

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday June 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Laura Petersen, and Maurice Schlaht. Cory Graber and Ashley Lozano arrived a few minutes after the meeting started. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks, Jeff McCormick SPN and citizens from Block 1 Gregory Heights Addition.

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Add building permit for Schmidt-Fence. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition made by Maurice Schlaht, second by Guhner Kepler. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes Motion to approve the Minutes from June 3, 2024, made by Laura Petersen, second by Kristi Drey. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum - None

Department Head Reports Ryler Stevicks for the Chamber: the Ribfest had 5 Contestants and about 180 people joined the festivities. Flyers & tickets are going out for the Carnival in July. Laura Petersen for the Library: Book signing on June 22 11-2pm, water is still leaking into the building under the east and north walls. Ongoing concern with HVAC system. Mayor and two Council members will meet with Tara Engel to discuss. Director Engel had also submitted the library budget.

Committee Reports City Roofs: Anshutz has contacted Mayor Cerny and anticipates starting the second Monday in July on the Firehouse and Airport roofs and the steel needs to be ordered for the Senior Center. **Auditorium Update:** Mayor Cerny met with School Superintendent Sara Anderson and the architect and stated that we are waiting on an estimate/proposal for the Auditorium restrooms and locker rooms and that the repair of the front and rear roofs was set to happen anytime. **Structure burning at 524 E 6th:** Mayor Cerny clarified that the burning of the structure was still in the research stages and that he had asked Fire Chief Joel Bartling about the feasibility and safety of doing so. Chief Bartling has not provided a final proposal. Superintendent Larsen also discussed the feasibility of a burn. **Parks:** Councilman Cory Graber expressed concern about the park teeter-totter needing some repair.

Conflict of Interest – Councilwoman Laura Petersen is directly involved with the discussion and issue of Block 1 Gregory Heights Addition between Rice & Logan and will abstain from any voting on the matter.

New Business:

- A. SPN Jeff McCormick** Mr. McCormick stated that the curb & gutter are completed on 1st & 4th streets by Rexwinkle Concrete. Bryan Vanderpol had submitted a schedule with an asphalt date for June 24th. Jeff McCormick agreed to send Vanderpol a letter acknowledging the projected date and adding the Council's firm interest in having the project completed by July 1st. Mr. McCormick also updated the Council regarding Phase I stating that the contracts are completed, the contractor is requesting shop drawings for ordering materials,

and that there would soon be a preconstruction meeting, with the possibility of starting in the fall.

B. Building Permits

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

1. Atkins Fence- Motion to approve made by Laura Petersen, second by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Jung Shed- Motion to approve made by Kristi Drey, second by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Schmidt Fence- Motion to approve made by Kristi Drey, second by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, second by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Alley (Rice & Logan/10th & 11th) Dates and events were presented to the Council including purchases, fences and building erected and time spent maintaining the parts of the block in question. A petition was also signed by all the residents on the eastside of the block to have the ‘alley’ distance granted to them in consideration of prior care and maintenance. The Council agreed that they should seek outside legal counsel on this matter. Motion to postpone the discussion of the alley until further legal advice could be obtained made by Ashley Lozano, second by Kristi Drey. Five (5) ayes. Motion carried. Laura Petersen abstained.

D. Road Steve Opp Mayor Cerny stated the city is required to apply services to new construction within the city limits and that it would require about 400 yards of water line to connect Mr. Opp’s house. The Council asked for the cost on the water line, Mayor Cerny agreed to bring that to the next meeting. Mr. Opp would also like a gravel road to the residence and has stated that he would provide most of the cost and labor to the road, asking if the city could provide some grading and shaping. Motion to table the discussion until quotes are received made by Ashley Lozano, second by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

E. Atteberry Road Milling Mr. Atteberry provided Superintendent Larsen with a quote of \$600/hr with an eight (8) hour day being \$4800/day and stated that he would start milling in about two (2) weeks. Mr. Larsen had also spoken with Mr. Schweigert who suggested adding gravel to the milling and doing a pack and roll to strengthen the base. This would run about \$68,000. TopKote from Yankton suggested primer and the MC3000 product and granite chips to finish the chip seal properly. This is information and update only, no final decisions on finish have been made.

F. Mowing Resolution

**City of Gregory
Resolution 2024-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, SD TO INCREASE THE MOWING FEE FOR NUISANCE PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS the City of Gregory Ordinance Chapter 95.20 requires lot and property owners within the City limits to keep weeds and grass no greater than 8 inches; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory Ordinance Chapter 95.22 allows the City to cut, destroy or remove weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthful growths or other noxious matters and defray the cost by special assessment against the property; and

Whereas the City of Gregory Ordinance Chapter 95.23 allows such assessment to be assessed against the property and certify the special assessment to the County Auditor to be collected as municipal taxes for general purposes;

WHEREAS the current assessment is not sufficient to cover the time and expenses of enforcing Ordinance 95.20; and

WHEREAS the city council would like to increase the assessment penalty for the City enforcing Ordinance 95.22.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following:

1. That the assessment for enforcement of Ordinance 95.22 shall be \$300.00 for each time the City cuts, destroys or removes weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthful growths or other noxious matters.
2. That such assessment shall be transferred to the County Auditor under Ordinance 95.23 if such assessment is not paid.

Motion was made by Laura Petersen, second by Maurice Schlaht, to approve passage of Resolution 2024-01. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

Dated this 17th day of June 2024.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST:

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman

Motion to approve the Mowing Resolution increase made by Laura Petersen, second by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

G. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	136.60
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST	CODE ENFORCEMENT	918.23
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	CYBER/ITBACKUP/SECURITY	814.89
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	2019 FORD POLICE	402.12
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5567.81
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	MULTIPLE	804.82
GOLDEN WEST TELE	PHONE/INTERNET	874.75

GREGORY COMM. SUNSHINE	CITY PARK FLOWERS	1000.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	LEO ON-CALL CNTY	525.00
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LIGHTING PROJ SHARE	2486.21
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUB/BIDS/CLEANUP/ENV	2821.07
HAWKINS INC	POOL SUPPLIES	2213.94
JANA WINTERS	POOL CONCESSIONS	101.44
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING	600.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	STREET-REPAIRS/SUPP	286.30
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL/PARK REPAIRS	2217.35
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	MULTIPLE REPAIR/SUPPLY	561.28
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	ANNUAL PO BOX FEE	188.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	535.89
WENGER ENTERPRISES LLC	POOL CONCESSIONS	634.02
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDI/PARK REPAIR	579.50
Accounts Payable Total		28230.68
Invoices: Paid		6529.27
Invoices: Scheduled		21701.41
Payroll Checks		18623.75
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		46854.43

Motion to pay claims made by Kristi Drey, second by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

H. Adjourn - Motion made at 7:19 to adjourn by Kristi Drey, second by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Finance Officer Trudy Waterman