

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th Street on Monday, February 3, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Librarian Tara Engel and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the January 21, 2020 council minutes as written, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Nobody was present at the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel mentioned the activities that are planned for the month of February at the library. Among the events are the Book Bingo promotion, Book Buddies and the book folding activity.

The police activity report for January was handed out to the council. Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster could not make the meeting so Mayor Anshutz gave a further update on the speed sign on Highway 18 and cameras at the auditorium. The highway speed sign is fixed and will be shipped back to Gregory soon. Lafe will be working on finding a good spot to place an outdoor camera at the auditorium area.

Committee Report

Mayor Anshutz gave an update on the recent BID meeting. Doug Pochop was elected president, Laura Petersen Vice-President, Dave Kotrba Treasurer and the secretary position is still open. Scott also discussed a recent phone call that he had with Steve Bartling regarding the bike trail. Steve would like to have the city redo the trail that sits on his property and bring everything back to the original condition of the land. The city will look at the area when the weather allows.

Conflict of Interest

None of the council members had a conflict of interest with the following agenda.

New Business

Cell Phone Tower Lease

The city received a new offer on leasing the cell phone tower. The new offer was for \$190,910 to be paid out over 10 years. The lease would run for 50 years. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to allow Mayor Scott Anshutz to sign the new cell phone tower lease for the 10-year paid out period with American Tower, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye. The city attorney will review the lease before Mayor Anshutz signs it.

2006 Dodge Bid Opening

The city did not receive any bids for the purchase of the 2006 Dodge Charger. The council agreed that the minimum offer that they would accept would be \$350.

Property Tax Abatement

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the property tax abatement at 414 Rosebud because the house at the address had been removed the prior year, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Finance Report

Finance Officer Al Cerny handed out the yearend finance report for 2019. Sales tax receipts were up over the prior year by \$53,263. In the general fund, revenues were \$54,000 more than expenses. The water and sewer funds showed more expenses than revenues. This was due to purchasing the new water meter reading system and the sewer-jetter truck in the sewer department. Depreciation was also a part of the loss shown in the water and sewer departments.

Claims

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

Aflac	Aflac Insurance Jan 2020	267.76
Appera	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	41.25
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges/Pd Jacket Deduction	147.13
Core & Main LP	54 Radio Smartpoint/3 Truread Remote Displays	7,529.52
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	4,247.45
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Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,408.88
Jerry's Electric	Repair Furnace/Nutrition Bldg	153.27
Klein's True Value	Keys/Paint Rollers/Tray Set	35.62
Minnesota Child Support Payment	Child Support	202.12
Office Products Center	Paper Clips/Copier Service Contract	37.26
Opperman Inc.	8.25 Hours Hauling Snow	948.75
Public Health Laboratory	Water/Wastewater Testing	74.00
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	7,304.31
Runnings Supply Inc.	Bulbs/Fittings/Tools/Cleaner/Power Cord/Ice Melt	465.34
SDRS	SD Retirement Jan 2020	3,623.68
Transource	Loader Wiper Blade	63.32
Tripp County Water User District	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	237.30
US Postal Service	Postage Stamps	55.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$33,841.96
Invoices: Paid		\$8,725.44
Invoices: Scheduled		\$25,116.52

1/21/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$903.83; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,772.15; Street Dept., \$3,634.06 Water Dept., \$3,429.80; Sewer, \$579.00; Library, \$1,246.85; Gross Amt, \$18,023.89

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to adjourn, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer