

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
04/17/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, April 17, 2023 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council Members: Kristi Drey, Darwin Grim, Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler, Ashley Lozano and Guyla Husman; Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, and Attorney Amy Jacobsen; Guests Ryler Stevicks, Brett Oliver, and Jordan Svatos.

**Agenda**

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve the agenda. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Darwin Grim to approve the minutes from the 04/03/2023 meeting, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Public Forum**

None

**Dept. Head Reports**

Librarian Tara Engel reported that she has received a grant that with help with travel expenses and updated the council on upcoming events at the library. Police Chief Catts reported that Prom went very well, with nothing else to report. Interim Chamber Director Ana Smiley reported that just over 100 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt and updated the council on upcoming chamber events.

**Committee Reports**

None

**No Conflict of Interest**

None

**New Business**

*Building Permits*

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to enter the Board of Adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny reported that Planning and Zoning met and recommended approval on both building permits. Mayor presented permit 2023-08 from Rich Wilson who is moving in a new storage shed. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve building permit 2023-08. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor presented building permit 2023-09 from John Knight building, a new retail store. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve building permit 2023-09. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to leave the Board of Adjustment.

*Chamber Hire*

Council Member Ashley Lozano reported that she was in the interview process along with Sandy Smith and Liz VanOverschelde. Lozano spoke that they believed things have been going well and that Ana is willing to do any financial training if needed. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to hire Ana Smiley as the chamber director with the predetermined salary of \$16.00 per hr. with an average of 20 to 32 hrs. per week,

following a two-month probation period benefits and salary will be discussed, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Brett Oliver*

Mayor Cerny reported that Brett Oliver is asking to purchase roughly 40' of city property that borders his house and motel. Brett Oliver exclaimed the reason being is that the property line runs right down the middle of his driveway, and he has been taking care of the property since he has lived there. Oliver stated that no parts of the park trail or exercise equipment would be affected. Mayor Cerny asked if Oliver would take care of the survey. Oliver is happy to do if the city is willing to sell. Mayor Cerny asked if \$2,750 would be a number he is happy with basing it off the square footage of 40'x 300' roughly. Cerny also stated to Oliver that he would love to get a contract for the water use that is used to irrigate the big ball field. Motion was made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to sell the ground roughly 40' x 300' to Brett Oliver with a water rights contract included. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Emmet Kotrba*

Mayor Cerny presented a plat from Emmett Kotrba for Lot 1 of the Veskrna First Subdivision. Cerny stated that due to this being within three miles of the city limits of Gregory we must approve it. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the plat of Lot 1 Veskrna First Subdivision, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Housing Study*

GED Director Rachelle Bloom presented that our current housing study has expired being after 5 years. The price of the study is \$7500 with the state paying half. Which leaves \$1500 to \$1875 depending on if Bonesteel joins Burke and Gregory with the study. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the City of Gregory to have the housing study completed with Community Partners Research, Inc., seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Summer Help Hire*

Mayor Cerny presented two applicants for the seasonal summer help positions, Wilson Santiago, and Carson Klundt. Finance Officer Hamilton stated that the new minimum wage is \$10.80, and that Carson has worked with the city for 2 previous years. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guyla Husman to hire both Klundt and Santiago at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Fire Dept \$5,000 Subsidy*

Finance Officer Hamilton stated that we have budgeted for the \$5,000. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve the \$5,000 subsidy and add to the claims. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Contract for Deed Coaches Lawn Service*

Finance Officer Hamilton presented a contract for deed with Coaches Lawn Service to purchase Lot E in Grandview. Coaches would be putting \$1,000 down with the remaining \$24,000 being contracted at 3% interest for 5 years. Council Member Graber asked if this is a full price offer, Hamilton replied yes. Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Cory Graber, to approve the contract for deed with Coaches Lawn Service for Lot E at \$25,000. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### *Hamilton Resignation*

Mayor Cerny and the council hated to accept the resignation but wished Hamilton the best.

## Claims

ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK	1862.26
ANA SMILEY	INTERIM CHAMBER DIRECTOR	2450.00
APPEARA	TOWELS/CLEANER/AIRFRESH/COVERALLS	141.32
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	WATER CITY HALL	44.10
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	92.32 TON OMEGA MIX	14771.20
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT/ PHONE SYSTEM	491.50
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	FOOT VALVE INSTALLATION	4309.60
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5225.57
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	166.14
FEDEX	SHIPPING PD EVIDENCE SUPPLIES	11.36
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	833.02
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE/SALT-SAND	745.89
GREGORY FIRE DEPT	SUBSIDY	5000.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING/BUS REVIEW/JOBS	734.03
HARRY K NAPA	FUEL FILTERS	84.63
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING/AL CERNY AIRPORT CONF	160.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	ANTIFREEZE/COOLANT/STOPLEAK	40.10
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	FILE POCKETS/PAPER	115.95
OPPERMAN INC	TRUCKING PATCHMIX FROM MITCHELL	1761.47
RAMKOTA HOTEL OF WATERTOWN	LODGING/M JUNG WATER CLASS	314.70
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/PROPANE	2419.59
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	FILTER WRENCH/NUTS & BOLTS/AMMO	97.93
RYAN COOK	REIM CLOTHING /BOOT/STICKERS	562.16
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	SWEEPER PARTS	384.24
SD DEPT OF LABOR & REGULATION	REEMPLOYMENT ASSIST/D RIVERS	3162.00
SIOUX EQUIPMENT	REPAIR FUEL LEAK AIRPORT	1038.95
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	LOCATE TICKETS	13.65
TAYLOR REPAIR	VEHICLE TOW BILL	500.00
US BANK	INTEREST SALES TAX BOND	8100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	534.30
Accounts Payable Total		57581.58
Invoices: Paid		5731.49
Invoices: Scheduled		51850.09
Payroll Checks		15682.81
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		73,264.39
GENERAL FUND		62527.53
WATER FUND		8395.13
SEWER FUND		2341.73
TOTAL FUNDS		73264.39

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

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Cory Graber, to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Entered 6:48 p.m. Mayor Cerny removed the council from executive session at 7:25 p.m. Upon exit motion was made Guyla Husman, seconded by Cory Graber, to advertise for a Finance Officer. All members voted aye the motion carried.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer: *Alexander Hamilton*

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Mayor: *Al Cerny*