

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2026 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday March 16, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Alex Hamilton, Ashley Lozano, Laura Petersen, and Stacey Boes. Absent was Maurice Schlaht. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Library Director Tara Engel, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guests included Kim Bruns, Wes Schell, and Tim Drey.

6:00 pm Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Request by SPN to temporarily remove Item D from the Agenda. Motion to approve the Agenda as posted after removing Item D made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for March 2, 2026 Motion to approve the Minutes from March 2, 2026, as written, made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors – None

Council Concerns - None

Department Head Reports Library Director Tara Engel attended the Jumpstart program in Chamberlin, SD and returned with Summer Reading Program ideas. GPL was chosen for a Stephanie Miller Davis Grant which will contribute \$1000 to library programming. Ms. Engel handed out the annual report with the 2025 library stats, explained the current STEAM Club activity, and announced a Saturday Crafters day on March 28th.

Mayor Reports Mayor Cerny reported that the most recent Public Works meeting included conversations around the pool opening. The PW crew hopes to have the pool open in 2026. Mayor Cerny asked the council if we could begin advertising for summer help. Council agreed. The mayor is also hoping to put together an Auditorium meeting the end of March. Tentative date is Tuesday March 31 @ 4:00 pm.

Committee Reports - None

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business

- A. **N5 Acres, LLC Tax Abatement** Motion to approve the abatement of the 2025 taxes for N5 Acres, LLC made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Stacey Boes. Four (4) Ayes. Zero (0) Nays. Kristi Drey abstained.

New Business

- A. **Quote To Fix Tarmac Cracks at the Airport** City Council was presented with a quote to fix the extensive cracks in the tarmac at the airport. Gregory Ambulance President Kim Bruns cited the dangers the ambulance crews have faced with the cracks and the cot/gurney wheels. The wheels being half sunk in the cracks and almost tipping the cots over. Motion to approve the repair of the tarmac for \$39,500 by Lot Pros, Inc. made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **Firemen's Annual Fireworks Increase to \$15,000 (Prepaid by City of Gregory)** Gregory Fire Department had previously addressed the council with the proposal for doing a larger fireworks show for 2026 (America 250). The fire department intends to fundraise the extra for the event but has asked the city to pre-pay \$15,000 for the fireworks. The city pays \$8,000 every year for the display. Motion to approve the prepaying of the extra \$7,000 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. **Estimates to Replace Concrete for Park Basketball Court** Gregory City Council was presented with two quotes to replace the concrete basketball court in the park. One quote was \$14,960 and one quote was \$32,130. Motion to approve the \$14,960.00 quote from N&S Concrete made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

~~D. Pleasant View Road and City of Gregory Property Lines~~

E. Pay Claims

Report Title	Claims Report
Period	03/03/2026 To 03/16/2026

Vendor Name	Vendor Total
FRONTIER MOTORS	\$ 1,097.30
INSURANCE BENEFITS INC	\$ 5,285.00
HARRY K NAPA	\$ 35.98
JEREMY ATKINS	\$367.79
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	\$ 3,000.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$ 2,466.27
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	\$ 440.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	\$ 40.00
TRI-STATE TURF & IRRIGATION	\$ 290.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	\$ 1,479.29
TARA ENGEL	\$ 87.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	\$ 3,087.21
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	\$ 86.19
MEYERINK FARM SERVICE INC	\$ 3.86
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 115.15
PETTY CASH	\$ 11.95
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	\$ 989.54
APPEARA	\$ 159.84
GREGORY COUNTY 4-H	\$ 4,684.07
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 4,684.07
ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE	\$ 427.10
GOLDEN WEST TELECOM	\$ 949.17
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	\$ 917.31
WM KROTTER CO	\$ 86.75
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	\$ 1,273.94
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 110.58
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	\$ 2,411.34
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	\$ 33.00
Total	\$34,619.70

Vendor Name	Amount
PAYROLL	\$14,677.67
EFTPS	\$ 5,098.79
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 379.00

BREIT & BOOMSMA, P.C.	\$ 244.08	
SDRS	\$ 2,778.58	
EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC	\$ 244.08	
AFLAC	\$ 474.68	
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$ 1,275.00	
TOTAL		\$25,171.88

Motion to pay claims made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

6:30 PM City of Gregory Board of Equalization Motion to enter Board of Equalization made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Stacey Boes 615 Park** - Keep the land value at \$4878.00 and reduce the building value to \$80,122.00 for a total of \$85,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. Four (4) ayes. Zero (0) Nays. Stacey Boes abstained.
2. **Pamela (Boes) Reber 511 Rosebud** - Keep the land value at \$7318.00 and reduce the building value to \$85,000.00 for a total of \$92,318.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Kayla Cerny 227 Logan Ave** - Keep the land value at \$9579.00 and reduce the building value to \$280,421 for a total of \$290,000.00 Motion to reject the appeal and keep the total valuation set last year of \$310,000.00, made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Susan Davis 122 Nepper St** - Keep the land value at \$8363.00 and reduce the building value to \$123,878.00. Motion to adjust the appeal to land value at \$8363.00 and building value at \$125,878.00 for a total valuation of \$134,241.00.
5. **Amanda Fiebelkorn 1103 Felton** – Keep the land value at \$9931.00 and reduce the building to \$265,069.00 for a total of \$275,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. **Joe & Lynn Klein 708 Felton** – Keep the land value at \$4781.00 and reduce the building value to \$110,219.00 for a total of \$115,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **N5 Acres, LLC 634 Railway St** – Set the land value at \$25,000.00 and reduce the building value to \$35,000.00 for a total of \$60,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. Four (4) ayes. Zero (0) nays. Motion carried. Kristi Drey abstained.
8. **Provision Grain 101 & 104 N Main** – Appeal to adjust Parcel # 7773 to \$145,738.00 and Parcel# 7774 to \$179,262.00 for a total of \$325,000.00 which is more in line with the purchase price. Motion to approve the appeal made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Cheryl Spert 322 W 7th** – Keep the land value at \$9757.00 and reduce the building value to \$93,243.00 for a total of \$103,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. **Michael Thompson 313 Rosebud** – Keep the land value at \$9757.00 and reduce the building value to \$26,629.00 for a total of \$36,386.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. **Michael Thompson 320 Rosebud** – Keep the land value at \$9757.00 and reduce the building value to \$53,207.00 for a total of \$62,964.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. **Joseph Tyburec 320 E 12th St** – Keep the land value at \$7611.00 and reduce the building value to \$66,979.00 for a total of \$74,590.00. Motion to approve the appeal made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. **Kevin & Lori Wagner 413 Park Ave** – Keep the land value at \$9757.00 and place the building value at \$195,243.00 for a total of \$205,000.00. Motion to approve the appeal as adjusted made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Certify the Assessment Rolls, as posted, made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

6:57 Motion to exit Board of Equalization made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. Executive Session – None

G. Adjourn

7:00 pm Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman

Next meeting: Tuesday April 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm