

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 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, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen, GED Director Rachele Bloom, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman.

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

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval

Add next meeting date change. Motion to add the next meeting date to the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Council Minutes for January 16, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum- Mr. Dave Peabody addressed the Council with snow removal concerns, stating that their entire block had been largely ignored and was extremely icy and dangerous. Mr. Peabody also stated that the snow removal this year had so far not measured up to last year's job by our street department. Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen accepted responsibility and stated that the street department had made the wrong judgement call in relation to this storm and should have gone out between the rain and forecasted snow to remove the slush. The snow removal notice program was also addressed.

Department Head Reports- Josey Larsen stated that he and Marty Jung have been working on scheduling a water tank inspection to remain in compliance with state regulations and are currently waiting on an estimate for the cost of inspection. Mr. Larsen and Mr. Jung are also working with Dakota Pump to schedule an inspection and identify pumps that need to be updated in the well field. On Wednesday January 31, 2024, Mr. Larsen, and Mr. Jung, drove to Sioux Falls to pick up the new city truck. Library Director Tara Engel reported that 8 new patrons joined the library in January, the Lego Club is in full swing again, and The Think Smart Money Program has come to Gregory thanks to a grant Ms. Engel applied for. This program comes with preloaded Tablets that can be checked out of the library and internet and Wi-Fi are not required to utilize these programs. Ms. Engel is already working on her Annual Public Library Survey for the state and all community participation helps boost our library report. Coming up are the Library Board meeting and the Book Club meeting.

Committee Reports- Ashley Lozano stated that there were several calls from the public regarding the roof leak at the auditorium. Mayor Cerny and Damon Eagle Star investigated the leaks and found that someone had already removed the tiles. Mayor Cerny contacted the roofing company that has previously worked on the roof and notified the insurance company. The owner of the roofing company had looked at the auditorium entrance before and stated that this could still be hail damage that is surfacing later.

Pool Committee- There have been questions from the public regarding the raffle for the 2023 Ford Bronco. The Pool Committee reported that the tickets sales are at approximately the half-way point and if the nice weather holds the Bronco will be making appearances around town at various events.

Conflict of Interest- None

New Business:

- A. Athletic Club- Mayor Cerny and the Council agreed to allow the Athletic Club to use Lot 2A in the Roadside Park Addition for their fireworks stand beginning in 2025. The building will be on skids and a usage agreement, drawn up by Attorney Amy Bartling, was agreeable to Patrick Shaffer and Beth Leber, representatives of the Athletic Club.
Motion made by Ashley Lozano to approve Amy Bartling writing a usage agreement for Lot 2A for the Athletics Club, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Lease Agreement 513 Main- Council was presented with a final draft of the lease agreement for 513 Main. Attorney Amy Bartling suggested Item 9 offering a first right of refusal for purchase be removed as it is not compliant with municipal laws. Mayor Cerny stated that the work inside the building is moving along nicely, and the hope is to have the building finished in two months.
Motion made by Maurice Schlaht to approve the lease without Item 9, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. GED Funding- Mayor Cerny pointed out that although the GED was mentioned last month during the funding discussion, a decision had not been reached regarding the GED funding. The Council was presented with a budget that mirrored the funding plan for the Chamber of Commerce. The GED will receive its annual budget amount of \$29,500.00 for 2024 and Director Rachelle Bloom will remain on the city payroll until July 1, 2024, after July 1, the GED will be responsible for paying the Director from the monthly budget provided by the City of Gregory. The GED will need to bring any budget increase requests to the Council before June 30, 2024. The GED will also be required to present the City of Gregory with quarterly and annual financial reports.
Motion made by Ashley Lozano to accept the proposed GED budget and payment plan, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Bond Issue- Mayor Cerny asked the Council for permission to move on the Bond Issue for the Phase I project to begin in 2024. Mayor Cerny also requested that the Council authorize a bond request up to \$1.5 million.
Motion made by Cory Graber to approve a bond up to \$1.5m, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Mayor's Power to Advertise for Bids- Mayor Cerny requested the approval to immediately advertise for bids for Phase I upon receipt of approval from the state and the engineers.
Motion made by Cory Graber to grant that approval, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Transfer Funds from Variable Money Market to Main Checking Account- Mayor Cerny and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman requested permission to transfer enough funds from the Variable Money Market, established last year, to the General Checking Account to cover the claims list for the first half of February. Concurrent construction projects have drawn the general account down and will take some time to be restored.
Motion made by Maurice Schlaht to approve the transfer of funds, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Reschedule Meeting for Tuesday February 20, 2024 Due to Holiday
The Council agreed to the date change.

H. Pay Claims-

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC	728.07
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	218.78
BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	POLICE - EQUIPMENT	659.50
BLACKSTRAP INC	ROAD SALT	2011.88
BOYER TRUCKS	2024 WESTERNSTAR TRUCK	199450.00
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	CITY HALL WATER	30.00
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	75.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	CODE ENFORCE RETAIN 2024	1500.00
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER/ITBACKUP/SECURITY	528.60
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	WATER-2024 SCADA	1492.75
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4397.89
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	229.39
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	513 MAIN REMODEL MATERIALS	1842.27
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	600.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPS/BOOKS/EQUIP/PROFEE	2253.46
HARRY K NAPA	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	31.44
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDERS	60.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7552.50
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT THANGAR DESIGN/ENG	10083.76
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	TRASH SERVICE	400.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	22.44
MULEHEAD GRAVEL LLC	58T CRUSHED GRAVEL/DELIVED	868.00
PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH	3.22
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER/WASTEWATER TESTING	100.00
REXWINKEL CONCRETE INC	STREET - SHOP ADDITION	65442.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	7236.41
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/DIESEL/KEROSENE/PROP	3991.04
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR & ASSOC	ENGINEERING FEES	27340.90
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	5810.04
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	550.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	311.11
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	532.96
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	GENGOVBLDG-HVAC 513 MAIN	2872.37
Accounts Payable Total		353187.24
Invoices: Paid		213783.57
Invoices: Scheduled		139403.67
Payroll Checks		14214.49
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		367401.73

Motion made by Ashley Lozano to pay the claims, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes.
Motion carried.

- I. Adjourn- Motion made by Kristi Drey to adjourn at 7:05, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

MAYOR AL CERNY

ATTEST: _____

FINANCE OFFICER TRUDY WATERMAN