

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY MAY 18, 2026 | AT 6:00 PM  
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6<sup>TH</sup> ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Alex Hamilton, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes and Maurice Schlaht. Absent was Ashley Lozano. Also present were Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Water/Sewer Supervisor Marty Jung, Library Director Tara Engel, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guest Ryler Stevicks.

**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 Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Council Minutes for May 4, 2026** Motion to approve the Minutes, as written, made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum/Visitors - None**

**Council Concerns - Councilperson Laura Petersen** asked about the deep manhole covers. W/S Supervisor Marty Jung explained the roads are raised from street improvements and are being dug out to jett sewers and when a back-up has occurred. Mr. Jung also stated that the upright parts of the manholes will have to be raised, but a few will require rebuilding due to bricks/clay of the old infrastructure and the uprights not standing up to the raised 'collars.' City council also asked if Cybertek could help several members convert their city email to their phones.

**Department Head Reports PW Superintendent Guhner Kepler** reported that new gravel has been laid around the park drive. The plan is to finish crack sealing and paint the pool next week; and Main Street was swept for Graduation Day by Damon Eagle Star working overnight. **Library Director Tara Engel** received \$880.50 in sponsorships from local businesses and private donations to help fund the summer reading program. The library will again have yard games on July 2, and upcoming events will include a magician and Touch-a-Truck with local First Responders. **Ryler Stevicks** presented two sign images for final approval for the North Star location and the east and west city entrances on Highway 18. Council agreed to the designs. **W/S Supervisor Marty Jung** reported that he and Damon Eagle Star are currently jetting sewers on Whittecar and Church and will be moving to Main Street early next week. Mr. Jung also stated that Gregory's water consumption has severely increased with Northern Plains, LLC and Golden West's current work. The water usage was 1 million gallons higher than the same time last year. Mayor Cerny asked Mr. Jung to keep a close eye on the towers/tanks and would consider introducing a water restriction if Mr. Jung believes it is necessary.

**Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** presented the council with a list of the status of the recycle trailer and camera, total for SPN engineering charges for Phase II, the near completion of the T-Hangar, and confirmed the next construction meeting for Thursday May 28 at 2:00 pm at City Hall.

**Mayor Reports -** Mayor Cerny addressed the ongoing concern of dust on the county road due to construction traffic. ¼ mile of the road is scheduled to be treated after June 1 at a cost to the city of approximately \$1,500.00.

**Committee Reports** Councilperson Laura Petersen stated that the Code Enforcement Committee should have another meeting.

**Conflict of Interest - None**

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

Motion to enter Board of Adjustments made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

**A. Building Permit Approved by P & Z**

- 1. **Kristi Drey – Shed 2026-06C** Councilperson Alex Hamilton noted that the building was set before the permit was approved and requested a \$75.00 fine be applied to the permit. Motion to approve the permit with the \$75.00 fine made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- B. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-03 Repealing/Replacing Section 51.02** Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-03 repealing/replacing Section 51.02 made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

- C. Approve Summer Contracts with Youth Recreation Committee**  
Lonnie Klundt – Grounds Keeper 2026 Britany Reber – Concessions 2026  
Motion to approve the summer contracts with the Youth Recreation Committee made by Stacey Boes, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.

- D. One-Day Malt Permit for Legion for Ribfest (June 6<sup>th</sup>/City Park)** Motion to approve the Legion one-day malt permit for Ribfest made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

- E. One-Day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses/Spiking Permits for July 1-5, 2026**  
Mary Bob’s Turtle Races 7/1-7/5-2026 Gregory Lanes Beer Garden 7/1-7/5-2026  
Motion to approve the one-day licenses/spike permits made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Summer Help Applications** (moved to executive session)

F. Pay Claims

**Claims Report**  
05/05/2026 To 05/18/2026

Vendor Name	Amount
AIRPORT WEATHER CAMERA SYSTEMS	\$ 13,763.28
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	\$ 1,049.95
APPEARA	\$ 146.76
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	\$ 33.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 477.11
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNI LEAGUE AFFILITATES	\$ 270.00
AVERA GREGORY HOSPITAL	\$ 74.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	\$ 273.75
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	\$ 302.93
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 403.75
HACH COMPANY	\$ 61.99
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	\$ 201.81
BEN SCHLAHT	\$ 242.62
WINNER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	\$ 325.00
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	\$ 5,804.56
DIESEL SYSTEMS	\$ 447.50
BARTLING WELDING & MACHINE INC	\$ 61.88
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	\$ 271.92

