

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 | 6:00 PM

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

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber, Darwin Grim, and Maurice Schlaht. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks and Laura Petersen.

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

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the Agenda made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes from March 18, 2024 Motion to approve the Minutes from Monday March 18, 2024 made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports Library Director Tara Engel had provided an announcement for speakers at the library, Lily Mendoza and Joseph Marshall III, Thursday April 4, 2024 @ 5:30 pm.

Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen discussed the challenges of removing snow on the streets after this last snow. The plows were pulling up asphalt with the ice and snow. Mr. Larsen acknowledged that 5th & 6th Streets did not get cleared and named the streets that are considered most critical for clearing. The Council thanked Mr. Larsen and the street crew for the job that they do. Mr. Larsen also stated that 513 Main should be ready for the tenants to occupy.

GED Director Rachelle Bloom reported that Gregory County has received one of the GOV GOED Day Care Grants and there is a preliminary meeting Thursday April 4, 2024, from 5-8 pm. The GED received a \$5000 grant to put towards the pickleball court. Ms. Bloom then presented the Council with her resignation and stated that she would phase out slowly until a replacement was found.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman reported that one of the Code Enforcement individuals plans to be at the April 15, 2024, meeting to answer procedural questions for the Council and that as of last week, no papers have been served for any properties in the City of Gregory.

Mayor Al Cerny reported the engineers would be opening bids for the Phase I project on April 10, 2024, and the bids would be discussed at the April 15, 2024, meeting. Mayor Cerny also talked to the Council about the old hospital being torn down and whether the city wanted to accommodate the brick until it is crushed.

Gregory Library Board Member Guhner Kepler discussed the need to change a downspout on the library building as the current one allows the water to run into the building. Mr. Larsen will price replacing and reconfiguring the downspout.

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Ashley Lozano stated that some Athletic Club members wanted to know if they could proceed with the ballpark crow's nest. The Council stated that the Athletic Club had never returned with any information or proposals for the renovation. Ms. Lozano stated she would relay to the members that the Council is awaiting more information.

Conflict of Interest-None

New Business:

- A. 509 & 511 Main** The Mayor and Council have requested more information regarding the committee's incentive program. Discussion moved to another agenda.
- B. Auditorium Roof** Motion made by Guhner Kepler to accept Willuweit bid to fix the roof over the entrance with the 20 year warranty Duro-Last roofing material after completion of the insurance inspection, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.
 Motion made by Darwin Grim to accept L&D Roofing bid to replace the roof above the now repaired beam after completion of the insurance inspection, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Summer Help** The Council approved the posting for summer employment for the street department and for the pool. Summer help wages will be minimum wage, \$11.20/hour.
- D. Audit Report** The Finance Office received the official audit report from Schoenfish and Co., Inc. Overall, the audit was very favorable and is available for checkout from the Finance Office.
- E. Pay Claims** Motion to pay claims made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK	701.53
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	485.38
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	TASER CARTRIDGES	80.50
BOHLMANN INC	PARK WATER FOUNTAIN	108.85
CITY OF GREGORY	CELL PHONE	93.72
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	WTR-CHECK VALVES BLUE TANK	4719.17
DILLAN VOSIKA	513 REMODEL	19258.61
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5423.02
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDERS	60.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7552.50
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	513 REMODEL	7007.16
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/CONTRACT	289.51
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	30.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6237.03
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	SWEEPER BROOMS	884.55
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	ENGINEERING	20694.56

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SCHOENFISH & CO INC	2021-2022 AUDIT	22500.00
SDRS	SDRS- POLICE	5021.76
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	ROTH	750.00
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	DIST IV MEETING	330.00
TRUDY WATERMAN	REIMBURSE DIST IV	108.36
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	308.99
Accounts Payable Total		104206.66
Invoices: Paid		13044.33
Invoices: Scheduled		91162.33
Payroll Checks		19644.34
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		123851.00

F. Executive Session

6:50 pm Motion made by Kristi Drey to enter Executive Session, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

7:11 pm Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session

Motion to extend the deadline for clean-up at 9th & Logan for one week made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. Council agreed that noncompliance by 8:00 am Wednesday April 10, 2024, will initiate a City of Gregory directed clean-up, weather permitting, with no further extensions. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman