

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020

The Gregory City Council met at the Gregory City Hall, 120 West 6th St, on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Guyla Husman, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Council members absent were Seymour Studenberg and Kristi Drey. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel; Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster and, Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the agenda as posted with the addition of drawing names to determine the order of the candidate's names on the ballot, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Nobody was present for the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster gave out the monthly report for February and he shared an email on the radar sign. The radar company had "lost" the City's radar sign and when they get another one, they will ship it to the City.

Librarian Tara Engel reported that the library had received a donated piano and they were now looking for a piano bench. She will be going to jump start training in Chamberlain to share ideas on activities for libraries. She is also taking any Legos that people are no longer using.

Mayor Anshutz read Alex Hamilton's report on activities in the public works departments. He would like to either send himself or Josey to a pool training class in Sioux Falls. There are 10 radio reads to install, they are filling potholes that are not full of water, drainage seems to be going well. Dakota Pump will be in town next week to work on some water control issues and to give some training and work is being done on the lawn mowers to get them ready for the Spring.

SDML District Meeting

The council members were reminded that if they wanted to attend the SDML District Meeting in Plankinton on March 26, 2020, they need to contact Al by March 12 to get the registration in.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

New Business

Redi Mix property

Steve Bartling met with the council to offer the property where the Bartling Redi-Mix cement plant is to the City at a price of \$95,000. He also gave the council an estimate of \$14,792 from Curtis Landscaping to remove the trail on his property and to restore back to original condition. There was another \$3000 extra to guarantee that the grass would grow. At this time Steve left

the meeting. The council discussed the offer. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to not accept the offer of \$95,000 to purchase the land and make it known that the City was not interested in buying the Redi-Mix lot, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye. The council members discussed the estimate to “repair” the land around the Buttes and they agreed that the City would not be paying for or making any repairs to the land.

BID Grant

Rick Messerschmidt, Co-Director of BID, met with the council to discuss a grant application with USDA-RD for a revolving loan fund. BID is applying for a \$49,000 grant with a \$51,000 match needed. The application will have to be made on behalf of the City because BID does not have their own ID number and they are not incorporated. At the present time, they work under the City, so they need the council’s approval and the City’s financial help in securing the needed \$51,000.

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to the approve the following Resolution 2020-01 approving the application and making available the necessary match of \$51,000 from the City’s funds, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Resolution# 2020-01

A RESOLUTION authorizing the submittal of a USDA Rural Business Development Grant application by the City of Gregory and to operate a USDA-RD Revolving Loan Fund.

WHEREAS, The City of Gregory believes itself to be qualified, and is willing and able to carry out all activities described the grant application; and WHEREAS in this action, the City of Gregory Board has declared its intent to conduct the Revolving Loan Fund and Business Development Grant project described in the application; and,

WHEREAS in this action, the City of Gregory Board will, upon an award and acceptance of the grant, agree to the terms of the grant.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Gregory requests the funds and assistance available from the USDA Rural Development for a Rural Business Development Grant Program and will comply with state and federal rules for the program, and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the authorized representative Scott Anshutz to act on behalf of the City of Gregory to sign an application to the USDA Rural Development Revolving Loan Funds and also sign related documents on behalf of the City of Gregory, including the Grant Agreement if the grant funds are awarded.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED THAT the City of Gregory agrees to the Revolving Loan Fund Plan submitted with the application.

IT IS ALSO RESOLVED THAT the City of Gregory pledges existing City of Gregory funds in the amount of \$51,000 for the match needed in the grant application to be submitted.

Adopted this 2nd day of March 2020.

Signature, Title

Witness, Title

Fireworks Contract

The council members agreed not to sign the 3-year fireworks contract at this time. It is noted that the fireworks in the amount of \$6,500 for 2020 have already been paid for.

One-Day Liquor License

Motion was made by Cory Graber to approve a one-day liquor and spiking permit for the Gregory Fire Department for March 14, 2020 to serve at the Gregory Auditorium during the fire dept's fund raiser dance, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Surplus Snow Blower

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to declare the City's used snow blower surplus property and to set an appraisal price of \$4,000 for the snow blower, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye. The snow blower will be advertised for sale by sealed bids.

Election Drawing

The drawing to determine the order of the name placement on the ballot was held at this time. The names were put on a piece of paper, folded up and placed in a box for a blind draw. In the Ward I contest, Kristi Drey's name was drawn, she will be place first on the ballot. For the Mayor contest, Scott Anshutz's name was drawn first and he will be placed first on the ballot.

Claims

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to pay the following claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Aflac	Aflac Insurance Feb 2020	267.76
Al Cerny	Health Insurance Reimb	341.00
Alex Hamilton	Mileage-Meals Reimb/Rural Water Tech Conf	265.28
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls	41.79
Axon Enterprise Inc.	PD Tasers 2-Yr Contract	993.00
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges	107.13
Core & Main LP	54 Radio Smartpoints/Valve/Basestation Prog	7,978.52
Damon Eaglestar	Meal Reimb/Water Treatment Exam Rapid City	80.00
EFTPS	Fed/Fica Tax	3,996.23
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Fair Manufacturing Inc.	Snowblower Model 842D	84,787.00
Gregory Building Center	Electronic Lockset for PD	139.99
Hach Company	Water Testing Supplies	533.48
Hawkins Inc	Chlorine Cylinder Fees	15.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	5,408.88
Josey Larsen	Mileage-Meal Reimb/Water Exam Rapid City	422.16
Klein's True Value	Wire Cutter/Staples/Bits/Supplies/Soap/Mop	313.27
Minnesota Child Support	Child Support	202.12
NASASP	Annual Dues/Federal Surplus Property	39.00
Office Products Center	Tape Dispenser/Stapler/Service Contract	110.83
Opperman Inc.	80.45 Tons Gravel	1,635.44
Public Health Laboratory	Water Testing	56.00

Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	7,103.00
Runnings Supply Inc.	Tools/Street Shirts&Sweatshirts/Faucet/Fittings	1,127.74
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Asso	Wastewater Collection Study	12,500.00
SD Assoc of Code Enforce	Conf Reg-Ft. Pierre/Lafe Gildemaster	50.00
SD Police Chiefs' Association	SD Chiefs Conf Reg-Deadwood/L. Gildemaster	125.00
SDRS	SD Retirement Feb 2020	4,242.14
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	236.95
US Postal Service	Mailing Permit/Annual First Class Presort Fee	240.00
Wm Krotter Co.	Tape/Lumber/Torx Bit/Screwdriver Set/Screws	175.08
Accounts Payable Total		\$133,533.79
Invoices: Paid		\$9,292.33
Invoices: Scheduled		\$124,241.46

2/18/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$1,266.90; Finance Officer, \$2,272.81; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,378.08; Street Dept., \$2,963.03; Water Dept., \$3,195.80; Sewer, \$501.00; Library, \$1,308.86; Gross Amt, \$17,071.88

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer