

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
03/06/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, March 6th, 2023, at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim and Cory Graber, not present Guyla Husman; Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, Chamber Interim Director Ana Smiley, Chamber board members Sandy Smith and Darold Frasch, Guest Laura Petersen and G.E.D director Rachelle Bloom.

Agenda

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve the agenda as written. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Darwin Grim to approve the minutes from the 02/20/23 & 02/23/23 meetings, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Public Forum

None

Dept. Head Reports

The librarian, Tara Engel, reported that she has had four new patrons. Upcoming events include auxiliary book club meeting, coffee and coloring, and summer reading program.

Committee Reports

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that he is working with our attorney and contracts for three more lots in Grandview for Jensen Design Build.

No Conflict of Interest

None

New Business

Chamber Funding

Chamber board member, Sandy Smith, was present. Mayor Cerny recommended to the council a \$35,000-38,000 chamber fund budget for the 2023 year. Out of this budget, the chamber board could decide whether they wanted to work less than 32hrs/week with a higher rate of pay or more than 32hrs/week with benefits with a lesser amount of pay. Everything would be based off the above budget. Mayor Cerny stated that he liked the idea of having a probationary period of 2-3 months to reevaluate with insight from the director. Chamber board member, Sandy Smith, reinsured that the chamber has implemented safeguards to prevent future mishaps. Mayor Cerny also offered his assistance with bookkeeping. Mayor Cerny asked the council for their opinions. Councilman Grim stated that he understands that some events will require more than 32hrs/wk. while others would be much less. If a qualified person is hired, more than happy to fund the chamber going further. Councilman Graber asked if there is any way to fund the chamber without using the *Bed & Booze* tax? Mayor Cerny stated that it would be difficult. Councilor Lozano expressed how she liked the GED position by having a probationary period prior to offering a full-time position. Financial Hamilton asked once the chamber is financially

stable, would the chamber be able to fund a bonus to the new director. Sandy Smith stated the chamber is aware of the responsibilities the new director will have and qualifications needed to represent the chamber as the director. Sandy Smith favored a bonus and discussed offering an incentive depending on certain events. Sandy Smith offered to allow the City Council to perform all interviews and select a candidate for hire. Mayor Cerny and Councilor Grim would rather have the chamber board facilitate interviews and bring a recommendation to the council. Sandy Smith stated that Ana Smiley, the interim director, worked 34hrs to plan the Murder Mystery fundraiser that was recently held. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to advertise for a chamber director at \$16/hr with an average of 32hrs/week with a 2-month probationary period. Seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye, motion carried. Mayor Cerny stated that after the 2-month probationary period, detailed reports will be requested to be reviewed by council monthly.

4th Street Design

Mayor Cerny presented drawings from SPN Engineering, the city's engineer, on options for our 4th street expansion in Grandview. The council reviewed the options and unanimously chose to go with option 1. Description: Dead Ending 4th street at the end of Grandview along Rice Street. Mayor Cerny asked the council for a motion to allow SPN to go to bid when the design has been completed. Motion was made by Kristy Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to accept option 1 and allow SPN to go to bid once drawings have been completed.

Phase I Infrastructure

Mayor Cerny asked for a motion to allow SPN Engineering to go bid once the project is ready to help with turnaround time. Motion was made by Kristy Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to accept as stated.

Helms Engineering T-Hangar Contract

Mayor Cerny presented the contract from Helms Engineering for the design and engineering on the future T-Hangars located at our airport. The cost of the contract is \$72,000, which would include 4 T-hangars with the city being reimbursed 95% of that \$72,000. Motion made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve Mayor Cerny to sign contract with Helms Engineering.

Spiking Permit Gregory Fireman's Dance

The motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristy Drey to approve the spiking permit for the Gregory Fireman's Dance located at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium on March 11th, 2023. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Open Plow Truck Bids

Mayor Cerny stated that we only received one bid for Boyer Trucks in the amount of \$199,450. After the council reviewed the specs, motion was made by Darwin Grim to accept the bid from Boyer Truckers in the amount of \$199,450. Seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Financial Report

Finance Officer Hamilton provided financials on lot sales to date for Grandview. To date, we have sold \$743,821.93, in commercial and residential lots with an additional \$117,000 in contracts with Jeremy Jensen Design. City's general fund is \$1,494,350.35, water fund \$247,896.90, sewer fund \$564,154.65, sales tax to date \$159,136.26, property tax to date \$21,635.18.

Claims

ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK REPAIR WATER	1122.46
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AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	236.76
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP	INTERNET ORDINANCE RENEWAL	350.00
APPEARA	MATS/TOWELS/HANDCLNR/COVERALLS	142.01
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT/PHONE SYSTEM	610.45
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4149.27
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	836.76
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	300.18
HARRY K NAPA	BATTERY FOR RECYCLE TRAILER	128.29
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4660.02
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	GARBAGE BAGS/KEYS	27.44
LEGAL&LIABILITY RISK MGMT INST	LAW ENFORCE LIABILITY RISK CONF	425.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	THERMOSTAT, PANEL FILTER	41.78
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	12.45
PREMIER PYROTECHNICS	2023 FIREWORK DISPLAY	8000.00
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	43.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	7479.89
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	HEATER, ICEMELT, 5 GAL CAN	221.11
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	SEWER WATER ST PH 1 ENG/1 ST & 4 TH	28000.00
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	4518.64
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	800.00
SUNDQUIST FARM SERVICE LLC	9.5 HRS SNOW HAUL	1425.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	283.20
Accounts Payable Total		64340.63
Invoices: Paid		10114.79
Invoices: Scheduled		54225.84
Payroll Checks		14630.85
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		78971.48
GENERAL FUND		53542.03
WATER FUND		16098.77
SEWER FUND		9330.68
TOTAL FUNDS		78971.48

Motion was made by Kristy Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to pay the claims. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to adjourn. All members voted aye; the carried.

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer: *Alexander Hamilton*

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Mayor: *Al Cerny*