

Gregory City Council
Regular Minutes
December 7, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Seymour Studenberg, Ashley Lozano, Guyla Husman, Shana Flakus, Kristi Drey and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the November 16, 2020 council minutes as written, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Nobody was present for the public forum portion of the council meeting.

Department Head Reports

Tara Engel had emailed a November financial report for the library. Tara had also written a report on what was going on at the library. Unfortunately, the library had to be closed for a few weeks due to COVID-19.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton reported that the crew was getting equipment ready for snow plowing and cleaning the city shop. Alex also noted that the plane traffic at the airport had slowed down quite a bit.

New Business

Building Permit

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn to the Board of Adjustment to look at a building permit, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Dan Krueger/Shed

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the building permit for an 8'x12' shed that did not require a variance and had been approved by the P&Z board, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Out of Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to adjourn out of the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Rural Development Project Hearing

The Gregory City Council held a hearing to take comments on the city's proposed plan to apply for approximately \$20 million in Rural Development funds to finance new sewer and water utility mains for the city. There was nobody at the hearing to give any comments. The hearing had been advertised in the

city's official paper for two weeks. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to proceed with the Rural Development application process for funding on improvements to the city's water and sewer mains, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Skid Loader Bids

At this time, the Mayor opened the sealed bids for the sale of the city's used skid loader. The following bids were received: Treg Gruhn, \$14,567.89; Blake Jacobsen, \$10,593.00; Rich Wilson, \$10,505.00; Russ Temple, \$9,000; and Joe Nguyen, \$7,777.00. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to accept the high bid of Treg Gruhn for \$14,567.89, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Airport Engineer

The airport committee of Cory Graber, Ashley Lozano and Al Cerny had gone thru the engineer selection process and made their selection of Helms & Associates to be the city's airport engineers for the next five years. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber to select Helms & Associates as the city's Airport Engineers for the next five years. All members voted aye.

Ordinance No. 2020-04

Ordinance No. 2020-04, an ordinance supplementing the 2020 budget, was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-04 in its amended form, that increased the funding in the fire department by \$14,000, to account for the new face pieces, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Community Access Grant

The city received a community access grant in the amount of \$600,000 to help extend Logan Avenue from First Street to Highway 18, which would give access to the new Avera Hospital facilities being built in that area. The city will need to spend \$200,000 for its match of the 80/20 grant.

CARES Reimbursement Update

To date the city has received \$141,003.39 in reimbursement for police salaries. There are some items that are being submitted for reimbursement that the city is still waiting to hear from. Among these items are security cameras, TV/Zoom set up, fire dept. face pieces, and ambulance salary reimbursement. There may be other items purchased, that would help the city cope with the COVID-19. The deadline is December 31, 2020 for items to get shipped so that they are eligible.

COVID-19 Update

Mayor Scott Anshutz reported that there were 63 active cases in Gregory County. There was discussion on whether to re-open city hall. The council agreed that city hall should remain closed until January 2021.

Christmas Employee Bonuses/Party

The council members agreed that there would be no Christmas party this year due to the COVID-19 virus. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano and seconded by Kristi Drey that all full-time employees would get a \$250 bonus and the part-time employees would receive \$100. All members voted aye.

Claims

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

AC Bankcard

Monthly Service Charge

20.00

Aflac	Aflac Insurance	297.48
Al Cerny	Reimb/Medicare Part B Nov 2020	144.60
Allegiant Emergency Services, Inc.	30 MSA G1 Face Pieces-Fire Dept	14,112.00
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Sanitizer/Coveralls	93.32
BankWest	Monthly Service Charge	50.00
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Sign Post Caps/Cross Pieces	206.16
Bartling Welding & Machine Inc.	Rev Loan/Buy 2 Welders (4 Yrs. at 3%)	12,000.00
Bartling Welding & Machine Inc.	Flat Iron	46.08
Burke Oil Company	Airport Jet Fuel 2602 Gal	5,177.98
Business Radio Licensing	Renew Airport Radio License	95.00
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges	924.92
Core & Main LP	RNI/Sensus Analytics Fees for Remote Water Reads	16,032.11
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	3,817.75
Golden West Telecommunications	Phone/Internet Charges	1,286.20
Gregory Building Center	Shop Vac	189.99
Gregory County Treasurer	Nov 2020 County Law Enforcement	10,000.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing/Airport Request Eng Serv	269.55
gWorks	2021 Annual License/Support Fee	4,698.75
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder Fee	5.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,056.66
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Johnson Pochop & Bartling Law	Legal Fees	1,277.50
Karl's	LG 75' Smart TV/Protection Plan	1,129.95
Klein's True Value	Keys/Batteries/Wire/Toilet Seat/Bits	241.73
Mulehead Gravel	57.44 Ton Crushed Gravel	861.60
Office Products Center	Notary Stamp/Printer Toner/Service Contract	151.66
Public Health Laboratory	Water Testing	73.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Fittings/Filters/Parts/Snowplow LED Lights/Sensor	1,207.37
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	5,788.64
Runnings Supply Inc.	Paint/Bits/Nozzle/Supplies	297.69
Rural Development	Phase 1 Loan Payment	10,795.00
SDRS	SD Retirement Nov 2020	3,721.62
SDWWA	2021 Membership Dues	10.00
State of South Dakota	Sales Tax	87.40
Tripp County Water User District	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	223.30
Winner Plumbing & Heating LLC	Airport/ADA Toilet Installation	568.63
Wm Krotter Co.	Screws	52.99
Accounts Payable Total		\$103,311.63
Invoices: Paid		\$31,937.47
Invoices: Scheduled		\$71,374.16
Payroll Checks		\$10,685.88
TOTAL		\$113,997.51

11/24/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Finance Officer, \$2272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$4,509.80; Street Dept., \$2,809.34; Water Dept., \$3,187.81; Sewer, \$485.00; Library, \$966.55; Gross Amt, \$15,405.50

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer