

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
02/07/2022

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th St on Monday, February 7, 2022 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Cory Graber, Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg. Also present were, City Administrator/Finance Officer Alexander Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Librarian Tara Engel, and news reporter Patty Connealy, Officer Tevin Anderson, City Engineer Jeff McCormick with SPN. Absent were Councilors Guyla Husman and Shana Flakus.

Agenda

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the agenda as written, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Ashley, to approve the regular meeting minutes from the 01/03/21 City Council Meeting, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

No Public Forum

Dept. Head Reports

Superintendent Josey Larsen reported that the crew has successfully removed another condemned property. Larsen also reported while the weather is nice, they will be tackling potholes.

Librarian Tara Engel reported that the Gregory Auxiliary book club is coming soon. Tara also reported that all the library's new tech equipment is up and running and Tara is working on adding more programs utilizing the technology.

Officer Tevin Anderson was in to introduce himself to the council.

No Committee Reports

Conflict of Interest

Nobody had a conflict of interest with the agenda.

New Business

Building Permit

Council Member Ashley Lozano made a motion to enter the Board of Equalization, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Anshutz presented a building permit from the Congregational Church to install a deck. Hamilton noted that the planning and zoning recommended approval and recommended waiving the permit fee for the church. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the building permit waving the fee of \$25. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously. Kristi Drey made a motion, seconded by Seymour Studenberg, to exit the Board of Equalization. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Auditorium Lights

Mayor Anshutz reported that Superintendent Sara Anderson secured the 0% financing for the project. The total cost of the project is \$49,724.15 with the city covering half. The city's payments will be \$2500 a year for ten years. Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg seconded by Cory Graber to approve paying for half of the auditorium lighting. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

Hail Claim City Hall & Auditorium

Mayor Anshutz reported that the Auditorium and City Hall Building have been declared an emergency since they are actively leaking. Mayor reported he will work with Hamilton to get the repairs or replacement done expedited.

Ordinance 2022-01

City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen presented Ordinance 2022-01, an ordinance adding Chapter 110.05 Licensing Provisions for Cannabis Establishment. Councilor Kristi Drey asked if the wording should read; issue a license unless convicted of a violent felony to just a felony. Attorney Amy Jacobsen responded that if the city is to grant an application it still must pass the states guidelines which are more restricting. So, she believed the wording is fine. This ordinance would make any establishment be 1000' from any school or daycare. Hours of operation would be 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM Monday through Saturday and from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Sundays. Councilor Seymour Studenburg made a motion to approve the first reading of ORDINANCE 2022-01 AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 110.05 – LICENSING PROVISIONS FOR CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, second by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-02

City Attorney Amy Jacobsen presented Ordinance 2022-02, AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 153.71 CANNABIS DISPENSARY; OF CHAPTER 153 ZONNING REGULATIONS; BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GREGORY. This ordinance states that all dispensary locations shall be within the designated business/commercial districts of the City of Gregory. Such locations shall be subject to any location requirements under SDCL 34G-20G. Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-02 AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 153.71 CANNABIS DISPENSARY; OF CHAPTER 153 ZONNING REGULATIONS; BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GREGORY, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Rate of Pay

Motion was made Ashley Lozano seconded by Kristi Drey, to set rate of pay for Officer Tevin Anderson at \$20/per hr. with a \$1.00 raise after completion of reciprocity, with a 6-month probation period. All members voted aye; the motion passed unanimously.

Airport Bid Protest Procedures Adoption

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that to continue to receive federal funding for our airport we need to adopt a bid protest procedure. Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg, seconded by Kristi Drey to adopt The Airport Bid Protest Procedures as written. All members voted aye; the motion passed.

Financial Report

Finance officer Hamilton reported that sales tax dollars were up \$100,572.25 from 2020. The General fund stood at \$1,627,241.51 Water Fund \$358,958.42, Sewer Fund \$598,321.80 at the end of 2021.

Public Hearing (6:30pm)

City Engineer Jeff McCormick was present to provide information on the Water/Wastewater Improvement Project. Jeff stated that this project is a complete replacement of all water, sewer, and now streets. Phase 1 funding has been applied for. The State of South Dakota has been allocated 600 million in funds for water/sewer work. All that money must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026. That state has set a minimum of 30% grant, with that our rate are looking to be at \$55 per water and sewer for 5000 gallons used. South Dakota is planning on starting to award funding in May, with hope to start bidding phase 1 in December, with a completion of phase 1 in 2024. Public input was had from Gregg Drees and Rick Messerschmidt, also present was Al Cerny and Darold Frasch.

Claims

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve paying the claims, all members voted aye. The motion passed.

Councilor Ashley Lozano exited the room

Employee Rate of Pay for 2022

Finance Officer Alex Hamilton \$55,100 annually, Assistant Finance officer Jennifer Keegan \$21.92 per hr; Superintendent Josey Larsen \$22.15 per hr; Police Chief Doug Catts \$25.75 per hr; Marty Jung \$19.00 per hr; Damon Eaglestar \$16.22 per hr; Dean Rivers \$20.00 per hr; Tevin Anderson \$20.00 per hr; Tara Engel \$16.00 per hr; Part-time employees: Christian Spann \$11.33 per hr; Nancy Khuu \$9.95 per hr; Piper Bartlett \$9.95 per hr; Aubree Opp \$9.95 per hr and Beth Raschke \$5113.91 annually.

Mayor Report

Mayor Anshutz reported that after 4 successful years of representing the City of Gregory as Mayor, he will not be running for re-election.

Mayor Anshutz took the remaining council in to executive session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Mayor Anshutz took the council out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken upon exit.

Claims

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AMERICAN LEGION HUTCHINSON #6	SD COMM FOUNDATION PASS THRU	1000.00
APPEARA	TOWELS, HANDCLEANER, MATS	249.77
BAILEY VESKRNA	XMAS PARTY ROOM RENTAL	100.00
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE INC	IRON	62.32
BURKE OIL COMPANY	AIRPORT FUEL	9123.88
CATS	FINANCIAL SERVICES	376.62
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	CODE ENFORCEMENT RETAINER	1500.00
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT JAN-FEB	1177.50

DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	POLICE OIL CHANGE	84.79
DIXON TOWN HALL	SD COM FOUNDATION GRANT	1000.00
FRONTIER PRECISION INC	WATER CONTROLS UPGRADE	3059.64
GALLS LLC	OFFICER APPAREL	597.98
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	2377.30
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	JAN 2022 LAW ENFORF COVERAGE	6097.50
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PROFFESIONAL FEES	1831.35
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	FIRE ALARM PANEL AUDITORIUM	3097.47
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	1942.81
GWORKS	FRONT DESK ADDITIONAL USERS	600.00
HALI-BRITE INC	AIRPORT BEACON BULBS	333.71
HARRY K NAPA	ST. COUPLERS/HOSE & FITTINGS	167.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4484.04
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	CONSTRUCTING&ENGINEERING	8169.03
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	FILTERS&PITCHER	15.48
MARTY JUNG	MILEAGE & CDL REIM	213.96
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	OXYGEN REFILL	23.31
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	341.79
OLD PIONEER TOOL PAWN & GUN	9MM AMMUNITION	68.97
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	23.31
PLANNING&DEVELOPMENT DIST III	2022 MEMBERSHIP	2479.00
PRAIRIE WINDS PARK	PASS THRU GRANT/SD COMM FOUNDA	500.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	56.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6452.82
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL&PROPANE	1282.27
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	GAS CAN, BAR OIL, TORCH KIT	158.57
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	1ST&LOGAN ENGINEERING	2300.00
SDRA	2022 MEMBERSHIP	150.00
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	LOCATE TICKETS	29.40
SYN-TECH SYSTEMS	FUEL PUMP TECH SUPPORT	134.00
THOMAS CIHAK	POLICE OIL CHANGE	63.28
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	2 MONTH WATER SERVICE	6000.00
Accounts Payable Total		68,324.87
Payroll Checks		30,296.66
REPORT TOTAL		\$98,621.53

Mayor Scott Anshutz

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Alexander Hamilton