

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Maurice Schlaht, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, and Alex Hamilton. Also present were Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman.

6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to add the Special Council Meeting Minutes for the BOE March 20, 2025 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for April 7, 2025 Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting for April 7, 2025 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Council Minutes for March 20, 2025 Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting for BOE on March 20, 2025 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors-None

Department Head Reports **Library Director Tara Engel** reported that the registrations for the summer reading program 'Color My World,' would be out before school is out. May 6 at 6:00 pm the One Book SD program will be at the library with Author Rebecca Clarren's book *The Cost of Free Land*. Mondays are still STEAM Club and Monday May 12th the movie 'The Wild Robot' will be shown. **Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler** reported that the material is arriving for the 2025 Street Project. The chips are staged at the football field parking lot, half of the gravel will be stockpiled at the city shop and half of the gravel will be stockpiled behind the auditorium. PWS Kepler also stated that the flagpole is repaired and has a 6X10 flag on it. **Police Chief Ryan Cook** reported that April 25, 2025 would be the Safety Fair sponsored by the Avera Hospital, the Gregory Police Department, and the Gregory County Sheriff's Office. The Bike Rodeo is happening again this year although the date is not yet solidified. Chief Cook and Officer Atkins attended the Police Chief and Sheriff's Conference in Deadwood, SD and attended lectures on the First Amendment issues for law enforcement, use of force in America, response to resistance training, and legal liabilities issues for law enforcement.

Committee Reports-None

Conflict of Interest-None

Old Business Councilperson Laura Petersen asked where we were with the highway light. PWS Kepler answered that we could not reuse the light that was knocked down. The suggestion was made to ask a contractor about moving another light into that space.

New Business

A. Building Permits Approved by P & Z

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

- Lieffort – Deck Motion to approve the deck made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Combs – Deck Motion to approve the deck made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- B. Canvas Votes from April 8, 2025 Election** Mayor Cerny unsealed the pollbook to recount the number of voters and votes. Mayor Cerny confirmed the election workers’ count. Total number of votes 30. Alex Hamilton received 23 and Samuel Lee received 7. Motion to approve the vote count from the election April 8, 2025 made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Open Hay Bids** The City of Gregory received one set of hay bids. Jared Leber submitted a bid for the Grandview hay ground in the amount of \$1,850.00 and a bid for the East Well Field Ground in the amount of \$8,800.00. Motion to accept Jared Leber’s bids made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Open Seal Coat Bids** No bids received.
- E. Water Ballpark** During the summer of 2024, Water Supervisor Marty Jung determined that the water storage tank for the ballpark was beyond use and repair. PWS Guhner Kepler has priced a new tank at \$6,000-\$10,000.00. Research has also been done into tapping into the City’s line for the ballfield. The tap would require trenching approximately 70’ as well as equipment to hook into the system. Motion to hook into the City’s mainline made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Floor Police Dept Office** Police Chief Ryan Cook presented the Council with a quote of \$1,332.60 to replace the broken tile and grout floor with vinyl plank in the police department office. Motion to approve the new flooring in the police department office made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Appraisal of Avera Land Gift** Mr. Hank Wonnemberg of First Fidelity Bank presented the Council with a real estate evaluation of \$90,000.00 for the land currently known as the Avera Gift and sight of the old hospital. Motion to approve the real estate evaluation of \$90,000.00 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Pay Claims

PAYEE		AMOUNT
EFTPS	PAYROLL	5145.99
SDRS	PAYROLL	2802.86
SDRS-SUPP	PAYROLL	1275.00
AFLAC	PAYROLL	357.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	PAYROLL	379.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS	2920.24
VERIZON	CELL SERV	503.25
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	40.00
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	LOCATES	13.65
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUBLISH	973.59
APPEARA	SUPP/MAT	153.07
DONNA SCHMITZ	ELECTION	200.00
SAMANTHA SPERL	ELECTION	200.00
RAEANN STUKEL-OPP	ELECTION	200.00

CARLA WARNKE	AED BATT	189.00
LODGE AT DEADWOOD	AIRPORT	226.00
GREGORY SCHOOL DIST	ENGINEER	1000.00
HELM'S & ASSOC	AIRPORT	2160.80
	TOTAL	\$18,739.45

Motion to pay the claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes.
 Motion carried.

I. **Executive Session (if necessary) None**

J. **6:40 Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes.
 Motion carried.

Due to the school Spring Concert the next regular meeting of the Gregory City Council will be Monday May 5th @ 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman