

City of Gregory
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 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, Seymour Studenberg, Kristi Drey, Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano, Shana Flakus and Cory Graber. Also present were Librarian Tara Engel (via Zoom), Chief of Police Doug Catts, News Reporter Patty Connealy, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to add equipment shed and Prairie Winds lots to the posted agenda and to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the April 19, 2021 council meeting minutes as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

No persons were present for the public forum.

Department Head Reports

Doug Catts reported on the Police Chiefs conference that he recently attended in Deadwood. He talked about some upcoming intervention training and a program that Avera has called the Mobile Crisis Unit. Doug was appointed to serve on one of the four SDML policy committees. He recently went to the high school to talk to some of the students about safe driving. Officer Tom Grove will be attending a narcotics conference this week in Deadwood, SD.

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton talked about the need to make some repairs to the park bathrooms. He also mentioned that there is probably around \$4,000 worth of bleacher repairs that need to be made and was wondering if the ball team association had any funds to help make the repairs to the bleachers.

Librarian Tara Engel reported that the state has several grants that local libraires can apply for. There are five categories and Tara will be looking at applying for some of the funding. Tara also mentioned some the library plans for the 4th of July which included a small animal petting area.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn the old council, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

New Council

Mayor Scott Anshutz called the new council to order.

Certificate of Elections

Guyla Husman received a certificate of election for council member from Ward III for a two-year term, which would expire in May of 2023. Cory Graber received a certificate of election for Ward II (having no opposition) for a two-year term, which would expire in May of 2023.

Council Appointment

Shana Flakus was appointed by Mayor Anshutz to the open council position in Ward I for a one-year term, which would expire in May of 2022. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the appointment of Shana Flakus, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Council President

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to nominate Seymour Studenberg as Council President, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Council Vice President

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to nominate Shana Flakus as Council Vice-President, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Appointments

Mayor Scott Anshutz made the following appointments: City Administrator/Finance Officer, Al Cerny; Chief of Police, Doug Catts; Health Officer, Sue Hogue; City Attorney, Amy Jacobsen (Johnson, Pochop & Bartling Law Office).

Official Newspaper: Gregory Times Advocate

Official Depositories: BankWest, First Fidelity-Gregory, Consumers Federal Credit Union and SD Public Funds investment trust (SD FIT)

Gregory Housing Board: Gerrie Soper 5-year term (the rest of the board's term did not expire); Members are Marvin Gies (2020); David Kotrba (2019); Kevin Mikkelsen (2018); Wade Juracek (2017).

P&Z Board

Gregg Drees (1yr); Sam Flakus (3yr); John Knight (3yr); Donna Schmitz (2yr); Sharon Pederson (2yr)

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to approve the appointments, official newspaper, official depositories, Gregory Housing Board, P&Z board, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Council Committees

Mayor Scott Anshutz made the following committee assignments:

Park: Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber

Library: Seymour Studenberg and Shana Flakus

The rest of the committee assignments will be made as needed.

New Business

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn and enter into the Board of Adjustment to review a building permit application, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Justin Jelinek, 4' chain link fence (meets setbacks): Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the building permit application of Jelinek's, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn from the board of adjustment and enter back as the city council, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Ordinance 2021-02 Tax Discretionary

Discussion on Ordinance 2021-02 was tabled until the city attorney could review the proposed ordinance.

Savings Account/Pool Fundraiser

Motion was made by Guyla Husman and seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve setting up a savings account at BankWest in Gregory for the Gregory Swimming Pool fund. All members voted aye.

2020 Annual Financial Report

Finance Officer Al Cerny presented the 2020 annual financial report to the city council. The report lists the revenue, expenses and account balances for the General Fund, Water and Sewer Funds. The General fund balance increased over \$269,000. Most of the increase was due to the Cares grant and increase in sales tax.

