

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Maurice Schlaht, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Ashley Lozano and Darwin Grim. Absent was Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Library Director Tara Engel, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present was Ryler Stevicks.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Agenda additions: Phase I Utility Update and District IV meeting. Motion made to approve additional items to the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes from February 20,2024 Motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024, as written, made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports Library Director Tara Engel stated the last two weeks have been busy. The library has received two grants for \$1500.00 each. The library has also been chosen as a host sight for the SD Humanities program about Missing and Murdered Indigenous people and will host a list of speakers throughout the program. One author will be John Marshall. The Gregory Library will also be involved in a book study for cultivating learning and reading. Finance Officer Trudy Waterman passed out two financial reports for February. Ms. Waterman also stated there still had not been a need to move funds from any of the reserve accounts.

Committee Reports Mayor Cerny stated that Scott Anshutz has contacted the Claims Associates Insurance adjuster and requested a reevaluation of the quotes. At the March 18, 2024, meeting the Council will open two quotes for the auditorium entrance roof. The remodel at 513 Main is going well. Sheetrock is up, mudding, sanding, and painting done. Underlayment being put down to lay carpet on March 18-21. Mayor Cerny is hoping the offices are ready for an April 1 move in.

Conflict of Interest- None

New Business:

- A. Nordsiden Tree Agreement** Motion to approve the tree agreement as written made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Golf Cart Ordinance** Motion to approve the first reading of the Golf Cart Ordinance 2024-01 made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Poll Worker Pay** Motion to approve a Poll Worker pay increase from \$175 per diem to \$200 per diem and provide lunch made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. 509 & 511 Main St Evaluation The Council was provided with an appraisal value for the two vacant lots on Main Street in the amount of \$11,300. Council asked GED Director Rachelle Bloom to reiterate some of the proposed plans the GED had drawn up for the lots. The GED would support selling for a substantial amount if the buyer were going to employ multiple people, but if the Council decides to pursue the Green Space, the GED would like a long-term use agreement with the City of Gregory. Ashley Lozano proposed three members of the Council meet with three members of the GED Board and try to lay out and satisfy details relevant to both parties. The three Council members will be Ashley Lozano, Guhner Kepler, and Kristi Drey. Josey Larsen would be asked to attend the meeting as well.

Any discussion and decisions are tabled until the March 18, 2024 meeting.

E. Firemen's Roster 2024

Gregory Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 436
Gregory, SD 57533-0436

Brandon Arizmendis 28832 Hwy 251 Gregory, SD 57533
Joel Bartling 33823 293rd St Gregory, SD 57533
Blake Boes 617 Park Ave Gregory, SD 57533
Brody Boes 615 Park Ave Gregory, SD 57533
Scott Boes 1314 N Main Gregory, SD 57533
Stacey Boes 617 Park Ave Gregory, SD 57533
Cole Braun 1112 Logan Ave Gregory, SD 57533
Matt 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 307 W 7th Ave Gregory. SD 57533
Lyle Haney PO Box 302 Burke, SD 57523
Phil Hannahs 1303 Rice Ave Gregory, SD 57533
Travis Hartford 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
Michael Jacobsen 28326 SD Hwy 47 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 Street 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 Directors Guhner Kepler
- Board of Directors Justin Ford
- Board of Directors Cole Braun

The Gregory Volunteer Fire Department is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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F. SPN – Phase I Utility SPN provided the City of Gregory with the State of South Dakota’s feedback on the proposed Phase I project. South Dakota stated that the bids were too low to complete the project and missed the actual cost by \$711,569.50. SPN also provided potential dates for bids and two options on how to proceed with the projects, circumventing the over budget issues.

City of Gregory– Phase I Utility Project Update

March 1, 2024

- Comments have been received from DANR regarding the plan and specifications approval. SPN has revised the plans and specifications per DANR’s request and have resubmitted the plans and specifications. We expect plan approval any day.
- The total estimated project cost is \$9,519,574.50. The project is \$711,600 over the awarded funding and includes \$871,185 of non-eligible street costs that will be considered local costs. Our recommendation would be to bid the project as designed and if the project is over budget, change order out necessary amounts to be within budget. Removed items would then be added to the future phase.

Estimated Construction Costs

Drinking Water Cost	Clean Water (Sanitary)	City Funded Streets	Total Project
\$3,515,999.80	\$5,132,569.70	\$871,185.00	
\$9,519,754.50			
\$30,999.80 Over Budget	\$680,569.70 Over Budget		\$711,569.50
Over Budget			

- ARPA funding obligations
- o Project must be under contract by the end of 2024.

- o The ARPA funds must be spent by the end of 2026.
- The project is estimated to take 420 construction days.
- o Project starting in 2025 can be completed by 2026 deadline.
- o Prospective Contractor has stated he is not looking for work until 2027.
- o Project can be bid with a milestone date to state that \$1,335,600 of sanitary sewer improvements and \$1,045,500 of water improvements must be completed by 12/1/2026 and remaining work completed by 11/1/2027.
- Recommended Bid Date
- o If advertising can begin the week of March 4, bid date of March 27 or 28.
- o If advertising is week of March 11, bid date of April 3 or 4.

ACTION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL

- Determine a project completion date.
- o Option 1 – Substantial Completion date of November 1, 2026
- o Option 2 – Milestone date of 12/1/26 for ARPA funds and Substantial Completion date of November 1, 2027
- Set the project bid date.

Motion to set bid date for March 11, 2024, pending state final approval and election for Option 2 made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. District IV Meeting The City of Gregory is hosting the SDML District IV meeting on March 21, 2024. The mayor, four council members and the finance administration will be in attendance. The Council agreed to offer the District IV guests with drink tickets in lieu of door prizes.

H. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INS	485.38
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	202.67
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	84.92
COMM PARTNERS RESEARCH	2024 HOUSING STUDY	1387.50
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER FROST PLATES	157.62
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER/ITBACKUP/SECURITY	528.60
DAKOTA FLOORING	CARPET 513 MAIN	7010.00
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	CHLORINE PUMP REPAIRS	892.86
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4296.50
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	513 REMODEL MATERIALS	3125.29
GREGORY CO TREASURER	2023 TAXES ON NEW LOTS	231.12
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS	361.20

HARRY K NAPA	FUEL FILTERS	73.59
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEES	60.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7552.50
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	AIRPORT T-HANGAR ENGINEER	2881.07
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES	BLUE WATER TOWER REPAIRS	705.87
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	TRASH SERVICE	400.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICE	1200.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	WATER TANK/PAINT	69.21
MARTY JUNG	REIMBURSEMENT PARTS	190.52
NASASP	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	39.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SRVC CONTRACTS/SUPPLIES	211.34
OPPERMAN INC	46.6T WINTER MIX+TRUCKING	978.13
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	3.50
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	56.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP	WATER	8208.27
SDRS	SDRS	5123.92
SDRS SUPPL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	550.00
TOMMY LEE CLAUSSEN	PD-REIMB GAS/HOTEL TRNING	234.47
UNITED STATES TREASURY	941 ADJUSTMENT	512.68
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	312.17
WILSONS HEATING-COOLING	AUDI-LABOR/FILTERS	234.00
Accounts Payable Total		49321.36
Invoices: Paid		20535.30
Invoices: Scheduled		28786.06
Payroll Checks		13779.15
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		63100.51

Motion to pay claims made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.

- I. **Adjourn** 7:02 Motion made to adjourn by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman