

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th St at the time of 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020. 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; Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Item F was added to the agenda, which stated that Josey Larsen had passed a water operators exam test. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the agenda as posted with the Larsen addition, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the council minutes from March 2, 2020 as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Department Head Reports

The Gregory Library report, written by Tara Engel, was passed out to the council. The library is closed this week for now, but library patrons can still get books by curbside pickup. They will have to call in for their book selection.

Committee Reports

Tony Timanus, Avera Gregory Hospital CEO, gave an update on the virus protocols being taken at the hospital, nursing home and clinic. The nursing home is closed, and people are being screened before they enter the hospital. The clinic is open, but people are to call ahead.

City Coronavirus Protocols

Mayor Anshutz reported that he had met with the City Department Heads and some protocols were set up for the various departments in dealing the COVID-19. City offices and other work areas are being disinfected. The doors at city hall are posted with signs that are giving phone numbers to call the different city departments instead of face to face contact, if possible.

Chamber Budget for 2020

Suzanne Braun met with the council to pass out the 2020 chamber budget. The budget is showing an equal amount of income and expense for 2020. Suzanne went on to discuss some of the upcoming events planned for 2020.

Conflict of Interest

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

Board of Equalization

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn as the city council and meet as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

The Board of Equalization had six appeals to review.

Ronald Kahler, Parcel #6262, appealed the assessed value of \$112,306. Ron wanted the value reduced to \$92,500 because of some comparable property and the condition of the surrounding neighborhood, which he felt was driving down the value of his property. The Board agreed to lower the total value to \$100,000.

Janice Gruhn, Parcel #6079, appealed the assessed value of \$98,553. Janice felt the value should be \$89,600 based on some comparable properties. The Board agreed to lower the value to \$95,000.

John & Janice Stukel, Parcel #5751, appealed the total assessed value of \$19,998, because the house is to be torn down and has no value. The Board did not change the value because the house is not gone.

Brett & Tammy Oliver, Parcel #6502, appealed the total value of \$263,947. They felt the total value should be \$210,000, because of the other motel assessed values in the County. The Board agreed to set the value at \$250,000.

Robert & Sharon Petersen, Parcel #5772, appealed the total value of \$28,127 because of some comparable property that they listed. They felt the total value should be \$20,750. The board members agreed to set the value at \$24,000.

Robert Petersen, Parcel #6153, appealed the total value of \$28,482 because of some comparable property values that he listed. Robert felt the total value should be \$22,750. The Board members set the value at \$24,000.

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the values as for the listed properties as recommended by the Board of Equalization, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Adjourn Board of Equalization

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn as the Board of Equalization, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

New Business

Abatement of Taxes

The city council received a request from the county to abate the property taxes for a trailer house at 213 W 6th Street that was owned by James Taylor but had been removed from that location for some time. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Guyla Husman to approve the property tax abatement for the mobile home at 213 W 6th St. All members voted aye,

Berean Church Road

The city had received a request from the Berean Church about helping with raising the lane running to the west of the Church. The members of the church were wanting to raise the lane to help with the flooding around the church. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to help the Berean Church with raising of the lane west of the church, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Election Workers

Motion was made by Cory Graber and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the following election workers for the Municipal Election scheduled for April 14, 2020: Gerrie Soper, Kathy Kayl and Donna Schmitz. All members voted aye.

Water Exam/Josey Larsen

Josey Larsen has passed the Water Distribution Level 1 exam. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve a .50 per hour raise to Josey Larsen that would start March 18, 2020, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Street Plan Update

The small planning report was passed out to the council. The report was an in-depth report on the City's water and sewer system and a cost estimate to replace the bad lines along with replacing the streets where the sewer lines ran. The report will be placed on the State's water plan and applications will be made to the State and Rural Development for grants and low interest loans to make the improvements for water/sewer lines and the streets.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton handed out a map that showed where the real bad streets are. These are the streets that are completely broken up. Some were due to truck traffic and some to other conditions. The water table is very high and until the water table goes down, it will be very hard to correctly repair the streets. There was discussion of putting restrictions on trucks using the city streets. A resolution concerning truck traffic will be on the next city's meeting agenda.

Claims

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve the following claims for payment, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Ace's Car Wash	PD Car Wash Tokens	80.00
Al Cerny	Mileage/Rapid City Airport Conf	278.40
Appear	Mats/Mop/Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	68.13
Axon Enterprise Inc	2 Yr. Support for Body Cameras	1,809.00
Bartling Welding & Machine Inc.	Cutting Edge/Iron/Oxygen	587.26
Cardmember Service	Office 365 Yearly Fee	74.54
Dakota Auto Care	Oil Change/2019 Ford Police Responder	62.87
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	6,778.32
Finance Office	Salt of Sanding Streets	350.00
Golden West Telecommunications	Phone/Internet Service	1,201.34
Gregory Building Center	Water Sample UPS Shipping/Ext Cord	175.63
Gregory County Treasurer	2 Half Days Law County Enforcement	150.00
Gregory Times-Advocate	Council Publishing	171.18
Insurance Benefits Inc	Airport Liability Insurance	4,048.00
Jerry's Electric	Pipe/Elbow	83.01
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Ken's Body Shop	Install Windshield/Door Handle 2005 Chevy	296.50
Lafe Gildemaster	Riemb/Fingerprint Pad	14.86
Minnesota Child Support Payment	Child Support	202.12
Mr. Automotive	Disc Brake Gasket	6.70
Rosebud Auto Parts	Fittings/Filters/Gasket/Clamp	255.22
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Streetlight for Main Street	262.50
Rosebud Farmers Union	Propane/Diesel Fuel	743.54
SD Federal Property Agency	Tools/Masks	259.00

SD Public Assurance Alliance	Property/Liability Insurance	43,114.44
Tripp County Water User District	Monthly Water Service Charge	3,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Charges	2,134.39
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Change Filters/Cleanup Roof	100.00
Wm Krotter Co.	Plywood/Hole Saws	111.46
Accounts Payable Total		\$66,718.41

3/3/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,852.14; Street Dept., \$2,989.32; Water Dept., \$3,669.88; Sewer, \$659.03; Ambulance, \$10,703.30; Library, \$1,350.80; Gross Amt, \$28,671.47

Adjourn

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

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer