

City of Gregory
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th St at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Kristi Drey, Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg, Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Also present were Librarian Tara Engel, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Chief of Police Doug Catts, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and City Administrator/Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to add committee assignments to the agenda and to approve the agenda with the new addition, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the May 3, 2021 regular council minutes as written, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Special Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the special council meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Committee Reports

Ashley Lozano reported on a meeting with the people interested in building a park area in Prairie Wind Estates. Currently, the group in Prairie Wind Estates, want to look for grants for park playground items and do not want to ask the City for any help.

Committee Assignments

Mayor Anshutz made the following committee assignments:

City Hall Renovations: Shana Flakus, Scott Anshutz, Ashley Lozano

City Annexation: Guyla Husman and Cory Graber

Water Rates: Seymour Studenberg, Kristi Drey

Personnel/HR

Shana Flakus suggested that a personnel/Human Resource committee also be set up.

Department Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel asked about hiring Hunter Mills for summer help. Hunter had previously worked at the library. The council agreed to hire Hunter for the summer and offer a wage of \$10.05 per hour. Tara also talked about applying for some library grants that would require the City to pay for the items and then get reimbursed. The council agreed to \$20,000 in grants to be reimbursed for printers, computers, and other items.

Alex Hamilton reported that the pool employees had started cleaning the pool. The pool looks good at this time and they will start to fill the pool next week and plan to open June 1, 2021. The price quote for

2 park cameras came in at \$795 and the city would install. The council agreed to purchase the cameras. Alex also mentioned that the chemicals had been purchased for mosquito control.

Chief of Police Doug Catts mentioned the work being done on Highway 18 going through Gregory and a reminder that the 30-mph speed zone would be strictly enforced. Twelve letters have been sent out to owners of vehicles, not running, that were parked in the City's right of way. Most of the vehicles have been removed.

Suzanne Braun, Executive Director of the Gregory/Dallas Chamber, gave a report on upcoming events that are being planned. On June 12, 2021, the Rock and Ribs/Cruise Night/Young Eagles airplane rides and a bike rodeo will be held. The 4th of July celebration will take place July 2-4 and the carnival is still planning on being here.

Conflict of Interest

Nobody on the council had a conflict of interest with the new business portion of the agenda.

New Business

One-Day Malt Beverage License

The new pool fund raising committee applied for a one-day malt beverage license for June 5, 2021 for a street dance to be held at 6th and Main. Motion was made by Cory Graber and seconded by Ashley Lozano to grant the one-day license for June 5, 2021 for the pool fund raising committee. All members voted aye.

Little League Concession Stand Manager

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to hire Makayla Thomas as the Little League Concession Stand Manager for the summer of 2021 at a salary of \$1600, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Insurance Award

Brad Wilson from the SDML Workers Compensation Fund, presented the City of Gregory with a plaque for the 25 years of Gregory being a member of the SDML Work Comp Fund.

Kellie Stukel/Gregory Swim Team

Kellie Stukel met with the council to ask for funding for paying someone to coach the members of the Gregory Swim Team. The time involved would be around 8 hours a week for 6 weeks. Kellie was thinking of some of the lifeguards getting some extra pay to do this. There were some concerns mentioned that the city is not currently paying any of the baseball/softball volunteer coaches. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to pay \$1,000 for coaching of the swim team, seconded by Guyla Husman. Ayes: Seymour and Guyla; Nays: Shana, Cory, Ashley and Kristi. Motion failed.

Roadside Plat

The city council reviewed a copy of the newly re-plated roadside park plat. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the plat and authorize Mayor Anshutz to sign the plat, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

ACH Fees

The city has changed to Forte, a credit card payment vendor, who works with the city's software to better streamline the credit card payment system used to pay water bills. Online eCheck and credit card

payments through FrontDesk are simple secure, and compliant. The city is currently set up under the model in which the citizen pays the \$1.75 service fee for ACH processing per month unless the City would agree to pay a .25 per transaction fee. The ACH water payment option is efficient and a growing alternative to credit cards. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Guyla Husman to have the city absorb the cost and pay a .25 per transaction fee for each of the customers using the ACH payment plan (eCheck only). All members voted aye.

Tax Discretionary Ordinance 2021-02

The council reviewed Ordinance No. 2021-02, an ordinance which would give a property tax deduction for industrial, commercial, affordable housing, and residential structures being built within the city limits. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Code Enforcement

The two city code enforcement officers will be in Gregory on June 7, 2021 to go thru Gregory checking on new violations of the code and reviewing any progress made on existing violations. There are a few abatements being scheduled for this week.

City Information

A proposed ordinance regulating medical cannabis will be on the agenda for the June 7, 2021 council meeting. The council members received a proposed copy of the ordinance.

Claims

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to pay the following claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Alex Hamilton	Mileage/Rapid City Water Expo 4/28-29/21	267.68
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Sanitizer	58.22
Bartling Welding & Machine	Pipe/Rolled Plates/Welding Work	539.65
Best Western Ramkota Hotel	Lodging-Rapid City/Hamilton-Larsen/Water Expo	280.00
Cardmember Service	Lodging-Deadwood/Catts/Police Chiefs Conf	183.72
Core & Main LP	25 Meter Gaskets	25.09
Dakota Pump Inc.	Well Control Radio Panel/Lift Station Monitor	14,365.84
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	7,421.83
Golden West	Phone/Internet Service	1,307.27
Gregory Ambulance Service	Refund/US Treasury Payment	1,001.48
Gregory County Highway Dept	Road Maintenance	460.00
Gregory Fire Dept	Subsidy for 2021	5,000.00
Gregory Music Boosters	Activity Calendar	10.00
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies	383.29
Harry K Napa	Battery/Hose/Fittings/Filters/Brake Cleaner	250.65
Hawkins Inc.	Pool pH Sensors	279.87
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Meyerink Farm Service Inc.	Repairs to Snowplow	407.00
Michael Todd & Company	Safety Glasses/Ear Plugs/Gutter Broom	347.55

Office Products Center	PD Binder Clips/Copier Service Contract	44.38
Opperman Inc.	169.72 Ton Gravel Delivered	2,800.38
Runnings Supply Inc.	Gloves/Towels/Rake/Paint/Grass Seed/Lawn Sweeper	402.40
Schmucker Paul Nohr & Assoc	Locate Lot Lines/Curb Elevations-Lot 5 Blk 1 Grandview	947.95
Scott Boes Trucking	Truck 23.83 Ton Ag-Lime	834.05
Scott's Auto Repair	New Engine In 2005 Chevy Pickup	4,281.25
SD Assoc of Rural Water Sys	Expo Reg/Larsen-Hamilton-4/28-49/21 Rapid City	150.00
SD Dept of Ag & Nat Resource	Stormwater fee/Hangar Taxilane Expansion	100.00
SD Narcotics Officers Assoc	Reg Fee-Tom Grove/SD Noa Conf-5/5-7/21	50.00
Steffen Tree Trimming	Cut 2 Trees/Grind Stumps/Clean-Up	838.00
Tom Grove	Mileage/Meals-SD Noa Conf Deadwood	398.48
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
Van Diest Supply Company	Mosquito Control Supplies	769.50
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Charges	932.90
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Change Auditorium Filters/2 Months	160.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$48,598.43
Payroll Checks		\$23,934.14
REPORT TOTAL		\$72,532.57

5/11/2021 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$1,042.76; Finance Officer, \$2,341.60; General Government Bldg., \$190.96; Police, \$6,152.74; Street Dept., \$3,316.30; Water Dept., \$3,817.23; Sewer, \$678.27; Ambulance, \$11,596.40; Pool, \$180.75; Library, \$1,189.71; Gross Amt, \$30,506.72

Executive Session

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye. At this time, Scott Anshutz and Al Cerny left the meeting. Council went into executive session at 7:10 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., Council President Seymour Studenberg took the council out of executive session.

Results of Executive Session

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to adjourn, second by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer