

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

6:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the Agenda as posted made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for March 16, 2026 Motion to approve the Minutes from March 16, 2026, made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors

- A. Marcelene Creekmur and Marlene Rezac addressed the council about their upcoming retirement from the Rosebud Food Commodity Program. After 15 years these remarkable ladies are no longer able to keep up the pace needed to sponsor this program. Marcelene and Marlene asked the council for ideas or help in finding alternate individuals to run the program. These ladies would stay on in advisory positions and help the new sponsors of the program to learn the procedures. Their biggest fear is losing the program for the 60-70 families it benefits in our area. The council agreed to put the word out and visit with other boards and groups in the area to try to help keep the program going.
- B. Travis Velk from Heberly Engineering addressed the council on behalf of Heberly Engineering and Golden West saying that the digging for the fiber optics is set to begin next week. Asked if residents could help by pointing out anything they know is in their yard, for instance: sprinkler systems, or buried dog fences, which would help the diggers and could potentially be avoided and unharmed. Mr. Velk also said the goal is to finish the project by mid-July.

Council Concerns Councilperson Stacey Boes asked about the money paid to Gregory County to clean out culverts. His concern is a culvert that is not cleaned out and appears to have no way for the water to run through it. He visited with the Gregory County Supervisor who is looking into the issue. **Councilperson Laura Petersen** asked about the audit information in the paper. FO Waterman explained that she and the Mayor had not had a chance to fully review the audit information and that the official review with Schoenfish had not been conducted yet. Mayor Cerny also said that there is nothing major or out of the ordinary in the audit and that overall, it went well. Councilperson Petersen also asked about the Trail Grant for the Buttes explained that we missed it again this year. It had been proposed last year to wait to apply for the Trails Grant when the placement of the pool is final. **Councilperson Ashley Lozano** expressed concern about the un-graveled roads in the Phase I project when the area gets moisture. Mayor Cerny said that Northern Plains is going to do their best to keep the roads in shape until the asphaltting begins.

Department Head Reports

1. Chief Ryan Cook & Officer Tommy Claussen to Sheriff's/Police Chief Conf. (April 13-16)
2. Marty Jung to Rural Water Expo 2026 (April 21-22)
3. Guhner Kepler, Damon EagleStar, & Ben Schlaht to Workshop for Certification (April 9)

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that the state contacted him about putting LPR (License Plate Reader) cameras on Highways 18 and 47. The state provides the cameras, and the city commits to paying for electricity. These are not traffic cameras for issuing tickets or collecting tolls, they are plate reader cameras for tracking vehicles with fugitives, vehicles involved in amber alerts, and other LEO concerns. Cameras are monitored by the state, not by the City of Gregory. The SD Forensic Lab has bought upgraded equipment, and the GPD recently had a meeting with Attorney Rachele Norberg to discuss new state mental health laws and procedures when dealing with

mental health situations. **Public Works Supervisor Guhner Kepler** reported that the pool cracks are sealed, and the airport tarmac cracks have been filled. **Library Director Tara Engel** provided the March financial report for the Library and announced that the audiobooks (on CD) were going to be removed from the library as audiobooks are now consumed digitally. **Chamber Director Jaimie Braun** reported that the Burger Battle was a success with 517 surveys filled out, 1455 burgers bought, and approximately \$22,000.00 taken in by local restaurants. There is talk about a Burger Battle again next year and another county wide restaurant event this year. The next event is Rib Fest in June. Ryler Stevicks plans to have a presentation for the proposed signs at the next council meeting. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** reported that sales tax at the end of this first quarter is on track with meeting the 2026 budget and the city has received a Mobile Food Vendor Permit Application from Nana's Kitchen & 605 Treats.

Mayor Reports Mayor Cerny talked to Engineer Brandt Newburg with SPN about the entry road to Pleasant View. They also talked with landowner Robert Duerfeldt and discussed the proposed changes to the property line. According to the engineer, and the surveyor, the property line will change, but the actual amount of property will not. The City of Gregory will need to pay for the surveying and the replating of the owner's property, and the property owner agrees with the changes.

Committee Reports Councilperson Laura Petersen, reported on four committee meetings. At the auditorium meeting with the school committee, March 31, the decision was reached to concentrate on the beams and the roof before continuing with other proposed changes. Hazard Mitigation Meeting April 7, District III is calling on the county and the towns to construct a list of hazard mitigation projects they intend to work on in the next five years. This will be an Agenda item on 4/20. Code Enforcement Committee will adopt the 2021 IPC code book to follow and an Ordinance repealing the older version and adopting a newer version will be brought to City Council for approval. The GED will be meeting to consider proposing an empty building code/Ordinance.

Conflict of Interest - None

Old Business - None

New Business

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

- A. **Building Permit** – C Hansen – Fence – Approved by P & Z Motion to approve the building permit for Cathy Hansen made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- B. **Gregory Public Library** – Approve New Hire – Hunter Mills Motion to rehire Hunter Mills at the Gregory Public Library for \$14.50/hour, at a 28-hour max, made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **Brandon & Karley Arizmendis** – Cut Curb to Add Driveway Access Motion to approve the Arizmendis approach added off Duling Ave made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. **Old High School/Rosebud Plaza** – Decide if Code Enforcement Should Pursue Council agreed to pursue ownership of the 707 Rosebud building pending research with the county on the existence of liens and back taxes.
- E. **Approve Legion 3 Month Spiking Permit** Motion to approve the 3-month spiking permit for the Legion made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. **Approve Street Seal Coating Plan for 2026** Council agreed to move forward with the 2026 street coating plan. The city will be seeking bids for the project.

1. **Park Driveway – Mill and Gravel** Discussion on grinding, milling, reshaping, and re-graveling the park circle. Councilperson Stacey Boes raised concerns about graveling and not chip sealing and the potential for dust in the area during high traffic game days. No action taken at this time.

G. Pay Claims

Report Title Period	Claims Report 03/17/2026 To 04/07/2026
Vendor Name	Amount
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	\$ 296,270.77
APPEARA	\$192.97
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE INC	\$ 99.10
JEFFS GUN VAULT	\$ 4,702.77
GREGORY LIBRARY	\$360.72
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	\$910.17
MIDWEST LIVINN	\$ 192.00
RYAN COOK	\$ 96.60
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 198.41
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	\$ 1,492.75
GREGORY FIRE DEPT	\$ 707.10
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	\$ 206.27
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE - PERMITS	\$ 125.00
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE - PERMITS	\$ 125.00
HAWKINS INC	\$ 50.00
PETTY CASH	\$ 11.40
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,384.05
N & S CONCRETE LLC	\$ 3,740.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 119.68
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AFFILITATES	\$ 425.00
HACH COMPANY	\$ 691.32
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	\$ 600.00
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	\$ 245.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	\$ 604.08
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	\$ 56.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$ 7,374.01
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	\$ 1,620.95
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	\$ 3,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 479.35
Total	\$329,080.47

Vendor Name

Amount

PREMIER PYROTECHNICS	\$ 15,000.00
EFTPS	\$ 6,182.73
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$ 1,275.00
SDRS	\$ 2,956.79
AFLAC	\$ 474.68
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO INC	\$ 72.50
EXPRESS COLLECTIONS INC	\$ 260.80
BREIT & BOOMSMA, P.C.	\$ 260.80
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 379.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 317.81
Total	\$27,180.11

Motion to pay claims made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Executive Session

7:15 pm Motion to enter Executive Session for a personal matter made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

7:20 pm Mayor removed the council from Executive Session.

Results: No Action Taken

- I. 7:20 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 April 20, 2026