Lifeguard Wages

The per hour pay for a starting lifeguard will be the minimum wage of \$9.45 per hour. The following wage scale will be in place: 2nd yr., \$9.75; 3rd yr., \$10.05 and 4th yr., \$10.35; Head Lifeguard, \$12.05 per hour. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve of the wage scale for the lifeguards, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Park Summer Help: Brynn Hylla, \$10.50 per hour and Carson Klundt, \$10.00 per hour. Motion was made by Cory Graber and seconded by Guyla Husman to approve the wages for mowing and park work. All members voted aye.

Grandview Lot Buying Changes.

The council reviewed a list of changes that were made regarding the selling of the Grandview lots. The information will be posted on the City's website. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve of the lot sale information, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Notice of Airport Bid Award

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to accept the Bid award to Vanderpol Dragline, Inc. in the dollar amount of \$2,274,842.5 for Project #3-46-0018-018-2021 A-8094, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Equipment Shed

There was discussion on getting a bid/spec sheet ready for re-building the addition to the city's equipment storage shed and then advertising for bids. Motion was made by Cory Graber to put together a bid/spec sheet for the rebuilding of the equipment shed addition and advertise for bids, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Prairie Winds Estates Lots

There was discussion on removing Lots 11-12 of Prairie Winds Estates lots from the city's surplus land and designating the lots as a park area. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to remove Lots 11-12 of Prairie Winds Estates from the city's list of surplus lots and to designate the Lots 11-12 as a city park area. Motion was seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Anshutz reported on some proposed lot changes in Grandview to make some lots into acreages and he discussed some upcoming City projects, among them, were the new hospital complex, the airport runway work, water, sewer and street work with Rural Development.

Claims

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

Ace's Backhoe Service LLC	Backhoe Work/Water Main	1,081.63
Aflac	Aflac Insurance	262.80
Al Cerny	Medicare Part B Reimb/April 2021	148.50
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Mats/Mop/Sanitizer	85.94
Bartling Welding & Machine Inc	Flat Iron	42.64
City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges	238.99
Core & Main LP	iPERL Meters	1,396.80
Doug Catts	Mileage/Police Chiefs Conf-Deadwood	312.48
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	3,785.10
Flexible Pipe Tool Company	Sewer Hose/Assembly	2,042.50
Gregory Times-Advocate	Wellfield Bid/Publishing/Election/Rec Books	1,136.32
Hawkins Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder Fees	15.00
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance	4,190.52
Helms & Associates	Design Work/Airport	19,763.91
Jerrys Electric & Services LLC	10' Conduit/Strap	102.55
Klein's True Value	Flush Lever/Nozzle/Keys	32.42
Kurt's Construction LLC	Materials	579.00
Mulehead Gravel LLC	28.2 Ton Gravel	414.99
Office Products Center	Printer Toner	86.51
Public Health Laboratory	Water Testing	43.00
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment/St Light Fixture	5,439.49
SDRS	SD Retirement April 2021	4,187.34
SDRS Supplemental Rtrmt Plan	SD Supplemental Retirement April 2021	500.00
US Bank St Paul	Interest/Sales Tax Rev 2013 Bonds	12,937.50
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	226.80
Van Diest Supply Company	Pendulum for Sandburs	310.00
Wm Krotter Co.	Lumber	15.49
Accounts Payable Total		\$59,378.22
Invoices: Paid		\$9,201.03
Invoices: Scheduled		\$50,177.19
Payroll Checks		\$11,556.85
REPORT TOTAL		\$70,935.07

4/27/2021 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$1,002.96; Finance Officer, \$2,341.61; General Government Bldg., \$190.96; Police, \$4,520.24 Street Dept., \$2,901.90; Water Dept., \$3,253.41 Sewer, \$503.67; Library, \$1,062.06; Gross Amt, \$15,776.81

Executive Session

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Kristi Drey to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 7:05 p.m. At this time, Mayor Anshutz left the council room. At 8:00 p.m., Council President Seymour Studenberg took the council out of executive session.

Results of Executive Session

No action was taken. A special council meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to further discuss personnel.

Adjourn

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

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer