

City of Gregory  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday April 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM  
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday April 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber, Darwin Grim, and Maurice Schlaht. Absent was Guhner Kepler. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks, Laura Petersen, and SPN Engineers Jeff McCormick and Riley Heck, and Joel Johnson.

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

**AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes from April 2, 2024, made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM – NONE**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – Library Director Tara Engel announced that she has been invited to participate in a State Library Panel for veteran librarians and, upon Library Board approval, will be representing Gregory in Aberdeen. Ms. Engel also announced that the Gregory Public Library again received the Pelcro Grant for children’s books, has 7 new patrons for March, received the money from the SDHC and has been conducting the Thursday talks on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Peoples/Women with good attendance.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that Tommy Claussen is doing very well at academy and is now in week seven. Chief Cook also discussed taser training, an upcoming sexual assault/domestic violence training, and victim and crime scene training. Chief Cook also participated in a panel at the school regarding suicide, the panel discussed alternatives and resources for young people. Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported that the city had successfully wintered with decent bank balances, but with the road work starting again in April, it would be necessary to transfer funds to cover the construction bills.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – The Sunshine Park Club has announced that they will no longer conduct the aluminum recycling program, but the Council learned that the Pool Committee had already taken that over.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

- A. Building Permit William Parkis – Fence - Approved by PNZ. Motion to approve the permit made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to exit the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B.** Utility Permit – Golden West Telecommunications Item was tabled pending more information.
- C.** Canvas Ballots – Pollbook for the Ward III election was re-opened, and the voters were counted. 23 Voters total with 14 votes going to Ashley Lozano and 9 votes going to David Peabody. Motion to accept the vote count and the election outcome made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. Four Ayes. Motion carried. Ashley Lozano abstained.
- D.** SPN Bid Acceptance & Change Order- SPN presented the Phase I Utility project cost, construction company with the winning bid and the change order plan to try to keep the project within available fund amounts and budget. The City of Gregory currently has about \$6 million for the project with a 5% contingency of \$300,000. Work could begin in Fall 2024 but would definitely begin in Spring 2025. Motion made by Ashley Lozano to accept the bid from Northern Plains LLC contingent upon approval from DANR, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion made by Ashley Lozano to approve the change order with Northern Plains LLC upon DANR approval, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E.** Code Enforcement – Joel Johnson explained the order and procedures that his company follows for ordinance violations of both vehicles and property. Find the violation, take pictures, compile file, and issue letters. Letters are notice, warning, then abatement. Mr. Johnson said that some towns have resorted to a fine method.
- F.** One-Day Liquor License – Mary Bob’s for Amy Meinen Benefit Motion made by Darwin Grim to approve the one-day permit, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G.** Resolution for the Pickleball Court – GED Director Rachelle Bloom presented the Council with a preprinted resolution asking the City of Gregory to pledge 50% of the cost of a pickleball court project providing the GED receives a grant from LWCF. The GED also has funds to contribute to the project. Motion made by Ashley Lozano to proceed with the grant application, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- H.** Mark Eklund Offer on Lots 2,3,&4, Block 1 Grandview – Motion made by Ashley Lozano to not accept the bid of \$45,000 for three lots, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- I.** 509 & 511 Main – Ashley Lozano presented the Council with an outline of the incentivized proposal for acquisition and development for what would be offered as 30 feet of a Main Street lot. The Council agreed to move ahead on the proposal and allow the joint committees to address more details.
- J.** Bricks from Old Hospital - Motion made by Darwin Grim to not allow the hospital bricks in the City of Gregory dump site, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- K.** Dump Day - The City of Gregory will again offer to pick-up curbside items for the Dump Days. All items must be set out **before** 5/14 & 5/15 preferably 5/10-11-12.
- L.** Meeting Change – The meeting for May 6, 2024, will be moved back to 5:00 due to school event on the same evening.
- M.** Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	163.77
B & F VARIETY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3.37
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	30 TRAFFICE CONES	949.72
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	CITY HALL WATER	22.00

CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE	COLUMN INCH AD	95.00
CORE & MAIN LP	1 PERL METER	105.00
COUNTRY BLISS FLOORING, INC.	513 MAIN-LAY FLOORING	2565.99
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER/ITBACKUP/SECURITY	528.60
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
DONNA SCHMITZ	POLL WORKER 1	200.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4907.99
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	229.39
FINANCE OFFICE	AIRPORT PAVEMENT MAINT	2933.31
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET	895.20
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	513 MAIN/AUDI	751.89
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS	567.91
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1/2 COST REPAIRS	102.25
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUBLISHING	657.59
HARRY K NAPA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	79.66
HOMESTEADER	DIST IV MEETING	374.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	513 MAIN/WATER	1431.94
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	LEAGAL FEES	1867.50
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	513 MAIN/CITY HALL	966.31
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	2005 CHEVY	188.09
PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH	3.23
RAEANN STUKEL-OPP	POLL WORKER 3	200.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL/PROPANE	2888.19
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	167.86
SAMANTHA SPERL	POLL WORKER 2	200.00
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	PD-TIRE REPAIR	25.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	CITY INSURANCE	64917.92
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	LOCATE TICKETS	22.05
TOMMY LEE CLAUSSEN	ACADEMY TRAVEL	160.80
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US BANK	INT PYMNT 2013 BOND	5512.50
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	PAY REQUEST #4/1ST&4TH	146514.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHRGS	535.89
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDI MAINTENANCE	187.00
WM KROTTER CO	FIELD MARKER	26.98
Accounts Payable Total		245909.78
Invoices: Paid		5869.45
Invoices: Scheduled		240040.33
Payroll Checks		14478.10
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		260387.88

Motion made by Kristi Drey to pay claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

N. Adjourn – Motion made by Kristi Drey to adjourn, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes, Motion carried.

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Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman