

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Maurice Schlaht, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber, Ashley Lozano and Darwin Grim. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Library Director Tara Engel, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guests were Larry and Kim Nordsiden and Ryler Stevicks.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2024**

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum - None**

**Department Heads**

Library Director Tara Engel presented the council with the library budget report. The library board had had a discussion regarding the current HVAC in the library. At present the air conditioner seems to be working correctly, but Director Engel asked the Council to please keep the 50-year-old HVAC system in mind when working on budgets. Ms. Engel also reported that the most recent Lego Club was very robust and that there was a record turnout for Book Club.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that the surveillance cameras are fully up and running and that Cybertek is working to see if the camera feeds can come to city hall as well. On February 15<sup>th</sup> GPD asked K9 Officer Taylor Moore and his partner to conduct a sweep of the Gregory School, no contraband was found. Officer Tom Claussen will be leaving for Academy on March 3, 2024, and will return from the same on May 31, 2024.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported that there has not been a need to move any money between accounts yet.

Mayor Cerny reported on 513 Main. The sheetrock is up, the contractors are ready to mud, the wiring is done, and the carpet and paint have been picked out. The carpet is scheduled to be laid March 18-20 and the hope is that the new tenants will be able to move in on April 1, 2024. The mayor also reported on the Auditorium roof and where the city is on that. We are awaiting the return of our insurance adjuster from medical leave.

**Committee Reports - None**

**Conflict of Interest - None**

**New Business**

**A. Building Permit – Fence – Ryan Cook**

Motion to move into Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Darwin Grim to approve the fence permit, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Nordsiden Tree Line** Larry and Kim Nordsiden are requesting permission to plant trees north of their property line of Lot 2A, Block 3 in the designated green space in the Grandview Addition. They are proposing two rows of trees. The Council agreed to the proposal if the Nordsiden’s sign a maintenance contract with the city to maintain the trees and the grass in the plant area. The contract will be written by Attorney Amy Bartling. The Nordsiden’s agreed. The issue is tabled awaiting contract.
- C. Firemen’s Dance Spiking and Malt Beverage Permit**  
Motion to approve permit for March 9, 2024, made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion approved.
- D. Tax Abatement Avera Clinic Building** The old Avera Clinic building was purchased by The Church of St Joseph as of August 1, 2023. The abatement was for 5 months in the amount of \$2,580.06. Motion to approve the abatement made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Golf Cart Ordinance** The Gregory Police Department and Mayor Cerny are proposing a city ordinance to address the use of golf carts in the city. The ordinance will follow state guidelines for roadways, require a licensed driver, limit passengers to available seating and require lighting for use after dark. The Council agreed to have Attorney Amy Bartling draw up an ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.
- F. Helms Engineering Contract for T-Hangar** Helm’s Engineering has submitted a contract for approval in the amount of \$97,000 for the planned T-Hangar project at the Gregory Municipal Airport. The mayor pointed out that 90% of this money will be paid for by the grant the City of Gregory received for this project. Motion to approve the contract made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Discuss Goals of Two Main Street Lots** Discussion of replating the lots, declaring surplus, getting an appraisal, and opening up for bids, or leaving a green space with improvements. The Council decided to request an appraisal on the property and make decisions based on that information.

**H. Pay Claims**

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACE'S CAR WASH	POLICE-CAR WASH TOKENS	96.00
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP	INTERNET ORDINANCE RENW	395.00
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	57.73
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	POLICE-BODY CAM LIC/EQUIP	2844.94
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	84.93
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER-FROST PLATES	113.64
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4576.33
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	FINOFF-GOOGLE WRKSPC	328.15
GOLDEN WEST		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	883.16
GREGORY ANIMAL CLINIC PC	ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	118.59
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	2024-911 ACCESS	2140.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	2024 ANNUAL OP EXPENSE	5500.00

GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUD-1/2 CAMERAS - FINAL	1592.37
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL-PUBLISHING	175.06
JEREMY ATKINS	POLICE-FUEL REIMB	39.38
KLEIN'S HOUSEMOVING	AUD-REPAIR METAL BEAMS	9500.00
MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP	WATER-DISCONNECT NOTICES	239.90
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	STREET-TRUCK REPAIRS	2001.22
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	34.91
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMB	23.68
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	PROPANE/GAS/DIESEL/KEROSENE	3652.66
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	198.28
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	ST-TITLE/TAGS/2024 WESTSTAR	26.70
SD POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	POLICE-CHIEF CONFERENCE	115.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	ST-INS 24 WESTERN STAR TRK	511.68
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	633.73
Accounts Payable Total		36844.50
Invoices: Paid		6161.10
Invoices: Scheduled		30683.40
Payroll Checks		14498.03
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		51342.53

Motion made to pay claims made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

**I. Executive Session – None**

**J. Adjourn** Motion made to adjourn at 7:01 by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman