

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6th St. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Seymour Studenberg, Kristi Drey, Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano, Shana Flakus and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen; Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve as written the May 4, 2020 council meeting minutes, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

There was nobody present for the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Lafe Gildemaster reported that everything was going well and there had been no problems in the police department.

Committee Reports

Mayor Anshutz read a note from Jerilyn Birnie, a sister to Barb Birnie who taught for many years at the Gregory School. Jerilyn donated \$1200 to the food pantry and \$50 towards the park.

Conflict of Interest

None of the council members had a conflict of interest with the agenda items.

Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to go into the Board of Adjustment to consider building permits, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Charles Pense Building Permit

Charles Pense submitted a building permit to enlarge a garage at 711 Rice. No variance was required, and the planning and zoning committee had given their approval. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve the Charles Pense building permit. All members voted aye. The council also agreed to extend a 2017 building permit for a garage for Pense because of his health issues at that time. Motion was made by Guyla Husman and seconded by Cory Graber to go out of the Board of Adjustment and meet as city council. All members voted aye.

Malt Beverage License Renewals Hearing

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to renew the following malt beverage licenses for 2020-2021, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye. Mary Bob's Bar, Gregory Lanes, Mr. G's, Big Ass Liquor, American Legion Club, Dollar General, and GF Buche Co.

Street Work Plan 2020

The council reviewed the street plan for the Summer of 2020 that would sealcoat 30 blocks of streets, fix potholes and work on a few soft spot areas. The total estimated cost was \$74,000, which would take most of the budget set aside for street repairs. It was agreed to proceed with the proposed plan.

COVID-19 Re-Openings/Opening

City Hall: The Gregory City Hall will open on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Citizens are encouraged to place their water bills in the drop box and continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Library: The re-opening of the Gregory Public Library will be left up to the library board.

Pool: Cassity Kerner, Head Lifeguard, gave the council a proposed plan to use if the pool were to open. The plan called for more cleaning and the pool would be closed three days a week. At this time, the council agreed to wait until the June 1 meeting before deciding on opening the pool.

Little League Baseball: Curt Sinclair, Little League President, met with the council to discuss the possibility of playing little league ball. The teams would have to follow CDC guidelines, which are extensive and may be hard to do. After a lengthy discussion, the council strongly recommended that the Little League ball teams not play this year, because of the COVID-19 virus and all the uncertainties in trying to follow proper CDC guidelines in trying to reduce the spread of the virus.

Town Team Baseball: The council agreed that the town team can use the baseball field for games, but the park bathrooms will remain closed. The bathrooms will be discussed at the June 1st council meeting.

April Financial Report

The council reviewed the April financial report that showed the balance sheet and revenue and expenses. It was noted that sales tax revenues are higher at the end of April than they were last year.

Information

Since the Municipal Election got moved to June 2, 2020, the council agreed that the election results would be canvassed at the June 15, 2020 meeting and the new council would take over on that date.

Claims

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve the following claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner & Sanitizer/Coveralls	48.60
B & F Variety	Reissue Lost Check #37881	28.19
Buche Foods	Garbage Bags	39.36
Cardmember Service	Hand Sanitizer	99.40
Coach's Lawn Service LLC	Lawn Care/Park-Baseball Fields	1,434.71
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	6,147.76
Golden West	Phone/Internet	1,175.93
Gregory County Landfill	Rubble Dumping Fees/Supplies	31.05
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies	85.78
gWorks	Pro-Rated Annual Support Fees	588.00

Harrison Plumbing & Heat	Supplies	31.50
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Malloy Electric	Replacement Coil	215.57
Mcleod's Printing & Office	Election Absentee Voting Sets	78.57
Minnesota Child Support	Child Support Payment	202.12
Mr. Automotive	Batteries/Freon/JBWeld/Toolbox/Lite Bar/Tailgate-Bed Mat	1,142.72
Office Products Center	Toner Cartridge/Service Contract	121.51
Opperman Inc.	120.05 Ton Gravel	1,932.81
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	1.80
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gas/Ford Explorer Battery-Oil Change/Propane/Weed Killer	2,776.36
Tripp County Water Use	Monthly Water Service	3,000.00
US Bank St Paul	Paying Agent Rev Bonds 2012/Interest Bond Series 2013	15,787.50
US Postal Service	Stamps/Mail Absentee Forms	55.00
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Service	720.19
Wm Krotter Co.	Pool Wet-Dry Vac/Garage Door Strut	201.05
Accounts Payable Total		\$36,245.48
Invoices: Paid		\$6,349.88
Invoices: Scheduled		\$29,895.60

5/12/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.80; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,109.72; Street Dept., \$3,193.32; Water Dept., \$3,669.88; Sewer, \$659.03; Ambulance, \$8,910.90; Pool, \$353.45; Park, \$172.00; Library, \$1,088.15; Gross Amt, \$26,603.45

Adjourn

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to adjourn, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer