

**City of Gregory**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025 | 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 Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, and Alex Hamilton. Council member Maurice Schlaht was absent. Also present were City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Chamber Director Diane Bachmann, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitor Barb Sengelmann.

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval** Motion to approve the agenda as posted was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Council Minutes from January 21, 2025,** Motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, meeting made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum/Visitors** Barb Sengelmann addressed the Council regarding her grandson-in-law and the lack of clear and accessible space allowed to accommodate all parents and spectators to watch their kids in sports. Different sports pose different difficulties, and Ms. Sengelmann would like the City and the school district to work together to find safer and more reliable solutions for all the auditorium sports. Mayor Cerny stated that he had discussed this with the School Superintendent and that the City and School would continue to work together on this. The south side of the gym between the bleachers is an answer for basketball, but not feasible during volleyball. He also thanked Ms. Sengelmann for bringing this to the Council's attention.

**Department Head Reports** Library Director Tara Engel reported that 15 kids were present for the STEM project that used straws, balloons, and cups to illustrate how the heart works. Ms. Engel stated that the most recent library board meeting the subjects of tech updates, back-up batteries, and funding appropriations were discussed, she was grateful to BankWest for their donation of the book magazine racks, and thanked the City Shop employees for adding castors to the shelves so the library can move them around.

Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler reported on his first day that the City crew hoped that the big red truck would be home by the weekend, and the JD road grader has been taken to a shop to have it looked at for mechanical issues. Mr. Kepler also asked about tearing out the old oil tank and concrete stand by the shop and discussed some organizing and clean-up plans.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that the police department's functions have been business as usual. Chief Cook also reported that the Police Department would be receiving three new rifles through the 1033 Grant, and the receipt and use of these rifles will always require a first and secondary lock system in place when the rifles are in the police vehicle.

Chamber Director Diane Bachmann presented the Council with a quarterly financial report reporting that things are going very well for the Chamber, and that member dues are pouring in. Ms. Bachmann also said that the Murder Mystery was coming up and that so far ticket sales are strong.

March will see the Chamber Easter Egg Hunt and the theme for this Fourth of July celebration will be Luau for Liberty.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported that the T-Hangar Project opening for bids has been put on hold until the City hears more from the engineers regarding the governmental funding freeze and the resulting restraining order. The current AWOS (weather reporting system) at Gregory Municipal Airport is un-certified and out of date. FO Waterman stated that Helm's said we are on the schedule to upgrade in 2027, and that the City could go ahead with the project and get reimbursed later. The cost would be around \$300,000 to have an updated and certified AWOS at Flynn Field. The research is continuing regarding the Grandview rebates as far as buy dates, build dates, and taxes paid.

**Committee Reports** – Laura Petersen discussed the Council committee meeting with the School Board committee. The consensus at this point is that the roof may be a problem, and Sara Anderson would like to have structural engineers inspect the building. The two committees agreed to split the cost and have the auditorium inspected.

**Conflict of Interest- None**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**A. Building Permit Opp – House**

**Approved by Planning & Zoning**

Motion to enter Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Opp building permit made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to exit the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

**B. Sewer Camera Water/Sewer Department** The Sewer Department has requested the purchase of a new small pipe camera system with a 9” screen and a 300’ hose. The cost of the new camera set-up is approximately \$1,000.00 with a 1-year warranty. Motion to approve the purchase of a new small line camera made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

**C. Airport Sign Lighting** decision made to proceed with lighting of the Flynn Field sign with SDDoT approval and at a reasonable cost.

**D. Pay Claims**

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	714.00
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERILAS	176.88
AMG - AVERA OCCUP MEDICINE-SF	PRE-EMPLOYMENT TEST	36.60
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	GPD COMPUTER SYSTEM	3075.04
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	379.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4337.02

GREGORY BAKERY & DELI	MSHA SAFETY MTG	140.08
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	LOTS 11 & 12	105.66
HARRY K NAPA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	150.27
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	6339.90
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICE	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	150.15
NORTHERN PLAINS LLC	SEWER	156248.14
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	235.76
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	25.59
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	13.00
RANCHERS LIVESTOCK EQUIP LLC	REPAIR LOADER	188.68
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	7796.98
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	5144.94
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	2550.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	320.88
Accounts Payable Total		191728.57
Invoices: Paid		169693.98
Invoices: Scheduled		22034.59
Payroll Checks		12620.77
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		204349.34

Motion to pay claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

6:46 Motion to enter Executive Session made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

7:05 Mayor Cerny removes the Council from the Executive Session.

Results of the Executive Session: Motion made by Stacey Boes to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for Chief Ryan Cook because of insurance premium reimbursement cut to 50% (\$450.00). Four (4) ayes. Stacey Boes, Cory Graber, Alex Hamilton, and Laura Petersen. One (1) Nay. Kristi Drey. Motion carried.

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Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman