

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
02/20/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, February 20, 2023, 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, Cory Graber, and Guyla Husman. Also present were City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Planning and Zoning President Sam Flakus and Chamber Board Members Liz VanOverschelde, Ana Smiley, Sandy Smith, Dr. Joseph Hull and guest Greg Smith.

**Agenda**

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey 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 02/06/23, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**No Public Forum**

**Dept. Head Reports**

Police Chief Doug Catts reported that Officer Cook and himself assisted with Feeding South Dakota on the 17<sup>th</sup> due to it being moved to a new location. Catts also reported that he is looking into grants from the South Dakota Highway Safety.

**No Committee Reports**

**No Conflict of Interest**

**Old Business**

*Chamber*

Gregory Dallas Chamber of Commerce Chair, Liz VanOverschelde, started by asking council to fund an interim director at the rate of \$16.50/hr until a new full-time director is hired. With the new director, the chamber board met and is asking to be able to advertise with the same pay scale and benefits the previous director had. Chamber board would like to advertise for position, interview applicants and bring forth a recommendation to council. Councilor Drey asked if any safeguards have been implemented for preventing future mishaps.

VanOverschelde replied that the future director will not be able to spend over \$100 without board permission, no debit card allowed, and bank statements will be sent to two different members for review with more changes to come. Both the council and chamber board agreed that better communication between the two parties would be beneficial. Council agreed to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

**New Business**

*Building Permits*

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to enter the Board of Adjustment. Planning and Zoning President, Sam Flakus, started with presenting building permit 2023-01 from Joe and Erin Beck for building a shouse. Flakus stated that shouse will be a lot away from everything with the driveway facing the South. Planning & Zoning recommended approval.

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guyla Husman, to approve building permit 2023-01. All members voted aye; motion carried. Flakus presented building permit 2023-02 & 03 from Jensen Design Build for the construction of new twin homes in Grandview. Due to Jensen Design providing architectural drawings, it makes it very easy for Planning & Zoning to evaluate. The setbacks on the two different twin homes are met. Planning & Zoning recommended approval. Flakus then presented building permit 2023-04 from Jensen Design for the construction of a four-plex in Grandview. Planning & Zoning recommended approval. Lastly, building permit 2023-05 from Jensen Design for the construction of two workforce housing units in Grandview. Planning & Zoning recommended approval. Motion was made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve building permits 2023-02, 2023-03, 2023-04, 2023-05. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *County Abatements*

Mayor Cerny presented two abatements from Gregory County, one being from Craig Soesbe in the amount of \$357.67 since their house burned down. The other from Steve Thieman in the amount of \$382.32 since the house is not livable. Mayor Cerny advised the council that these are county abatements needing signed off on. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber to approve the abatements from Craig Soesbe and Steve Thieman. All member aye, the motion carried.

#### *Airport Hanger*

Finance Officer, Alex Hamilton, stated that he received a call from the FAA regarding the hanger that Justin Hathaway has built at the City's airport. Per the FAA, the length of Mr. Hathaway's hanger is intruding into federal airspace. Hamilton stated to the council that he was be gathering more information and visiting with Mr. Hathaway after receiving more information.

#### *Code Enforcement*

Mayor Cerny presented the contract from code enforcement specialist with a \$1500 retainer fee for 2023. Mayor Cerny recommended continuing code enforcement for our community. Mayor Cerny stated the \$1500 retainer would be refunded if the services were not needed. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Cory Graber to approve the contract with code enforcement specialist for year 2023. Ashley Lozano voted aye and council members Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, and Kristi Drey voted nay. Due to the tie vote, Mayor Cerny broke the tie with an aye vote. Motion carried.

#### *Contract with SPN on 1<sup>st</sup> Street & 4<sup>th</sup> Street Design*

Mayor Cerny replied with the council that we owe it to our business owners on 1<sup>st</sup> Street to have an asphalt street. With the increased lot sales, we need to add more residential lots. The cost of the contact would be \$80,000, which would include the design, bidding, and plating of the project. Councilor Guyla Husman stated that we've been discussing this and just need to get it done. Motion was made Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; motion carried.

*City Hall Cleaning Bid Opening*

The first bid that Mayor Cerny opened was from Country Cleaning that came in with \$50/day equaling \$660/month. Second bid opened by Mayor Cerny was from Kim’s Cleaning Service which would be \$600/month. Motion was made by Cory Graber, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve Kim’s Cleaning at \$600/month. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**Claims**

APPEARA	TOWELS,COVERALLS,AIRFRESHENER/MATS	139.74
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG TESTING	156.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	PD BODY CAMERA & TASER PLAN	2,802.00
BAILEY VESKRNA	BID/CHAMBER MEETING/621 MAIN	50.00
BLACKSTRAP INC	ROAD SALT	1,799.42
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	WARNING SIRENFUSES/GOOGLEWORKSPACE	340.54
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	(3) FIVE-GAL WATER	22.05
CITY OF GREGORY	CELL PHONE PMT	739.97
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	2023 RETAINER FEE	1,500.00
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER DEPT FITTINGS	102.00
DENICE ZEISLER	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES FEB 2023	450.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,950.47
FAIR MANUFACTURING INC	SNOWBLOWER CUTTING EDGES	980.00
GALLS LLC	RADIO POUCH/BELT KEEPERS	35.63
GOLDEN WEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	PD LED ROAD FLARES	325.96
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	REFUND TREASURY PAYMENT	103.58
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	2022 TAXES #6041/6042	701.20
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEE	90.00
JEREMY ATKINS	REIM FOR PRINTER CARTRIDGES	97.94
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING	LEGAL FEES	2,292.50
MARKS HOME REPAIR	REPLACE ROOFS (PARK) INS CLAIMS	7,486.80
NASASP	ANNUAL DUES ASSOC SURPLUS PROP	39.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	RICOH COPIER/PAPER	4,419.75
OPPERMAN INC	13 HRS SNOW HAULING	1,872.00
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	5.64
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	HEATER,KEROSENE,DIESEL,GAS,PROPANE	7,414.16
RYAN COOK	REIM FOR PD UNIFORM/EQUIP	344.70
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC	LOADER CUTTING EDGE	1,064.70
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	503.75
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUD FILTERS/ CHANGE FILTERS	169.52
Accounts Payable Total		40,125.94
Invoices: Paid		4,817.36
Invoices: Scheduled		35,308.58
	706 WATER DEPOSIT	50.00
	Refund Checks Total	50.00

Payroll Checks	13,370.13
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	53,546.07
GENERAL FUND	49,174.24
WATER FUND	3,851.23
SEWER FUND	470.60
WATER DEPOSIT	50.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$53,546.07

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

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to enter executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Entered at 7:05 P.M. Mayor Cerny removed the council from executive session at 7:28 P.M. Upon exit motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to offer \$350/week for an interim Chamber Director. Mayor Cerny stated that on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. to award a bid for the city shop addition.

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

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Mayor: Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton