

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following members were present: Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber, Darwin Grim, Ashley Lozano and Maurice Schlaht; Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan, Chief of Police Doug Catts, Chamber Director Ana Smiley and Chamber Board Member Liz VanOvershelde.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Plat for Brett Oliver and Marty Jung Passed Water Exam. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the minutes from the 05/01/2023 meeting, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Public Forum

There was no one present for the public forum portion of the meeting.

Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel reported that Guyla Husman has agreed to fill the vacancy on the library's board of trustees. Council Member Cory Graber made a motion to approve the appointment of Guyla Husman has a board trustee at the library for a two-year term. Ashley Lozano seconded the motion. All member voted aye; the motion carried.

Engel circulated registration forms for the summer reading program and encouraged the council members to participate in decorating a puzzle piece that will be used to create a mural at the library. Engel also gave her financial report and mentioned the library received a \$1500 grant, with the money going to a designated fund account for new books for the summer reading program.

Chamber Director Ana Smiley reported that she visited businesses during Small Business Week and recorded live videos for promotion. The chamber co-hosted the last community meal and it was a success. Two voluntary interns, Natalie Smith and Dori Bruns, have been recruited by Smiley for the summer.

Police Chief Doug Catts informed the council the police department will be hosting a bike rodeo and registration on Saturday, June 10, 2023 in front of the police station. Catts also informed the council that he is retiring as of July 18, 2023. Catts thanked the council for the opportunity to work for the city. The council thanked him for his service and wished him well.

New Business

Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to enter the board of adjustment to discuss building permits, seconded by Darwin Grim. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented the following building permits: Jonalu Studenberg, shed; Wilson Santiago, shed; and Brad Kruse, house addition. Mayor Cerny stated that the planning and zoning board had not given any recommendations on the building permits. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber, to approve the three building permits, contingent on the P & Z board's approval. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to exit the board of adjustment.

Open Hay Bids

Grandview Addition: The council received the following bids for the haying of Grandview Addition. Jared Leber, \$2,050.00; Joel Bartling, \$1,585.00; Brett Young, \$1,650.00. Motion was made by Darwin Grim to accept high bid of \$2,050.00 from Jared Leber for the haying of 15 acres of Grandview Addition, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All members voted aye.

East Well Field: The following bids were received for the haying of the East Well Field Land. Joel Bartling, \$8,115.00; Jared Leber, \$8,250.00; Brad Kahler, \$8,325.50; John Hansen, \$6,600.00; and Brett Young, \$6,750.00. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to accept the high bid of \$8,325.50 from Brad Kahler for the haying of the East Well Field Land, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye; The motion carried.

Pool Employees & Salaries

Motion was made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve the following list of salaries for the 2023 lifeguards: Jana Winters, Pool Manager - \$18.00 per hr; Gracie Kenzy, Asst. Manager - \$15.00 per hr; Cassidy Keiser, \$13.50 per hr; Paige Rezac, \$13.50 per hr; Luke Stukel, \$13.50 per hr; Adyson Stukel, \$13.50 per hr; London Flakus, \$13.50 per hr; Ashton Eklund, \$13.50 per hr; Jordan Svatos, \$13.50 per hr; Madison Graber, \$11.00 per hr; and Isaac Hull, \$11.00 per hr.

Blaine Bolander Hire

Discussion was had on the hiring of Blaine Bolander for mowing three ballfields. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber, to hire Blaine Bolander as a part-time seasonal worker as needed at \$13.00 per hour.

4-H Achievement Days

Mayor Cerny stated that the city received a letter informing them that 4-H Achievement Days will be moved from Gregory.

Shop Addition Soil Test Results

Mayor Cerny informed the council that the soil tests for the shop addition needs remediation. The project requires excavation and sand fill before construction can begin. The architect estimated preliminary costs for the extra work by the contractor at \$60,000. Discussion was had on if the city crew could do the work. The council agreed to take time to get better cost estimates from the architect as well as from local contractors.

Discussion on Property at 524 E 6th St

Discussion was had on if the city would like to take possession of the property at 524 E 6th St if the county is willing to turn it over. The council agreed to have Mayor Cerny indicate to the county auditor

the city's interest in the property at 524 E 6th St before the commissioner's meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Plat for Brett Oliver

Mayor Cerny presented the Plat of Lot 6, Park Side Acres, a subdivision of a portion of Public Park in the City of Gregory, that Brett Oliver is purchasing from the city. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the Plat of Lot 6, Park Side Acres. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Marty Jung Exam Passed

Marty Jung recently passed the Basic Water Treatment exam. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve a \$.50 per hour raise.

Claims

APPEARA	TOWELS/HNDCLNER/AIRFRESH/COVERALLS	57.60
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE INC	IRON WORK	660.75
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT/PHONE SYSTEM	442.75
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,531.77
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE	166.14
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET CHARGES	832.14
GOLDEN WEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	TRAFFIC FLASHLIGHT WAND/TAPE	225.85
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS/PRIME MEMBER	591.30
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING/SPONSOR ADS	889.51
HARRY K NAPA	CLNR/WIPERS/SWEEPER BATTERY	188.30
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	AUD HEATING/COOLING PROPELLER	323.47
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	LEGAL SERVICES	3,090.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	CHAMBER KEYS/TOWELS/TP/CLNR	187.53
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	PD LODGING/DOUG CATTS	282.00
DMG INC, DBA MALLOY ELECTRIC	REBUILT MOTOR/BOOSTER STATION	3,025.71
MARTY JUNG	REIMB/BALLFIELD SPRINKLER HEAD	70.13
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	STEERING COLUMN/05 CHEVY	89.99
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	(2) MINUTE BOOKS/PD HANGFOLDER	782.61
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	26.32
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/PROPANE/DIESEL	2,756.74
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	TORCH HEAD/WRENCH/WIPERS/EXT CORD	514.04
SIOUX SALES COMPANY	S&W M&P9MM/HOLSTER/J ATKINS	694.85
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	615.07
VEURINK INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC	FIRE DEPT INS/95 LADDER TRUCK	121.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$26,671.49

Invoices: Paid	\$6,037.69
Invoices: Scheduled	\$20,633.80
Payroll Checks	\$17,209.71
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	\$43,881.20

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to enter executive session to discuss the finance officer position. Council went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Cerny removed the council from executive session.

Results of Executive Session.

Motion was made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to extend the deadline to June 5, 2023 for applications for the position. All members voted aye the motion carried.

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

Al Cerny, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Jennifer Keegan, Assistant Finance Officer