

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Maurice Schlaht, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber and Laura Petersen. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachele Bloom, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks, Dr. and Bette Fogel, and Nick Reber.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Add Groundskeeper and Concessions Contracts to the agenda under Summer Hires. Motion to approve the agenda made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2024 Motion to approve minutes from May 6th made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Head Reports Library Director Tara Engel reported that the library has 20 kids 0-12 registered for the summer reading program. Christian Spann is back for the summer and already working. Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that Tommy Claussen has 11 days of academy remaining until graduation.

Committee Reports Councilwoman Laura Petersen proposed raising mowing fees. Mayor Cerny agreed and suggested increasing with a City Resolution. Attorney Amy Bartling suggested a sliding scale fee schedule. The fee increase will be decided on at the June 3 meeting. Mayor Cerny presented his Proposed Public Improvements plan for the next two years. Mayor Cerny asked the Council to bring questions or comments to the next meeting.

Conflicts of Interest – None

New Business

A. Building Permits

Motion to go into Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Drees Permit – Addition – Motion to approve the Drees permit with a variance made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bloom/Santiago – Pool – Motion to approve the Bloom/Santiago permit after finding PIN made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Storage – Sign – Motion to approve the City Storage permit moved eight feet back made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. '24-'25 Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License Renewals

American Legion Post #6 Gregory Lanes Gus Stop 7 Ste B

Big Ass Liquor Mary Bob's Bar Gus Stop 7

Dolgen Midwest LLC (Dollar General #15462) Wenger Enterprises LLC (Mr.G 's)

GF Buche of Gregory Family Dollar Stores of SD #3338

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 license renewals made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

- C. Annual Report** Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report and accompanying Debt Update for 2023 made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Hay Bids** The City of Gregory received three bids for the East Well Field: Jared Leber \$7,600.00, John Hansen \$8,525.00 and Joel Bartling \$8,640.00. Motion to approve Joel Bartling as the high bidder made by Cory Graber, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried. The City of Gregory received one bid for the Grandview Field: Joel Bartling \$1850.00 Motion to approve Joel Bartling as the high bidder made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Lot 509** Ashley Lozano and Laura Petersen presented the Council with the final draft for the 509 Main St lot sale proposal. Motion to approve the 509 Lot proposal and submit for publication to the newspaper made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Dixon Townhall** Bette Fogel addressed the Council with an offer for the city to take over the Dixon Townhall and make it a city run building. Mrs. Fogel stated that she and Dr. Fogel have been involved in the building for 33 years and are ready to pass it on with the hope of keeping it available to the community, school, library, and other groups or organizations that can utilize it. Mrs. Fogel listed all the recent improvements and a few items the building would still need. The Council agreed to table their decision until the June 3 meeting and thanked the Fogel's for coming to the meeting with the information and appreciative of their years of dedication to the building.
- G. Camera Booster Box** Police Chief Ryan Cook and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman addressed the Council with the need for a new city camera booster box. The existing box is outdated and no longer able to be updated with new software. The new box would transmit all of the city's cameras and would be capable of accepting software updates. The cost of the new box is \$6200.00. Motion to approve the purchase of the updated camera booster made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Summer Hires and Summer Contracts** Nick Reber addressed the Council with updated contracts for the groundskeeper and concessions positions hired by the City of Gregory and the Summer Youth Recreation Committee. The groundskeeper is Lonnie Klundt with a summer contract for \$2100.00 + a bonus paid by the SYRC and concessions will be Brynn & Max Bearshield with a summer contract for \$2000.00 + a bonus paid by the SYRC. Motion to approve the summer contracts made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

POOL GM & LIFEGUARDS			MOWING & PUBLIC WORKS	
Jana Winters	18.25/hr	Manager	Alisa Schmitz	13.00/hr
Cassidy Keiser	13.75/hr	Ast Manager	Jhett Eklund	13.00/hr
Aston Eklund	13.75/hr		Kristi Drey	13.00/hr (2/d as ndd)
London Flakus	13.75/hr			
Paige Rezac	13.75/hr			
Luke Stukel	13.75/hr			
Isaac Hull	11.50/hr			
Sapphire Kenzy	11.50/hr			
Madison Graber	11.50/hr			
George Timanus	11.20/hr			

Motion to approve the summer employees and wages made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. Five ayes. Motion carried. Kristi Drey abstained.

I. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK	1696.83
APPEARA	SUPPLIES	136.60
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	15.43T OMEGA MIX	2468.80
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	REPROGRM VFD PUMP BLUE TANK	734.70
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4554.77
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WRKSP	294.10
GENESIS LAMP CORPORATION	AIRPORT 24 BULBS	286.70
GREGORY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT	ROAD MAINTENANCE	180.00
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	NOTICES-SIGNS	1874.55
HAWKINS INC	CHLORINE CYLINDERS	60.00
JERRY'S ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	CHNG OUT VFD PUMP BLUE TANK	554.18
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	880.00
KEN'S BODY SHOP	INSTALL WINDSHIELD 05 CHVY	320.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	30.94
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS	2618.60
TOMMY LEE CLAUSSEN	MILEAGE REIMB	321.60
UPPER MIDWEST GARAGE DOOR LLC	REPAIR SERVICE DOOR	265.31
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	535.89
Accounts Payable Total		19375.03
Invoices: Paid		5516.23
Invoices: Scheduled		13858.80
Payroll Checks		13686.83
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		33061.86

J. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman