

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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 3, 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 Rachelle Norberg, Library Director Tara Engel, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitors Rachelle bloom, Amy Keiser, Jason Frasch, and Andy Thomas.

6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the agenda, as posted, made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for February 18, 2025 Motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors - None

Department Head Reports

- A.** Library Director Tara Engel reported that our library had three visitors from the State Library on February 13th. Director Engel also stated that she had attended the Cracker Barrel event and had talked about the HB1239 legislation and asked the senators to vote no. Wednesday March 5th is the Library Board meeting, Tuesday March 11th Ms. Engel will be attending a Jumpstart Workshop for the summer reading program (the library will be closed until 3:30). The Gregory Auxiliary will meet on March 18th at 1:30 pm. The Think and Learn Club is working on tablets with financial software.
- B.** Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler submitted a written report in his absence. The city crew has been addressing potholes on the east/west streets and will then move to the north/south. The sander had a breakdown and the chain was replaced. There will be a culvert replaced at the intersection of Church and 7th St. An engine was found for the road grader and the engine and labor will total about \$8000.00 Motion to approve the amount of \$8000.00 to have Todd Schweigert fix the road grader made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C.** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman requested permission to move \$250,000 back into the variable rate Money Market. Approved.

Committee Reports – Councilman Stacey Boes reported that the tour of the Auditorium with the engineer and the committees was to be Thursday morning March 6, 2025.

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business

- A. Purple Heart Proclamation and Signing** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman presented the Council with copies of the proclamation to review. Motion to have Mayor Cerny sign the Purple Heart Proclamation made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Reminder of District 4 annual Meeting** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reiterated that the District 4 meeting is March 24th in Burke and that the deadline to register is Friday March 7, 2025.

New Business

Motion to enter Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A. Building Permit John King – Fence** Approved by Planning & Zoning Motion to approve the privacy fence for Mr. King made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Cory Graber, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Avera McKennan – City of Gregory Real Estate Agreement** City Attorney Rachelle Norberg commented on the wording in Paragraph 3 in the real estate transfer agreement and suggested the City change it just slightly to not include ‘the City.’ Motion to accept the gift of land from the Avera group, with the changes suggested by Ms. Norberg, made by Cory Graber, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

- C. Crows Nest at the Baseball Field** A contingency from the Gregory County Baseball Council presented the City Council with a proposal to rebuild the crow’s nest at Audiss Field. Included in the presentation was a thorough explanation of funding, an additional explanation of execution, three quotes from building material suppliers, a picture of the final product, and additional plans if more funding is received from the Twins Community Fund: Fields for Kids program. The contingency asked the Council to approve the project, continue the insurance coverage even though the cost will increase due to improvements, and to waive all building permit fees associated with the building of this structure. Motion to allow the Baseball Council to move forward with project, waive all permit fees, and continue insurance coverage, made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried. The Council expressed their appreciation to the Baseball Council for their thorough presentation and the willingness to undertake this project.

- D. Switch to Microsoft Office Business Software** Motion to switch to Microsoft Business Office from Google Workspace made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

- E. Lonnie Klundt Quote for Ballparks Turf Maintenance** Motion to approve Lonnie Klundt for the fertilizing and spraying of the three baseball fields for \$2715 and dethatching the three fields for \$550 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	714.00
AMG - AVERA OCCUP MEDICINE-SF	PRE-EMP SCREEN	36.60
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	184.99
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	379.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4886.22
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	REPLACE TAG RECYC TRL	16.70
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER	MONTHLY STIPEND	3125.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MONTHLY STIPEND	2267.37
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS	2215.04
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDERS	40.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7244.10

KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	107.68
MARTY JUNG	DIESEL FUEL REIMB	200.00
NASASP	2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES	39.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	166.71
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMB	20.45
RANCHERS LIVESTOCK EQUIP LLC	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1180.78
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	8057.85
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	5512.50
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIRE	2550.00
UPPER MIDWEST GARAGE DOOR LLC	50% DEP STRAP CONV	14000.00
UPPER MIDWEST GARAGE DOOR LLC	PREVENTIVE MAIN SERV	240.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	317.52
Accounts Payable Total		53501.51
Invoices: Paid		28375.94
Invoices: Scheduled		25125.57
Payroll Checks		14721.54
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		68223.05

Motion to add Jerry's Electric to the Claims list for parts for the library HVAC system replacement and pay the claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. Executive Session (If Necessary) _ None

6:35 pm

H. Adjourn Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Trudy Waterman Finance Officer