

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
04/03/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, April 3, 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, and not present Ashley Lozano and Guyla Husman; Police Chief Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, Attorney Amy Jacobsen, and G.E.D Member Rick Messerschmidt

### **Agenda**

Motion was made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve the agenda with removing Coaches Lawns Service Contract for Deed. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion was made by Darwin Grim to approve the minutes from the 03/20/2023 meeting, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Public Forum**

None

### **Dept. Head Reports**

Librarian Tara Engel presented the library financial report. Tara also presented some upcoming events, with the library being closed Thursday and Friday this week but remaining open on Saturday. Police Chief Doug Catts presented to the council a quote from Axon Enterprise Inc, for the purchase of three updated tasers with all the hardware and warranty. We can do a 5-year contract interest free or pay in full up front with the total price of the three tasers being \$8,857.02, stated Catts. Darwin Grim asked if the tasers have the Bluetooth ability to turn on the body cameras, and if there are the most up to date taser. Chief Catts replied yes. Councilor Grim also stated that as being a law enforcement officer himself he believes they are a very good tool. Grim asked if we did purchase the tasers would be still in budget? Finance Officer Hamilton replied yes especially if we do the 5-year contract. Motion was made by Darwin Grim to purchase the tasers from Axon Enterprises Inc with the 5-year contract with the first payment being \$1,062.90, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Chief Catts also reported that he would like Officer Atkins to attend the DARE instructor course being held in Pierre. The training is in June being a two-week course, with the only expense to the city would be Officer Atkins mileage reimbursement if the council agrees to pay. Chief Catts reported that he has talked with Sheriff Drey and the county is sending Officer Mark Green to the training. The two trained instructors would then work together to offer the DARE program to our students. Councilor Drey asked if it necessary to send two officers to the training. Catts replied that he has spoken with Officer Green, and they believe it would be beneficial to have two trained instructors. Chief Catts also stated that come DARE graduation there will be some added expense to purchase the books and shirts. Motion was made by Cory Graber to pay Officer Atkins milage to attend the DARE instructor training course, seconded by Guhner Kepler. Kristi Drey voted nay, all remaining council members voted aye. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Mayor Al Cerny gave a brief report of the airport conference he attended and the Dist. 4 meeting he attended.

## **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 presented building permit 2023-06 from Jensen Design Build. The permit is for a third duplex to be built in Grandview. Finance Officer Hamilton stated that Planning and Zoning approved the building permit. Motion was made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve building permit 2023-06 from Jensen Design Build. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Cory Graber, to adjourn as the board of adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *Lot Sales*

Finance Officer Hamilton presented an offer for a contract for deed from Jensen Design Build. Jensen is offering \$40,000 to purchase Lot 6 in the industrial part of Grandview to build a satellite office for himself. With this Jensen would eventually employ 4-6 persons, with moving one employee down right away. Jensen offered \$5,000 down with a 5-year contract on the remaining balance. If no construction has started in 36 months, the price would revert to \$70,000. Hamilton stated that Jensen has already purchased 7 residential lots from the city and four other lots privately in Grandview. Hamilton also stated that with Jensen having an office in Gregory he believes there will be a significant amount of revenue in sales tax. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, Seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve the contract for deed in the amount of \$40,000 dollars to on Lot 6 to Jensen Design Build. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *Sincerely Yours Building Permit Extension*

Finance Officer Hamilton stated that everyone should have the letter sent from Jerry and Lori Salonen asking for an extension on their building permit since it has been over a year since it was approved. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to add a one-year extension. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *Highway Speed Signs*

Finance Officer Hamilton presented a quote from Tree Top Products in the amount of \$13,735.96 for three new radar speed signs. The council decided to table for now due to missing two council members.

### *Approve 2021-2022 Audit with Shoefish & Co Inc.*

Mayor Cerny presented the contract with Shoefish and Co to complete our audit for 2021 and 2022. Cerny stated that we have been using Shoefish in the past and have always had a great experience. This audit has gone up some in price due to the city receiving the large federal grant for the airport. The audit would not exceed \$15,000 dollars. Hamilton stated that we have budgeted for this. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the hire of Shoefish & Co to complete the audit for 2021 and 2022. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *G.E.D Loan Request Whitney Fenton*

G.E.D Member Rick Messerschmidt presented a revolving loan request from Whitney Fenton for an unsecured loan in the amount of \$15,000 with a 5-year amortization schedule. With these funds, Whitney is planning on purchasing the flower shop on Main Street and keeping it operational.

Motion was made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the revolving loan request from Whitney Fenton for an unsecured loan in the amount of \$15,000 with a 5-year amortization. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

***Ball Field Spraying Contract***

Finance Officer Hamilton asked council approval to again put the ball field spraying out for bids. Council agreed to let Hamilton put it out for bid.

***Financial Report***

Finance Officer Hamilton reported that funds as of February 28, 2023, are as follows. General fund \$1,440,095.71, water fund \$238,083.67, sewer fund \$558,198.92. Sales tax revenue \$146,548.32, property tax revenue \$16,323.75. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the financials. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

**Claims**

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	236.76
AL CERNY	REIM MILEAGE AIRPORT CONF	366.80
APPEARA	TOWELS,HAND CLNER,COVERALLS	116.01
CORE & MAIN LP	WATER METERS/PARTS	3240.00
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	WATER PUMP AND MOTOR	4490.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5255.70
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS/MEAL REIM	348.05
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4670.52
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	T-HANGARS DESIGN ENGINERING	5762.14
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	PD DIGITAL SCALE/GARBAGE BAGS	118.71
MARTY JUNG	EXAM FEE/MEAL-CLOTHING REIM	284.90
MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE SUP	PD TRAFFIC TICKETS/JUVENILE CIT	127.58
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	BINDER CLIPS/PAPER	50.89
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	28.13
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	73.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6680.57
ROSEBUD TITLE COMPANY	CLOSING COST JENSEN LOTS	886.38
RYAN COOK	REIM BALL CAPS	47.93
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	SW WA ST PH 1 ENGINEERING	48800.00
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	4952.82
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	650.00
SOUTH DAKOTA SECRETARY OF STAT	UCC 3 CONTINUATION FEE	25.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE FEE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	279.36
Accounts Payable Total		90618.17
Invoices: Paid		11501.56
Invoices: Scheduled		79116.61

706	WATER DEPOSIT	50.00
	Refund Checks Total	50.00
Payroll Checks		19847.82
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		110515.99
GENERAL FUND		60282.62
WATER FUND		32296.94
SEWER FUND		17886.43
WATER DEPOSIT		50.00
TOTAL FUNDS		110515.99

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

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

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

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 Mayor: *Al Cerny*