

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
05/01/2023

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council Members: Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Guyla Husman, Guhner Kepler and not present Darwin Grim; News Reporter Patty Connealy, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Librarian Tara Engel, Attorney Amy Jacobsen, City Superintendent Josey Larsen, Maurice Schlaht, and guest Ryler Stevicks

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the agenda with the addition of item (d) Annual Report, and item (e) Strategic plan. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the minutes from the 04/17/2023 meeting, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Public Forum

None

Dept. Head Report

Librarian Tara Engel reported she has been working on her financial report. Tara is also partnering with the chamber for a chalk walk. Superintendent Larsen reported that the crew has been working on potholes, preparing for city wide clean up, and gearing up to start on the pool.

Committee Reports

None

Conflict of Interest

None

Old Business

Vanderpol Dragline Inc. Pay Request #9 - \$44,549.81

Mayor Cerny replied that pay request #9 for 1st St & Logan will be paid with the claims if approved.

Claims

AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	236.76
APPEARA	TOWELS/HANDCLNR/COVERALLS/MATS	202.02
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE	2 CUTTING EDGE	823.20
BLAINE BOLANDER MOWING	THATCH 3 BALL FIELDS	500.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,407.31
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	REFUND TREASURY PAYMENT	3,320.00

HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDER FEES	90.00
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4,670.52
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	T-HANGARS DESIGN ENGINEERING	7,922.95
IMPRINTS LABEL & DECAL	500 BIKE PERMIT LABELS	265.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	3 HOLE PUNCH/CARTRIDGES/SERV CON	305.85
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	43.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6,584.73
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR &ASSOC	SEWER PH 1 ENGINEERING	38,000.00
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	5,260.38
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	600.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	280.32
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	MOSQUITO CONTROL/HERBICIDE	2,916.15
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	FINAL 1ST & LOGAN PAY #9	44,549.81
WHITNEY FENTON	REVOLVING LOAN	15,000.00
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	1 CASE OF FILTERS/AUD SERVICE CALL	176.00
WM KROTTER CO	MARKING PAINT/FIELD MARKER	48.86
Accounts Payable Total		136,708.78
Payroll Checks		14,329.35
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		151,038.13
GENERAL FUND		96,042.96
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		15,000.00
3RD CENT SALES TAX		551.16
WATER FUND		8,141.09
SEWER FUND		31,302.92
TOTAL FUNDS		\$151,038.13

Mayor Cerny presented Councilor Guyla Husman with a card and thanked her for her 6 years of service to the City of Gregory.

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Cory Graber, to adjourn as the old council. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

New Council

Mayor Al Cerny called the new council to order, presenting oaths of office to council members, Guhner Kepler Ward I, Cory Graber, Ward II, and Maurice Schlaht, Ward III. All council members were elected with no opposition for 2-year terms, which will expire in May of 2025.

Council President

Motion was made by Kristi Drey seconded by Cory Graber, to nominate Ashley Lozano as council president. No other nomination was heard, all members voted aye; the motion carried.

Council Vice President

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber to nominate Kristi Drey as council vice-president. No other nomination was heard, all members voted aye; the motion carried.

Appointments

Mayor Al Cerny made the following appointments: Chief of Police Doug Catts, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, and Health Officer Sue Hogue.

Official News Paper: Gregory Times Advocate

Official Depositories: BankWest, First Fidelity, Consumers Federal Credit Union, and South Dakota Public Funds Investment Trust (SD FIT)

Planning & Zoning Board

Mayor Cerny appointed Donna Schmitz and Sharon Peterson to new 2-year terms.

Library Board

Mayor Cerny asked for a volunteer to sit on the library board. Council Member Guhner Kepler volunteered.

New Business

Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to enter the board of adjustment to discuss building permits, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented building permits 2023-10 from Joann Eliason for an extension of her deck and permit 2023-11 from Pam Boes to place a garden shed. Mayor Cerny stated that planning and Zoning had met and recommended approval of both building permits. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve both permits 2023-10 and 2023-11. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to exit the board of adjustment.

Lifeguard Hire

Mayor Cerny reported that Finance Officer Hamilton and Jana Winters had met up and discussed the 15 applicants that applied and recommended 10 of them for hire. Eight of the 10 recommendations already have their certification. Mayor Cerny recommended the rate of pay for the 2 new guards to be \$11.00. The rate of pay for the experienced guards is \$13.50, assistant manager \$15.00, with the manager being \$18.00. Motion was made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to offer the positions to the 10 with the discussed rate of pay. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Ballfields Spraying and Fertilizing Contract

Mayor Cerny presented the three bids that were received for the spraying and fertilizing. The first bid opened was from Blaine Bolander Mowing in the amount of \$3,597.40, the second bid opened was from Total Yard Care in the amount of \$2,550, and the last bid opened was from Coaches Lawn Service in the amount \$4,365.54. Motion was made by Cory Graber, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to accept the bid from total yard care in the amount of \$2,550. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

SPN Update

Mayor Cerny provided the council with an update sheet from SPN, our city engineer.

Hamilton Contract

Mayor Cerny reported that he has visited Hamilton and Hamilton is willing to stay on as an employee with a \$100 month retainer so that the city will be able to utilize his water and sewer certification. This

will also allow the public works guys to call with questions. If Hamilton does have to come in and assist, he will then be paid his hourly rate. Attorney Amy Jacobsen will draw up a contract.

Annual Report

Mayor Cerny presented the council with the 2022 annual report. Cerny stated that this is a good way to see how the year 2022 went. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the 2022 annual report. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Strategic Plan

Mayor Cerny presented that the GED is going to have their strategic plan updated and he found that if the city would like to have a strategic plan done the cost would be \$300. Cerny stated that he has been wanting to get the citizens input on how things are running and how they would like to see things go in the future. A strategic plan would be a good way to accomplish this. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve having a strategic plan done with the company that the GED group is using, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

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

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer: *Alexander Hamilton*

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Mayor: *Al Cerny*