

City of Gregory  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.  
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following members were present: Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, Maurice Schlaht, and Ashley Lozano. Absent was Council Member Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan, Chief of Police Doug Catts, and Librarian Tara Engel.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda

Motion was made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Committee Reports. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### Minutes

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve the regular minutes from 6/5/23, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### Public Forum

Wade Juracek and Jeff Determan, with the Gregory Baseball Association, met with the council to present their request of \$10,000 from the city to help continue to improve the baseball complex in the park by erecting a new press box behind home plate. The council agreed to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel informed the council she has completed the 2023 Library Institute Program and is now certified. Engel gave a financial report and talked about upcoming library programs.

Police Chief Doug Catts commented on the nice turn out for the bike rodeo. Thirty kids registered their bikes and 10 more have since. Catts thanked all the volunteers. Catts advised the council that he would be posting reminders on Facebook to residents about ordinances on fireworks.

#### Committee Reports

Mayor Cerny handed out copies of a nuisance letter for the council to review regarding property complaints that he will be sending out to owners outlining the direction the city will go to address the complaints. Cerny had met with the city attorney and police dept., and they discussed making the vacant-abandoned buildings the city's number one priority. Cerny will update the council on the abatement process as we move forward.

Mayor Cerny thanked those that attended the planning meeting on June 15, 2023 with Kari O'Neill, with SDSU Extension. The three top topics were: streets/curb and gutter, a new city hall, and a new pool. O'Neill will compile the council's priority goals with timelines from the meeting and send out to the council members soon.

Council Member Maurice Schlaht mentioned that trees need to be trimmed at 8<sup>th</sup> & Park, due to the blocking of visibility of the road.

Council Member Kristi Drey asked when the city's building would be torn down on Main Street. Mayor Cerny reported that Birkel Dirtwork & Excavation LLC is planning on starting this week.

#### Old Business

##### 6<sup>th</sup> & Logan House

More discussion was had on the next steps to take regarding the city's takeover of the 6<sup>th</sup> & Logan property. The council agreed to take bids on any salvage from the property after July 15, 2023. After that, the city then can proceed with demolition and removal of the house.

##### Taggart Alley Agreement

Mayor Cerny reported that Dave & Mona Taggart no longer have interest in pursuing the maintenance agreement with the City of Gregory of the West 15' of Lot 45 Hills Addition to the City of Gregory (Parcel #6411)

##### Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of interest were stated as none with the new business portion of the agenda.

#### New Business

##### Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to enter the board of adjustment to discuss building permits, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented the following building permits: Rich Stephens, (40' x 80') steel shed and Darwin Grim, deck. Mayor Cerny stated that the planning and zoning board made the recommendation to approve both building permits. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to approve the application from Rich Stephens for a 40 x 80 steel shed. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the application from Darwin Grim for a deck. All members voted aye, with Darwin Grim abstaining. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to exit the board of adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

##### Pochop Lot Offer

Doug Pochop met with the council and stated he is rejecting the \$20,000 offer the city proposed for the two lots adjacent to the ambulance barn. Pochop expressed he would like to swap lots with the city. He would like the city to give three lots for two lots. The council tabled their decision and will discuss at the next council meeting.

##### Spiking Permit for Mary Bob's/Gregory Lanes July 1-2-3-4

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the spiking permits for Gregory Lanes and Mary Bob's Bar for July 1-4, 2023. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

##### Malt Beverage License Renewals 2023-2024

Mayor Cerny presented the following Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License renewals: American Legion Post #6; Big Ass Liquor; Dolgen Midwest LLC (Dollar General #15462); GF Buche of Gregory; Gregory Lanes; Mary Bob's Bar; Wenger Enterprises LLC (Mr. G's); Gus Stop 7. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve all the malt beverage & SD Farm Wine renewals presented. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Street Project Bid Opening

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Street Utility and Street Improvements bid opening was held on June 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Gregory City Hall. Mayor Cerny presented the following bids tabulations that were received: RP & H Inc., \$964,574.50 and Vanderpol Dragline Inc., \$951,298.80. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to accept the low bid of \$951,298.80 from Vanderpol Dragline Inc. Motion died for lack of a second.

### Ordinance No. 2023-02 (Unmuffled Dynamic Braking)

Mayor Cerny stated that the state will update our jake brake signage, but first our ordinance needs updating. Ordinance No. 2023-02, an ordinance deleting Section C of Chapter 95 Health & Sanitation Nuisances and adding Section 70.09 Unmuffled Dynamic Braking to Chapter 70 City Traffic Code, was placed on its 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion was made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2023-02. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### Council Meeting Date

The council agreed to hold their next meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Gregory City Hall, due to the state granted July 3, 2023 administrative holiday.

### Finance Officer Position

The council agreed to discuss the finance officer position in executive session.

### Claims

APPEARA	TOWELS/HNDCLNER/COVERALLS/AIRFRESH	57.60
B & F VARIETY	POOL SUPPLIES/SHARPIE	9.16
CHESTERMAN COMPANY	CITY HALL WATER	44.10
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,750.79
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WRKSPACE/POOL LTS FEE	483.27
FEDEX	SHIPPING/PD EVIDENCE RETURN	23.49
GREGORY COMM SUNSHINE CLUB	PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS	1,088.45
GREGORY DRUG	POOL BANDAIDS/MONEY RECEIPTS	19.89
GREGORY GOLF & RECREATION	PIZZA/BREADSTICKS-PLANNING MTG	47.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS/SUPPLIES	332.56
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	FO AD/COUNCIL PUBLISHING/BIDS	1,000.53
HAWKINS INC	CHEMTROL250/CL/SODIUM HYD/FEES	5,395.43
HOMESTEADER	GIFT CERTIFICATE/GUYLA HUSMAN	50.00
JEREMY ATKINS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR PD BOOTS	119.99
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	400.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600.00
MARKS HOME REPAIR	REPAIR HAIL DAMAGE-PARK/LIB	3,162.00
MC & R POOLS INC	BABY POOL PUMP	546.99
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	BATTERY TERM-3/4 DRX41MM 12PT	20.67
PURVIS ELECTRIC	200AMP MAIN BRKR FOR BALLFIELD	191.17
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GAS/DIESEL FUEL/MOWER BLADES	3,251.24
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	423.60
WELLS UTILITIES LLC	DIG UP WATER LEAK GERKIN DR	1,623.98

WENGER ENTERPRISES LLC	POOL CONCESSIONS	530.36
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	LIB SERV CALL A/C UNIT REFRIG	285.00
Accounts Payable Total		25,963.19
Invoices: Paid		6,256.71
Invoices: Scheduled		19,706.48
Payroll Checks		20,144.86
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		46,108.05
GENERAL FUND		39,439.37
3RD CENT SALES TAX		723.40
WATER FUND		5,451.86
SEWER FUND		493.42
TOTAL FUNDS		\$46,108.05

The claims were presented for approval. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to approve payment of the claims presented. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to enter executive session to discuss contracts and personnel. Council went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Cerny removed the council from executive session.

Results of Executive Session

The council revisited the bid opening for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Motion was by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve the low bid of Vanderpol Dragline Inc. for Schedules A & B in the amount of \$951,298.80. Ayes: Ashley Lozano, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, Maurice Schlaht. Nays: Kristi Drey. Motion carried.

The council agreed to hold interviews next week for the open finance officer position.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to adjourn. All members voted aye; the carried.

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Al Cerny, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Keegan, Assistant Finance Officer