Jeff McCormick with SPN, and news reporter Patty Connealy.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve the agenda as written, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the 12/6/21 City Council Meeting, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

No Public Forum

Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel reported 12/22 and 12/23 there will be a craft fair for students at the library. Tara also reported she was approved for a grant to purchase a book sterilizer.

Chamber Director Suzanne Braun reported the upcoming events are the annual meeting, Pheasant Fest, Kegs and Corks, and a job fair. Suzanne is encouraging people to look at the chamber website for upcoming events and time www.gregorydallasd.com. The chamber had 81 members this year up 8 members from last year. There will be some openings on the board of directors for the chamber they meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

No Committee Reports

Mayor Report

Mayor Anshutz reported that at the BID meeting on December 6th the BID welcomed two new members Gracie Kenzy and Anna Dargatz, both seniors in Gregory High School. The BID will be hosting a job fair again this year on the 22nd of March 2022. Mayor also reported that Rick Messerschmidt will be stepping down as BID Director.

Conflict of Interest

Nobody had a conflict of interest with the agenda.

New Business

Fire Works

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that if the city purchases the annual 4th of July fireworks by January 15, 2022, they will receive 17.5% more product. Motion was made by Shana Flakus, seconded by Cory

Graber to approve the purchase of \$6,500 worth of fireworks, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Auditorium Lights

The school district has been approved for a lighting project at the auditorium to replace all lights in the building with LED lights. It will save an annual of 70,707 kwh. The total project cost is \$49,724 that would be shared by the city. Council member Kristi Drey made a motion, seconded by Guyla Husman to table to allow time for our auditorium committee to meet with the schools committee, to go over the project. Council members Seymour Studenberg and Cory Graber voted aye with Council members Ashley Lozano and Shana Flakus voted nay. The motion to table passed.

Ordinance No. 2021-06

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Shana Flakus, to approve the second reading on Ordinance No. 2021-06 budget supplement, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

SPN

Engineer Jeff McCormick was in to discuss the city-wide water/sewer/street project we are currently working on. Ph #1 will consist of \$994,722.00 in street work 2.25% for 30 years, water will be \$3,485,000 0% for 30 years, sewer \$4,452,000 2.125% for 30 years. With a total for phase 1 being \$8,930,000. The project will be funded by a water & sewer rate increase by surcharge. That amount is yet to be set.

Resolution 2021-04

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Shana Flakus to approve Resolution 2021-04 authorizing an application for financial assistance, authorizing the execution and submittal of the application, and designation an authorized representative to certify and sign payments. Applying for \$4,452,000 at the rate of 2.125% for 30 years. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its Sanitary Sewer System, including but not limited to Inspection, Sanitary Sewer Collection, and Treatment System Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$4,452,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

2. The City intends to apply to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program for consideration of loan funds for a term up of 30 years at a rate of 2.125 %. The City also intends to request assistance in the form of principal forgiveness or grant funding to improve the financial feasibility of the project.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.
4. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Gregory, South Dakota, this 21st day of December 2021.

APPROVED:

Scott Anshutz, Mayor
City of Gregory

(Seal)

Attest: _____
Alexander Hamilton, City Finance Officer

Resolution 2021-05

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Guyla Husman to approve Resolution 2021-05 authorizing an application for financial assistance, authorizing the execution and submittal of the application, and designation an authorized representative to certify and sign payments. Applying for \$3,485,000 at the rate of 0% for 30 years. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its Water System, including but not limited to Water Improvements (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

5. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$3,485,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

6. The City intends to apply to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program for consideration of loan funds for a term up of 30 years at a rate of 0.00 %. The City also intends to request assistance in the form of principal forgiveness or grant funding to improve the financial feasibility of the Project.
7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.
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Public Hearing

A public hearing is needed for our water/wastewater system improvement project. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guyla Husman set the public hearing for the water and wastewater system improvement project at our January 18, 2022 council meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

City Christmas Party

The City Christmas party was discussed, it was decided to have the party on January 7th at the 621 Main event room. Finance Officer Hamilton will look for someone to cater it.

Financial Report

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that as of November 30, 2021 the city was sitting at \$1,751,454.70 in the General Fund, \$351,985.96 in the Water Fund, and \$588,968.21 in the Sewer fund. Hamilton also report sales tax is up \$79,331.54, property tax is up \$17,407.05, and metered water sales is up \$6,677.05 from last November.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg, seconded by Kristi Drey to pay the claims, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

APPEARA	TOWELS/HAND CLEANER/AIR FRESH	92.94
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE MI	DRUG TESTING	10.00
B & F VARIETY	XMAS CARDS	5.95
BUCHE FOODS	CLEANING SUPPLIES	145.66

CARDMEMBER SERVICE	ANNUAL BID REPORT	250.91
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	ASPHALT MATERIAL	3724.50
CORE & MAIN LP	CURB STOPS,VALVE BOX	1275.55
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	159.23
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5638.03
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	478.24
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6116.27
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	REFUND TREASURY PAYMENT	274.88
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	LIBRARY PAINT	35.99
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	RESOLUTION TO VAC COPIES	18.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS & SUPPLIES	553.91
HARRY K NAPA	WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID	7.70
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	LEGAL FEES	2242.50
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	XMAS LIGHTS/KEYS	95.89
MC & R POOLS INC	WINTERIZE POOL	2562.65
MULEHEAD GRAVEL LLC	121.1 TON OF GRAVEL DELIVERED	1666.82
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER SERVICE CONTRACT	43.28
OPPERMAN INC	GRAVEL AND WINTER MIX	1117.34
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	8.23
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/DIESEL STREET	2811.82
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	LEVEL,CRIMPING TOOL,TOWELS,PIN	159.28
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	WATER DEPT LOCATE TICKETS	37.80
TAYLOR REPAIR	TOW 2 CARS	150.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	435.63
Accounts Payable Total		27002.73
Invoices: Paid		6275.50
Invoices: Scheduled		20727.23
Payroll Checks		21879.87
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		48882.60

Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg, second by Kristi Drey to adjourn, all members voted aye. The motion Passed.

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Alexander Hamilton

Mayor Scott Anshutz