

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 | AT 6:00 PM  
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6<sup>TH</sup> ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, and Alex Hamilton. Absent were Cory Graber and Maurice Schlaht. Also present were City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Chamber Director Diane Bachmann, Reporter Patty Connealy, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitor Rachelle Bloom.

**6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval** Finance Officer Trudy Waterman cited a mistake on the agenda. Item B. Open Hay Bids was not to be on the agenda until April 22, 2025. Motion to approve the agenda after removing Item B. made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Council Minutes for March 17, 2025** Motion to approve the Minutes made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum/Visitors – None**

**Department Head Reports** – Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler reported, later in the meeting, that there would be a tree pick-up day on the first or second weekend of May. He also stated that the Gregory Fire Department was set to burn the grass around the current tree pile, and the tree pile itself, starting next Monday night, April 14, 2025. FO Waterman reported to the Council that the city financial software system had been officially switched to the cloud and that there are some bugs at this time.

**Committee Reports** – Mayor Cerny reported that the Phase I Pre-Construction Meeting had been held earlier in the day and that street milling was set to begin Wednesday April 9, 2025. He also reported a tentative timeline provided by Northern Plains, LLC and stated that NP, LLC hopes to complete the work in front of the school during the summer break.

**Conflict of Interest – None**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**A. Building Permits** All approved by the Planning and Zoning Board

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

**1. Delightful Services LLC – Construction for John Weise** Motion to approve the permit made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2. Cade Fortuna – Fence** Motion to approve the permit made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Larry Pavlis – Move Shed** Motion to approve the permit made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Tri-City Sign Co – Sign for Mr. Automotive** Motion to approve the permit made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**B. Item Removed**

- C. Surplus 524 E 6<sup>th</sup>** – City Attorney Rachelle Norberg stated that due to Gregory County seizing the property for taxes, the County did not have a clear and marketable title. When the City got this property from Gregory County it was transferred via quit claim deed. The City can sell with a quit claim deed, and the purchaser will have the ability to obtain a quiet title action at the purchaser’s expense. Motion to declare 524 E 6<sup>th</sup> as surplus and set a value of \$12,000.00 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Roll Over Pool CD** – FO Waterman stated that the newest pool cd is set to mature on 4/23/2025 and that the city has two options: 7-month renewal at 3.9% or a 2-year renewal at 3.84%. Council member Hamilton, also a Pool Committee member, commented that 7 months might be better for now in case the pool committee needs some of that money in the future for more fundraising. Motion to renew for 7 months made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Abate Taxes for Gregory County** – The two properties are: 522 E 9<sup>th</sup> and 513 E 9<sup>th</sup> and the total city tax amount is \$691.10. Motion to approve the abatement of taxes on two properties for Gregory County made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Spiking Permit Legion** – Motion to approve a 3-month spiking permit for the Gregory Legion made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Airport Signs** – Signs proposed for the airport are a ‘Welcome to Gregory, SD’ banner in the large hangar, a hangar fee sign and paybox, and three ‘Keep Gate Closed’ signs. These items will be paid for with the airport fuel tax surplus money. Motion to approve the signs made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Quote to Replace Highway Light** – FO Waterman presented the Council with the quote to replace the highway light that was hit last fall during construction. PWS Kepler stated that Rosebud does have the highway light pole. The decision was made to get a quote to move a light into that spot or look at reusing the downed pole. It was also discussed that we talk to insurance and see if there is anything we can do there. Item tabled for now.
- I. Purchase Skid Steer Rock/Grapple Bucket Attachment** - Motion to approve the purchase of the rock/grapple bucket attachment for \$3,100.00 made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- J. Auditorium Structure Report** – Mayor Cerny talked to the Council about the structural engineer’s inspection and findings regarding the city auditorium. Mayor Cerny stated that there were no surprises, there are some repairs that should be made to some of the original wood ceiling structure, but those discussions would be had between the council committee and school committees for the auditorium and that that meeting would take place after the school board meeting.
- K. Title Policy for the Avera Gift** – City Attorney Rachelle Norberg offered clarity on the options for the city to find or declare a value on the gifted property for title insurance purposes. The Council agreed to ask Hank Wonnemberg to do an appraisal of the property to have a value for both the title policy and grant opportunities going forward. It would also help with the city of Gregory obtaining initial insurance coverage through SDPAA.
- L. Date for Next Meeting is Set for Tuesday April 22, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

**M. Pay Claims –**

<b>Report Title Period</b>	<b>Claims Report 03/18/2025 To 04/07/2025</b>		
<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vendor Total</b>
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	FD	\$ 342.48	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	ST	\$ 1,198.68	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	PARKS	\$ 456.64	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	AMB	\$ 1,484.08	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	PD	\$ 1,369.92	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	WA	\$ 684.96	
SDML WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	M/C	\$ 171.24	\$ 5,708.00
GUNVORDAHLGUNVORDAHL & NORBERG	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,592.48	\$ 2,592.48
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GENGOV	\$ 70.00	
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	PARK	\$ 160.00	
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	ST	\$ 210.00	\$ 440.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	ST	\$ 148.59	
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	PARK	\$ 118.99	\$ 267.58
DAMON EAGLE STAR	AIRPORT CONFERENCE	\$ 305.04	\$ 305.04
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CHM	\$ 23.11	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	WA	\$ 141.71	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	FINOFF	\$ 135.96	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	ST	\$ 52.94	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	PD	\$ 233.82	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	LIB	\$ 74.75	\$ 662.29
PETTY CASH	FINOFF	\$ 5.40	\$ 5.40
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	AUDI	\$ 146.93	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	LIB	\$ 174.00	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	ST	\$ 125.90	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	WA	\$ 49.17	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	AIRPORT	\$ 211.53	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FINOFF	\$ 84.95	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PD	\$ 47.67	
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FIRE	\$ 108.12	\$ 948.27
GUHNER KEPLER	AIRPORT	\$ 446.70	\$ 446.70
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	FINOFF	\$ 90.53	
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	FINOFF	\$ 33.12	
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	WA	\$ 49.95	\$ 173.60
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPP/MATS	\$ 61.08	
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUBSCRIPTION 2 YEAR	\$ 254.88	
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS	\$ 157.84	
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	REIMB MEAL	\$ 21.00	\$ 494.80
HEALTH POOL OF SD	PD	\$ 1,818.90	
HEALTH POOL OF SD	ST	\$ 1,818.90	
HEALTH POOL OF SD	WA	\$ 1,808.40	
HEALTH POOL OF SD	FINOFF	\$ 904.20	

HEALTH POOL OF SD	LIB	\$ 904.20	\$ 7,254.60
MARTY JUNG	WA	\$ 15.88	\$ 15.88
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	PARK	\$ 36.13	
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	ST	\$ 109.96	\$ 146.09
US BANK	INT PYMNT	\$ 2,812.50	\$ 2,812.50
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	PD	\$ 56.75	
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	WA	\$ 58.97	
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	ST	\$ 109.99	\$ 225.71
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	WA-PHASE I	\$ 5,200.00	
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	SW-PHASE I	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 11,850.00
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	ST	\$ 88.07	
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	PARK	\$ 23.80	
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	WA	\$ 6.48	\$ 118.35
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	GENGOV	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	WA	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
APPEARA	FD	\$ 79.80	
APPEARA	GENGOV	\$ 38.63	
APPEARA	LIB	\$ 15.24	
APPEARA	ST	\$ 43.66	
APPEARA	AIRPORT	\$ 7.66	\$ 184.99
FEDEX	PD	\$ 20.07	\$ 20.07
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	T-HANGAR BIDDING	\$ 7,886.83	\$ 7,886.83
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER OF COMM	MONTHLY STIPEND	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 3,125.00
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	CITY HALL WATER	\$ 33.00	\$ 33.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	AIRPORT	\$ 737.21	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	LIB	\$ 251.96	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	POOL	\$ 49.86	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ST LIGHTS	\$ 1,612.86	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	GENGOV	\$ 1,226.04	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ST	\$ 374.56	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	FIRE	\$ 719.80	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	PARK	\$ 481.45	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	SEWER	\$ 101.52	
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	WA	\$ 1,391.36	\$ 6,946.62
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MONTHLY STIPEND	\$ 2,267.37	\$ 2,267.37
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 58,531.17</b>

**N. Executive Session – NONE**

**7:15 Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

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**Mayor Al Cerny**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Officer Trudy Waterman**