

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 2, 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 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Alex Hamilton, Ashley Lozano, and Laura Petersen. Absent were Stacey Boes and Maurice Schlaht. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Chamber Director Jaime Braun, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guest Asia VanDerWerff and Tim Drey.

6:00 pm Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Request made to change the order of the Agenda placing item E before item D. Motion to approve the Agenda as posted, with the item order change, made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for February 17, 2026 Motion to approve the Minutes for February 17, 2026 as written made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors – None

Council Concerns -None

Department Head Reports

1. State of South Dakota Acceptance of Audit Report Council accepted the Notice of Acceptance of the Audit Report for 2023 & 2024.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that the Gregory Hunt Safe course is scheduled for 2026, the GPD will have a booth at the Career Fair March 18, and Office Atkins is attending advanced training the week of March 9-12. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** reported the sales tax \$163,065.05 and 3rd cent tax \$12,303.29 as year-to-date and that sales tax receipts are on pace with 2025.

Mayor Reports Mayor Cerny reported that the meeting with SPN went well and that the consensus is that construction will resume on April 1, 2026. Mayor Cerny also said that SPN asked if the council would prefer more communication or information relayed in another way.

Committee Reports The Code Enforcement Committee will hold a brief meeting after the regular meeting tonight.

Conflict of Interest -None

Old Business

- A. Staging Area for Golden West** PWS Guhner Kepler stated that Ripley's, Inc. offered \$400 a month for the use of the staging area. The construction will take four to six months. Ripley's, Inc. also agreed to return the ground to the condition it is in when they arrive. Motion to approve drawing up a contract with Ripley's, Inc. with those terms made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Purchase Offer Lot F, Blk 4 Grandview** No action taken.

New Business

- C. Building Permit – Darla Jordan – Deck** Approved by Planning & Zoning Motion to approve Permit 2026-01 with a \$25.00 permit fee and a \$75.00 fine made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Rachelle Bloom Present Plans for Downtown Park** GED member Rachelle Bloom presented the council with an initial plan for the downtown park. The plan showed walkways, trees, benches, and an open rear area for future use.

E. Piper Bartlett Discuss Mural Idea On SPBH/City Building - High School Seniors

Asia VanDerWerff presented a design by Piper Bartlett for a 2026 senior project to paint a mural on the south side of the city building occupied by Southern Plains Behavioral Health. This mural would tie into the park theme and be painted allowing other senior classes to add to it. Painting will begin as soon as weather allows with completion of the mural by May. Council agreed to the mural.

F. Second Reading of Ordinance 2026-02 Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2026-02 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. Amend Resolution 2026-01 for \$1.5M Loan – Replaces \$1M Bond from 2/2/26 Mayor Cerny and FO Waterman discussed the move to a \$1.5M loan vs. the previously approved \$1M bond. The loan would offer more flexibility and guarantee that the city has sufficient funds to cover the street portion of Phase I. Motion to amend Resolution 2026-01 to a \$1.5 million loan made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Approve the MOU with DSU and SecureSD Motion to approve the Mutual Operation Understanding with DSU and SecureSD approved by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

I. Approve Proposal MIDCO Diving & Marine Services (Inspect City Water Tanks) Motion to approve the proposal from MIDCO Diving to conduct the required inspections of the city water tanks made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Total Yard Care – Summer Ball Field Maintenance Motion to approve the estimate provided by Total Yard Care for 3 baseball fields for the 2026 season and one (spring) application of fertilizer and crabgrass preventer to the main city park area made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

K. Spiking Permit Fireman’s Dance 3-7-2026/Gregory Lanes License/Auditorium Motion to approve the Fireman’s Dance Spiking Permit made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

L. Abate Taxes Per Gregory County Auditor (See List)

- Chad & Brenda Svatos Parcel# 6010 Motion to approve the abatement of taxes made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Randy Schnabel Parcel# 6001 Motion to approve the abatement of taxes made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried
- N5 Acres, LLC. Parcel# 7629 Due to two absentees and one abstain the council lacked a quorum to make a motion. Item moved to the next meeting.

M. Pay Claims

Claims Report

02/18/2026 To 03/02/2026

Vendor Name	Amount		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 22.81	PAYROLL 2-25-2026	\$14,233.53
PETTY CASH	\$ 2.17	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 320.86
GUHNER KEPLER	\$ 263.18	SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$ 1,275.00

HEALTH POOL OF SD	\$ 7,850.24	DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 379.00
APPEARA	\$ 110.71	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	\$ 32.85
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	\$ 114.61	EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC	\$ 189.66
ROSE MARIE	\$ 50.00	BREIT & BOOMSMA, P.C.	\$ 189.66
ACE'S CAR WASH	\$ 96.00	AFLAC	\$ 474.68
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER OF COMM	\$ 3,125.00	SDRS	\$ 2,855.30
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$ 8,377.19	EFTPS	\$ 4,880.15
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$ 2,318.65		\$24,827.69
HAWKINS INC	\$ 50.00		
CALEB UDD	\$ 300.00		
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$ 56.00		
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$ 600.00		
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,089.45		
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING	\$ 395.00		
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 870.26		
DIESEL SYSTEMS	\$ 1,079.10		
TEE-RIFFIC CREATIONS	\$ 54.00		
	\$		
	26,824.37		

Motion to pay claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

N. Executive Session (if necessary)

6:45 pm Motion to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(3) made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Ashley Lozano to discuss a legal matter.

7:05 pm Mayor Cerny removed the council from Executive Session

Results: No Action Taken

O. **Adjourn** 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: Monday March 16th @ 6:00 pm