

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 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, Shana Flakus, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Ashley Lozano, Guyla Husman and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Police Officers Tom Grove and Kane Kortum, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to add swimming pool schedule to the agenda and to approve the rest of the agenda as posted, seconded by Shana Flakus. All council members voted aye.

Minutes

Seymour Studenberg approved the council minutes of June 1, 2020 with the note that the copies that were mailed out to the council did not have the claims included (the official minutes do contain the claims), seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Special Minutes (Canvass Election)

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve as written the June 4, 2020 special minutes, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Public Forum

Donna Schmitz met with the council to discuss a drainage problem at her home located at 1104 Spencer Ave. The concrete dip along Spencer Avenue and 11th Street does not drain well, and this is causing a backup of water in the front of her house. The city employees will try to make the dip drain better.

Jerry Hemeyer met with the council to discuss the future sewer and water projects in Gregory. He was concerned about the rates raising quite a bit if the project was done all at one time. He would like the city to consider doing several blocks a year and having the city employees doing some of the work to keep the cost down. Jerry also mentioned maybe lining some of the mains instead of replacing them.

Department Head Reports

Tara Engel handed out the May financial report for the library. She said the library is open, but they are not doing any summer programs at this time. The library is promoting an online book reading program and they are making kits that children can work on at home. Engel has had some security issues at the library that dealt with the book drop. The library did receive a \$2,000 state tech grant and \$1250 grant from the Gregory Community Foundation.

Officer Tom Grove reported on the police department activities for the past few weeks. They have been running traffic control on Highway 18. Tom did report that traffic has been increasing on Highway 18.

“Old” Council Adjournment

There being 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.

Council Elections

Council President

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to elect Seymour Studenberg as council president, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Council Vice-President

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to elect Shana Flakus as council vice-president, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Appointments

Mayor Scott Anshutz made the following appointments: Al Cerny, City Administrator/Finance Officer; Lafe Gildemaster, Chief of Police; Sue Hogue, Health Officer; Amy Bartling, City Attorney; Marvin Gies, Gregory Housing Board (5-yr term); Planning & Zoning Board Members: Gregg Drees, Sam Flakus, John Knight, Donna Schmitz and Sharon Pedersen.

The official newspaper is the Gregory Times Advocate. The official bank depositories are: BankWest, First Fidelity Bank (Gregory), Consumers Federal Credit Union, SD Public Funds Investment Trust (SD FIT).

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve of the appointments, newspaper, and depositories, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Committees

Finance and Budget: Kristi Drey, Guyla Husman & Scott Anshutz

Public Safety/Ordinances: Lafe Gildemaster, Al Cerny & Scott Anshutz

Streets/Water/Sewer: Shana Flakus, Seymour Studenberg

Parks/Pool/Trees: Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey

Airport: Cory Graber, Ashley Lozano

Library/Community Buildings: Seymour Studenberg (library liaison), Shana Flakus

Auditorium: Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber

New Business

Conflict of Interest

No council member had a conflict of interest with the agenda items.

Building Permits

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to go into the Board of Adjustment to consider building permits, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye. Cheryl Duimstra submitted a building permit for a detached garage. The garage met all the setbacks and P&Z board recommended approval. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg and seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the Duimstra permit. All members voted aye. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to adjourn out of the board of adjustment, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

4th of July Celebration

Gregory/Dallas Chamber of Commerce Director Suzanne Braun informed the council that the DC Lynch Carnival would not be coming to Gregory for the 4th of July because the State of Nebraska has not allowed carnivals to start up yet and all there other stops are in Nebraska so they don't want to do just one stop. The parade will go on and they have made the route longer, so that spectators can spread out more. People in the parade can either throw candy or hand it out if they wish.

Truck Parking/Route Resolution

The council discussed the need to regulate truck traffic and parking in the residential areas of Gregory because of the condition of the city streets. The following resolution was offered for council consideration.

City of Gregory
Resolution 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, SD TO ESTABLISH TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL CITY LIMITS OF GREGORY, SD.

WHEREAS the City of Gregory Ordinance Chapter 70.01 (City Traffic), Subsection (B), allows the governing body of the City of Gregory to establish, by resolution, limited parking areas and truck routes; and

WHEREAS there are several city streets that are broken up because of over-weight vehicles and excessive weather conditions that makes continued travelling over these streets difficult; and

WHEREAS the city council would like to limit further damage to any of the city streets from heavy weight traffic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following restrictions of truck, vehicle, and trailer driving and parking and use of a designated truck route within the city limits of Gregory are now established:

1. No trucks, vehicles or trailers will be allowed to travel on or park on any residentially zoned area within the Gregory City Limits that has a gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds, unless the truck or vehicle is a sanitation truck or a package delivery truck.
 - a. Such sanitation trucks and package delivery trucks shall not be allowed to park in residential areas overnight.
2. The City of Gregory's truck route shall be:
 - a. Main Street from US Highway 18 to 8th St;
 - b. 6th St from Main St to Logan Ave;
 - c. 5th St from Main St to Logan Ave; and
 - d. Logan Avenue from 5th St to 6th St
3. It is understood that commercially zoned areas within one block of Main Street shall be allowed to continue to have truck traffic and truck parking.
4. The penalty for violations of Resolution 2020-04 shall be pursuant to the City of Gregory general penalty section 10.99, which is a fine of \$200 and up to 30 days in jail.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve passage of Resolution 2020-04. Ayes 6, Nays 0.

Dated this 15th day of June 2020.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer

Spiking Permit

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to grant a spiking permit to Mary Bob's Bar for the area adjacent to her bar for July 2-3-4, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Airport Hangar Building

The council members reviewed a request by Justin Hatheway to build a private hangar building alongside of the city's hangar. The building would have to be approved by the FAA for environment and airspace. A lease agreement was drawn up that specified the terms and conditions that would have to be met. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the private hangar request submitted by Justin Hatheway. All members voted aye.

Grandview Lots

The city council agreed to the BID's recommendation that the Grandview lots would not be listed with a realtor. A committee from BID would work with anyone interested in buying a lot. The council was agreeable to considering a variety of different terms in purchasing the lots and they would give the final approval in a lot purchase.

BID Revolving Loan Grant

The city has received notice that they have been awarded a \$49,000 grant to be used to make revolving loans. The city will match \$51,000. Mayor Anshutz thanked Rick Messerschmidt for all the work that he had put into the grant application.

Recycling Trailer Grant Application

The council discussed making an application to the State DENR for a re-cycling trailer. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to approve the following resolution making application for the re-cycling trailer and authorizing Mayor Anshutz to sign any documents needed. All members voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Gregory (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with acquisition of a specialty trailer to support the community's recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project.

2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.

3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Gregory, South Dakota, this 15th day of June 2020.

APPROVED:

Scott Anshutz, Mayor
City of Gregory

(Seal)

Attest: _____

Al Cerny, City Finance Officer

Financial Report

Finance Officer Al Cerny presented the council with the May financial report. Sales tax revenue was up thru May when compared to the prior year.

Pool

A revised pool schedule was reviewed by the council. The council made a few changes. The pool will be open Tuesday thru Saturday. There would be no time blocked off for the swim team. The swim team would have to use the pool with the other patrons. Due to the COVID-19 issue, the pool will be open for swimming on the 4th of July, but the swimming will not be free to help keep the usage to a manageable level.

Claims

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

Ace's Backhoe Service Llc	Sewer Main/10 th & Rice	484.69
Appearra	Hand Cleaner/Towels/Coveralls	48.60
Arnold Pool Company	Paint/Caulk/Cleaner/Pole/Net	1,915.91
Buche Foods	Cleaning Vinegar/Supplies	13.29
Donna Schmitz	Election Work 6-2-2020	200.00
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax 6-9-20 Payroll	8,036.48
Gerrie Soper	Election Work 6-2-2020	200.00
Golden West Telecommunications	Phone/Internet Service	1,163.57
Gregory Building Center	Labor	165.31

Gregory County Highway Dept	Road Maintenance	517.50
Gregory Lanes	Pizza/Burke help with Snow Removal	48.01
Gregory Library	Books Purchased	592.53
Gregory Music Boosters	Athletic Calendar	10.00
Jack Wenger	Replace Check #35497	11.00
Jerry's Electric	Fix Plumbing at Pool	2,144.39
Jim's Garbage Service	Garbage Pickup Service	300.00
Johnson Pochop & Bartling Law	Legal Services	3,386.50
Minnesota Child Support Payment	Child Support	202.12
Mr. Automotive	Auto Parts	16.16
Opperman Inc.	207.74 Tons of Gravel	3,344.61
Pool Cash	Pool Begin Cash	25.00
Rosebud Farmers Union	Skid Loader Tires/Fuel	2,572.23
Samantha Sperl	Election Work 6-2-2020	200.00
Sanitation Products Inc.	Sweeper Broom/Hose Reel	1,024.14
Scott's Auto Repair	Brake Work 2017 Explorer	113.10
Van Diest Supply Company	2 Cases Altosid Briquets	1,754.80
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Service	726.88
Village of Stuart	30.74 Tons of Asphalt	2,336.24
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Repairs to A/C Senior Meals Bldg	380.45
Wm Krotter Co.	Boards/Plywood/Drill Bit/Screw	84.47
Accounts Payable Total		\$32,017.98

6/9/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$988.81; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,197.37; Street Dept., \$2,801.69; Water Dept., \$3,922.88; Sewer, \$730.03; Ambulance, \$12,671.90; Pool, \$3,424.70; Park, \$1,064.60; Library, \$1,314.85; Gross Amt, \$34,575.03

Executive Session

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano and seconded by Shana Flakus to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Council went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Anshutz took the council out of executive session.

Results of Executive Session

No action was taken from the executive session.

Adjourn

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

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
 Al Cerny, Finance Officer