

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 3, 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 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber and Laura Petersen. Maurice Schlaht was absent. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks, Cody Atteberry, Samuel Flakus, and Anne Harding.

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions, Corrections, Approval Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2024 Motion to approve the minutes Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum - Anne Harding addressed the Council requesting a decision concerning the alley between Rice & Logan and 10TH & 11TH. Ms. Harding stated she has been trying to get an answer for three years. Asked about the privacy fence that blocks the alley and the concrete in the alley and mentioned that law enforcement is called if someone is in the alley right-of-way. Mayor Cerny stated that he was not aware that the alley was ever vacated or considered improved or unimproved. The matter was added to the agenda for June 17, 2024.

Department Head Reports - Library Director Tara Engel stated that the Summer Reading Program kicked off on Monday and that there were 10 0–6-year-olds. The program Monday was Athletics Day so favorite team attire was encouraged. Officer Atkins was present and directed the football & soccer station there were also stations for basketball, badminton and volleyball. The 7–12-year-olds will attend Tuesday. The Library Board meeting is Wednesday June 5 and 3 boxes of books valued at \$1936.26 arrived at the library thanks to a matching Pilcrow Foundation grant. Police Chief Ryan Cook confirmed that Officer Tommy Claussen successfully completed his training at academy and is now a certified officer.

Committee Reports - Laura Petersen discussed the upcoming meeting with Dakota Resources scheduled for July 16, 2024, 6-8 pm. This meeting will include the Gregory area Councils and Boards and is an opportunity for all the members of each of these entities to learn the structure of municipal operations and how each entity can effectively work towards the common goals. Cory Graber announced that the Pool Committee had paid off the Bronco in the amount of \$18,275 before May 31, 2024, to take advantage of the \$4,000 in rebates. Guhner Kepler asked where the City of Gregory was on the roof repairs. The City has not heard anything from either entity that won the bids on the auditorium, Finance Officer Trudy Waterman gave the insurance company the copies of the winning bids and contact information but has heard nothing since. Councilman Kepler also asked about the Firehall, Senior Center and Airport, Finance Officer Trudy Waterman stated that it was her understanding that the work was to begin in May of 2024 but was not aware that that had happened.

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business

A. Building Permits

Motion to enter the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried. Samuel Flakus addressed the Council stating that the Planning & Zoning had approved the Boes Fence. Mr. Flakus then explained that the Sinclair fence was unique in that the fence was aligned with the Sinclair house but was in violation of an adjacent house. Mr. Flakus stated that after discussion with the homeowner, the renter, and the Sinclair's, an agreement was reached that required an 11' variance.

Motion to approve the Boes fence made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve the Sinclair fence with the 11' variance made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to move out of board of Adjustment made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. District III

Motion to approve the Statement of Extension for District III for the year 2025 made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Special Licenses

One-Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Gregory Legion – Gregory Chamber Rib Fest – June 8, 2024 – Gregory City Park

Special Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Mary Bob's/Gregory Lanes July 3-6, 2024

One-Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Gregory Lanes – Pool Committee's Party for the Pool Street Dance in the Park – July 5, 2024

One-Day Alcoholic Beverage License, Gregory Lanes – Wedding Dance – August 24, 2024 – Gregory Memorial Auditorium

Motion to approve the one-day and three-day special licenses made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Bids 524 E 6th St – No bids received

E. Flag on Buttes

Police Chief Ryan Cook addressed the Council voicing citizen concerns about when the flag is up and when it is not. Chief Cook explained the wind concern and the necessity to take the flag down at certain windspeeds for economic reasons. He also pointed out that only three people do this. Chief Cook asked if the City of Gregory could help purchase flags going forward to make it possible to fly the flag for longer periods of time and eliminate taking the flag down except in the strongest winds. Motion to purchase two 8x12 flags to test made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

F. Dixon Townhall

Council President Ashley Lozano stated that the Council has reservations about taking over the Dixon Townhall with initial ADA compliance costs, liability insurance and routine repairs, along with the staff to run and manage it. Laura Petersen presented to the Council that the BID group would be willing to manage the Dixon Townhall including staffing and managing the schedule if the city would take it over. The issue is tabled until after the July 16th meeting with Dakota Resources.

G. Mowing Resolution

The Council agreed to update the current city mowing resolution to \$300 per occurrence. The resolution will be presented to the Council during the July 17th meeting.

H. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

| VENDOR | REFERENCE | AMOUNT |
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| AFLAC | AFLAC INS | 485.38 |
| APPEARA | SUPPLIES/MATERIALS | 86.65 |
| AXON ENTERPRISE INC | PD TASER CONTRACT | 1948.53 |
| CHESTERMAN COMPANY | CITY HALL WATER | 33.00 |
| DANR - FISCAL OFFICE | DRINKINGWATER/SURFACE FEES | 650.00 |
| DIESEL SYSTEMS | JETTER TRUCK REPAIR | 780.65 |
| DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT | CHILD SUPPORT | 961.46 |
| EFTPS | FED/FICA TAX | 4487.35 |
| FRONTIER MOTORS FORD INC | BRONCO- POOL COMMITTEE | 18275.00 |
| GREGORY BUILDING CENTER | 513 MAIN/POOL | 289.49 |
| GREGORY LANES | ELECTION MEALS | 45.54 |
| GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY | SUP&MATS/BOOKS | 784.39 |
| HAWKINS INC | POOL CHEMICALS | 5369.17 |
| HEALTH POOL OF SD | HEALTH INSURANCE | 7552.50 |
| KLEIN'S HOUSEMOVING | CURB REPAIR 6TH ST | 1240.00 |
| KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE | SUPPLIES/MATERIALS | 355.40 |
| LONNIE KLUNDT | FERT/SPRAY BALLFIELDS | 895.00 |
| OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER | SER CONT/SUP/MATER | 125.43 |
| PETTY CASH | POSTAGE/POOL COH | 60.48 |
| PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY | WATER/WASTEWATER TEST | 100.00 |
| RDJ SPECIALTIES INC | PD-COLORING BOOKS 7-4-24 | 284.66 |
| ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC | ELECTRIC PAYMENT | 5279.30 |
| SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC | PHASE I ENGINEERING | 7500.00 |
| SDRS | SD RETIREMENT | 4925.26 |
| SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT | 750.00 |
| US POSTAL SERVICE | WATER BILLING POSTAGE | 312.70 |
| VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY | MOSQUITO/WEEDS | 2074.60 |
| Accounts Payable Total | | 65651.94 |
| Invoices: Paid | | 30197.15 |
| Invoices: Scheduled | | 35454.79 |
| Payroll Checks | | 14471.77 |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** | | 80123.71 |

Motion to pay claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

I. Executive Session

6:49 pm Motion to go into Executive Session made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried

7:00 pm Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session.

The results of the executive session are as follows.

Motion to approve a fifty cent (.50) per hour raise for Tommy Claussen after completing the Police Academy requirements made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Jeremy Atkins a twenty-five cent (.25) per hour raise made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano. Ayes: Ashley Lozano, Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler and Laura Petersen. Nay: Kristi Drey. Motion carried.

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