

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 20, 2026 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday April 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Alex Hamilton, Ashley Lozano, Laura Petersen, and Stacey Boes. Absent was Maurice Schlaht. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler, Chamber Director Jaimie Braun, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guests included Ryler Stevicks, Rachelle Bloom, Terri Bartling, Darold Frasch, and Justin Jelinek.

6:00 pm Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Add I. City Street Construction Options Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of I. City Street Construction Options made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for April 7, 2026 Motion to approve the Minutes from April 7, 2026, as written, made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors – Justin Jelinek presented the council with a tentative plan for a ‘summer kick-off’ cruise night on Main St. The cruise night would run from 5-7:30, have food trucks and vendors, and music. The proposed date is May 30th. FO Waterman is to check on insurance and visit with the city attorney.

Council Concerns Ashley Lozano expressed concern about Logan Ave residents getting their vehicles out.

Department Head Reports

1. **CDL Health Certificate Requirement:** Four CDL Physicals for City CDL Employees
The four City of Gregory employees with CDLs will obtain their health certificates.
2. **Sue Smizer Galvin Donate Trees for South Park in Hills Addition** Donated trees will be planted at Prairie Winds Park.

Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler talked about painting the cracks at the pool vs. the entire pool, the new basketball court is in, and he is working with Joe Klein to put up the tennis court net.

Chamber Director Jaimie Braun reported updates to the website including the way to pay on-line, plans for kicking off the 4th of July are already in place, this year’s theme is 250 years strong, and discussion for the date of the first quarterly area board meeting. **Ryler Stevicks** addressed the council at this point with prices for two city entrance signs and the North Star sign, announced a pickleball tournament on July 3, and notified the council of the need for a new community meals director starting in August.

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman presented the council with the quarterly budget.

Mayor Reports Mayor Cerny reported that he has received the first complaint about dust caused by increased construction traffic on the county road. He asked if the council would be open to cost sharing with the county to treat the road again this year. Council requested a quote.

Committee Reports - None

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business

- A. **Tax & Lein Status 806 Church and 707 Rosebud** The city attorney sent a report showing 806 Church had back taxes and liens for approximately \$6,820.44 plus interest. The 707 Rosebud property showed no back taxes or liens. Mayor Cerny talked to owner of 707 Rosebud and was told by the owner that any pursuit of the property at 707 Rosebud Ave, by

the City of Gregory, would have to come through the city attorney. Council agreed to continue pursuing both properties.

B. Park Driveway After further discussion council agreed to grind, reshape, and gravel the drive around the city park.

C. New Business

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

A. Building Permit – Rick Teigen – Deck Expansion Approved by P & Z Motion to approve permit 2026-03 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Terri Bartling – Memorial Bench in City Park Ms. Bartling requested permission to put a 5' memorial bench in the Gregory City Park. The bench would sit on a concrete pad. Council agreed by consensus.

C. City-Wide Clean-Up Day will be May 13 & 14 (No Trees) Council agreed by consensus.

D. Request for Slow/Children at Play Signs - Alley Between Church & Whittecar/5th & 6th Council states if homeowner wants to buy signs and put them up, they are not opposed.

E. Approve City of Gregory Becoming a Member of the Chamber of Commerce

Councilperson Ashley Lozano asked about the significance of the city being a member of the Chamber of Commerce as the city is not revenue generating, Alex Hamilton stated that it may show good grace, and Laura Petersen sees benefits for promotion. Motion to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. Laura Petersen – aye, Alex Hamilton – aye, Kristi Drey – aye, Stacey Boes – aye. Ashley Lozano – nay.

F. Repeal Old IPC Ordinance and Adopt IPC 2021: Ordinance 2026-02 Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-02 made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. Approve Sidewalks at New T-Hangar - Approximate City Share \$500.00 Motion to approve the addition of sidewalks to the walkthrough doors of the T-Hangars made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Decide Projects for Five-Year Hazard Mitigation Plan

- **Winter – Back-up Generator at the auditorium**
- **Summer – Storm Shelters at the pool**
- **Storms – Storm Water Drainage Program**

I. City Street Reconstruction Three cost-saving options for finishing the streets in the Phase I project were presented by SPN (engineers). Mayor Cerny began the conversation by saying he was totally opposed to option #3 that would have only seal coated the streets. Council agreed. Option #2 removed a layer from the actual construction, a layer that is important in longer road stability, and Option #1 reduced the asphalt thickness. Consensus among the council was to do the roads correctly and accept the original cost agreement of \$1.4M. Motion to accept Option #1 and maintain the 3” of asphalt made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Pay Claims

Vendor Name	Amount
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 1,500.00
SCHOENFISH & CO INC	\$ 24,000.00

APPEARA	\$126.78
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	\$1,092.24
SCHWEIGERT CONSTRCTN INC	\$ 974.10
AVERA GREGORY HEALTHCARE	\$600.00
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	\$ 691.60
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 109.37
NORTHERN PLAINS LLC	\$123,092.10
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 166.85
HALI-BRITE INC	\$ 281.61
HAWKINS INC	\$ 50.00
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	\$ 69.30
CORE & MAIN LP	\$ 17,911.10
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	\$1,044.15
SPN & ASSOCIATES	\$ 2,100.00
SPN & ASSOCIATES	\$ 9,737.51
SPN & ASSOCIATES	\$ 17,793.67
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$8,462.53
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 188.47
GUHNER KEPLER	\$ 160.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$478.95
GOLDEN WEST TELECOM	\$950.21
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	\$5,224.45
MARK JACOBSEN	\$ 142.85
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	\$440.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS INC	\$147.50
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER	\$ 3,125.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	\$ 28,799.02
Total	\$249,459.99

Motion to pay claims made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

K. 7:11 pm Executive Session Motion to enter Executive Session, SDCL 1-25-2(1) discuss matters of personnel, made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

7:45 pm Mayor Cerny removed council from Executive Session

Results: Public Works Committee will meet with the Public Works employees.

L. 7:47 pm Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman

Next meeting: Monday May 4th @ 5:30 pm (Early due to High School concert)