

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025 | 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 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Maurice Schlaht, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, and Alex Hamilton. Also present were City Attorney Rachele Norberg, Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Chamber Director Diane Bachmann, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitors Rachele Bloom, Marla Stephen, Laura McKeen, Darwin & Kerri Grim, Rickee and Sandra Teigen, and Ryler Stevicks.

6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the Agenda minus Item A. Building Permits and Item G. Tarmac Repair Quote made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for March 3, 2025 Motion by Laura Petersen to approve the Minutes as written, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports Library Director Tara Engel reported that the STEAM Club built Leprechaun Traps, the Auxiliary Club meeting Wednesday at 1:30, SD Humanities Council again chose the Gregory Public Library as a host site for the One Book South Dakota Author series, date TBD, and Director Engel is looking for presenters for the Summer Reading Program to implement ideas she picked-up at the Jumpstart Workshop. Chamber Director Diane Bachmann reported that the Chamber and Cybertek are hosting a ‘Lunch & Learn: Microsoft Office Workshop’ for local business owners and it is open to all businesses. April 19th is the scheduled Annual Easter Egg Hunt and April 26 the Chamber is hosting a Puzzle Tournament at the Legion. Finance Officer Trudy Waterman presented the Council with the most recent financial report.

Old Business

- A. Microsoft Transparency** FO Waterman explained to the Council that although they had approved the switch to Microsoft Office, and the annual subscription price, FO Waterman stated she had not mentioned the \$2,000 fee to roll over all the accounts and computers in the city system. Motion to continue the set-up of Microsoft Office with the \$2,000 one-time fee, made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Pickleball Court Paint/Nets Quote** Motion to repaint the tennis court and replace the net, add two pickleball courts and two nets and get a quote on the court prep work made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. City Wide Clean-Up Dates** Gregory County has asked if May 13/14 would work for the city Clean-Up dates. The Council determined the dates were good. The discussion of picking up trees came up and the decision was made to set a separate date, TBD, for a tree pick-up day(s).
- D. Update Phase I Cost-to-Date** A spread sheet, provided by District III, was presented to the Council by FO Waterman. The spread sheet shows, to date, expenditures and whether each expenditure is paid by grant funds or loan funds.
- E. Update Phase II** Mayor Cerny would like to wait to request engineering for Phase II until Phase I is substantially started. He also said finding the funding for Phase II was going to be more challenging than funding Phase I.

6:30 Board of Equalization Tax Appeals

6:25 Motion to enter Board of Equalization made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

1. **Darwin & Kerri Grim** Motion to decrease the Grim's valuation on Parcel# 6285 using the 2024 valuation plus 3% to reach a 2025 valuation of \$140,445.00 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
 2. **Darrell & Sandra Jones** Motion to decrease Jones' valuation on Parcel# 5838 using the 2024 valuation plus 3% to reach a valuation of \$131,800.00 All ayes. Motion carried.
 3. **Marla M Stephen** Motion to decrease Stephen's valuation on Parcel# 7763 using the 11/2023 purchase price of \$315,000 and set the valuation at \$310,000.00 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
 4. **Rickee & Sandra Teigen** Motion to decrease the Teigen's valuation on Parcel# 5836 using the 2024 valuation plus 3% to reach a valuation of \$150,380.00 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to decrease the Teigen's valuation on Parcel# 5639 using the 2024 valuation and maintaining the valuation at \$52,461.00 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried. This is a 36-year-old mobile home on a single lot.
 5. **Mike & Laura McKeen** Motion to decrease the McKeen's valuation on Parcel# 6269 by reducing the building value to reflect an uninhabitable home in renovation and maintaining the land valuation to set the valuation of \$74,606.00 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 7:00** Motion to exit Board of Equalization made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. **Building Permits – Removed by Motion**
- B. **Tri-State Turf & Irrigation Annual Service Agreement** Motion by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes, to let the Sunshine Club pay the \$280.00 Pre-payment and the City of Gregory will pay the balance in the fall. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **Replace Flagpole Cable and Parts** Motion by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to spend up to \$2500.00 (Professional quote \$2,462.78) fixing the cable and parts in the Buttes flagpole. Four (4) ayes. Maurice Schlaht, Stacey Boes, Cory Graber, & Alex Hamilton. Two (2) nays. Kristi Drey and Laura Petersen.
- D. **Driveway Culvert at 9th & Main St** Mayor Cerny proposed a possible cost share between the City and the landowner. Guhner Kepler will come up with a total cost for replacement and visit with the homeowner.
- E. **Tax Abatements** Motion to approve the tax abatements for Caleb Dufrane for Parcel# 5740 for \$1,731.12 and Darlene Horst Parcel# 5741 for \$776.76 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **Authorization to Proceed with 2025 Street Project** Motion to start the 2025 Street Project made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **Airport Tarmac Repair Quote – Removed by Motion**
- H. **Accept Bid on Airport T-Hangar with Contingency** A Tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0018-022/023-2025 Revenue Producing T-Hangar, Bid Schedules A and B, Alternate Bid B1 and B2 is made to VanderPol Dragline, Inc. of Mithcell, SD, in the amount of \$1,035,051.00 contingent upon receipt of an acceptable DBE GFE and an FAA Grant Offer. Motion to approve the award with contingencies made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- I. **Firemen's Roster**

Gregory Volunteer Fire Department Roster 2025
 PO Box 436
 Gregory, SD 57533-0436
 Brandon Arizmendis, 28832 SD Hwy 251, Gregory, SD 57533
 Joel Bartling, 33823 293rd St, Gregory, SD 57533

Blake Boes, 615 Park Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Brody Boes, 1230 Park Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Scott Boes, 1314 N Main, Gregory, SD 57533
 Stacey Boes, 617 Park Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Cole Braun, 409 E 16th St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Mat Braun, 1201 Felton Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Mark Braun, 28619 338th Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Brad Christensen, 1022 Whittecar Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Justin Ford, 1019 Felton Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Nolan Fortuna, 317 Felton Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Jason Frasch, 422 Rice St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Alex Hamilton, 118 Nepper St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Andrew Hamilton, 1319 Rosebud Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Lyle Haney, PO Box 302, Burke, SD 57523
 Phil Hannahs, 1303 Rice Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Travis Harford, 1518 Logan Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Aaron Hogrefe, 28924 339th Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Dean Holmberg, 420 Rosebud Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Justin Keegan, 620 Felton Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Liy Jacobsen, 28828 339th Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Michael Jacobsen, 1405 Main St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Sean Kelly, 33815 288th St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Guhner Kepler, 302 E 5th St, Gregory, SD 57333
 John Meyer, PO Box 308, Gregory, SD 57533
 Dustin McIntosh, 27166 Hwy 47, Gregory, SD 57533
 Bryan Nelson, 306 E 12th St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Patrick Shaffer, 1401 W 11th St, Gregory, SD 57533
 Theodore Stevicks, 903 Rice Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Aaron Sundquist, 911 E Hwy 18, Gregory, SD 57533
 Anthony Timanus, 609 Logan Ave, Gregory, SD 57533
 Jamie VanDerWerff, 33404 US Hwy 18, Gregory, SD 57533

Officers

Chief, Joel Bartling
 1st Assistant Chief, Stacey Boes
 2nd Assistant Chief, Alex Hamilton
 Department Captain, Michael Jacobsen
 Secretary, Mark Braun
 Treasurer, Tony Timanus
 Training Officer, Brody Boes
 Board of Director, Guhner Kepler
 Board of Director, Justin Ford
 Board of Director, Aaron Sundquist

The Gregory Volunteer Fire Department is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 2-13-25

Motion to approve the 2025 Volunteer Firemen’s roster made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	75.11
AVERA GREGORY HOSPITAL	DOT LAB COLLECTIONS	184.00

BEN SCHLAHT	CLOTHING REIMB-PANTS	116.79
CORE & MAIN LP	FROST PLATES	192.26
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	IT/BACKUP/SECURITY	873.73
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	2025 SCADA MONITORING	1492.75
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	379.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5209.65
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE + MULTIPLE CHARGES	922.42
GOLDEN WEST TELECO	PHONE/INTERNET	957.28
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	PASSTHRU-VETERAN REIMB	4734.50
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	20V MAX IMPACT DRIVER	159.99
GREGORY COUNTY 4-H	PASSTHRU SD COMM FND	4711.67
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	PASSTHRU-SD COMM FND	4711.67
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	176.64
INSURANCE BENEFITS INC	2025 AIRPORT LIABILITY INS	5285.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	HVAC-A/C PARTS	9921.28
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	440.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIR BLUE TRUCK/SUPPLIES	2037.91
NORTHERN PLAINS LLC	WATER	55746.90
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	45.30
PREMIER BIOTECH LABS LLC	2025 ANNUAL FW DISPLAY	8000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	86.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS/PROPANE	2028.46
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	206.31
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAG	2025 DIST IV MEETING	360.00
TARA ENGEL	MILEAGE REIMB	84.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	503.35
Accounts Payable Total		113241.97
Invoices: Paid		71256.83
Invoices: Scheduled		41985.14
Payroll Checks		15395.90
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		128637.87

Motion to Pay Claims made by Cory Graber, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

K. Executive Session (Contract)

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Cory Graber.

All ayes. Motion carried.

7:40 pm Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session

Results: No action was taken.

L. Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

Attest: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman