

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 2024 | 6:00 PM
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Laura Petersen, Maurice Schlaht, Guhner Kepler and Ashley Lozano. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, Library Director Tara Engel, Police Chief Ryan Cook, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen, Chamber Director Diane Bachmann, GED Director Calli DeMers, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Samuel Flakus, Steve Opp, Ann Harding, and Ryler Stevicks.

6:00 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the agenda made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes from July 1, 2024 Motion to approve the minutes made by Cory Graber, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Department Heads The Council formally met the new **Chamber Director Diane Bachmann** and the new **GED Director Calli DeMers**. **Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen** reported to the Council that the street project has formally begun with the city applying the gravel to the streets that are to be milled to increase the packing and base. Atteberry is coming next week to begin the milling. The project will begin on Rosebud and move west to Church and Whittecar. The property at 524 E 6th is nearly ready for the training burn being conducted by the Gregory Fire Department. Again, wind and weather will dictate when the burn occurs. Mr. Larsen also announced that Jim Birkel would be interested in the post burn clean-up job. **Library Director Tara Engel** reported that the library has been extremely busy this summer. Her June report showed 275 attendees for the summer reading program, 558 patrons in the library and about 100 people attended the magic show. The July 4th weekend festivities were also well attended. The Mon/Tues programs are still ongoing, and July 25 at 5:30 pm the library will host the Dakota Daughters' presentation of Wounded Knee. **Police Chief Ryan Cook** reported that service calls had been up over the holiday weekend, but that the public was generally very good at following the 11:00 pm fireworks ordinance. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** presented the Council with the June Financial report including the year-to-date sales tax revenues, the worksheets for the Chamber & GED subsidies for July-December 2024 and announced the newest additions to the website including the 2023 Gregory City Council Projected Planning Report, the 2024 Mayor's Public Project Summary, and Citizen Complaint Forms found under each department. Waterman also stated to the Council that we were still waiting for the survey on Block 1.

Committee Reports – None

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business:

- A. Building Permits** Motion to enter the Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Samuel Flakus addressed the Council first by providing an explanation for the necessity of Jeremy & Leslie Atkins requirement to move their new fence. Mr. Flakus explained that there was some confusion regarding the property pins. He also apologized to the Council and the Atkins stating that although the pin had been correctly updated the platting had not. The fence is now correct.

Sam Connot – Shed and Fence: Mr. Flakus stated that the PNZ had approved the permit. Motion to approve the permit made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ed and Leanne Sinclair – Shed: Mr. Flakus stated that after careful consideration the PNZ approved the permit providing the City of Gregory approved a 13’ variance. The research has shown that the paved route to the pool is named ‘Circle Drive,’ but it is neither a platted street nor a platted alley. For the shed, the PNZ used the rules of an alley. They also recommended that a four-way stop be established at 12th St and ‘Circle Drive’ to help ensure the safety of the pool’s young patrons. Motion to approve the shed with the 13’ variance made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of Board of Adjustment made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a four-way stop at 12th St and ‘Circle Drive’ made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Mark Eklund Offer** Motion to accept the offer of \$60,000 for Lots 2,3, & 4, Block 1 Grandview Addition made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Laura Petersen. 5 ayes. Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler, Kristi Drey, Laura Petersen and Maurice Schlaht. 1 nay Ashley Lozano. Motion carried.
- C. Keloland On-Site Invoice** Motion to pay the Keloland On-Site invoice made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Steve Opp Waterline** Motion to extend a 6” main water line to the property owned by Steve Opp for the purpose of adding homes made by Cory Graber, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Budget 2025** Mayor Cerny opened the opportunity for department budget requests and any subsidy requests (form found on the City of Gregory Website) and stated the budgeting process is being conducted through July and that a Preliminary Appropriation Ordinance meeting would occur the second meeting in August.

F. Pay Claims

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	178.06
B & F VARIETY	POOL-OFFICE SUP	12.27
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	6/1/24 THRU 6/30/24	1425.93
COUNTRY BLISS FLOORING LLC	BATHROOM FLOORING	702.50
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	ITBACKUP/PHONE/SECURITY	551.71
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	961.46
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	6463.35
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	POOL VACUUM/GOOGLE WS	3418.33
FLAT TOP ROOFING INC	AUD DUROLAST ROOF REP	1326.53
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET	967.54
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	PASS THRU-VETERANS	4318.64

GREGORY ANIMAL CLINIC PC	ANIMAL CONTROL	43.45
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	228.74
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	PLAT COPIES - ALLEY	2.00
GREGORY/DALLAS CHAMBER	MONTHLY SUBSIDY	3125.00
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEV	MONTHLY SUBSIDY	2267.37
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/BOOKS	30.77
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUBLISHING	790.01
HARRY K NAPA	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	363.24
HAWKINS INC	POOL CHEMS	1655.32
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	880.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING	600.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	504.43
LONNIE KLUNDT	BALLFIELDS	895.00
MARTY JUNG	REIMBURSEMENTS	57.20
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	122.79
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	90.89
OPPERMAN INC	GRAVEL DELIVER/HAULED	2930.29
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	BALLFIELD LIGHT BULBS	466.83
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS	3582.33
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	671.66
SOUTH DAKOTA 811	WATER-LOCATE TICKETS	47.25
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	545.27
WM KROTTER CO	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	674.25
Accounts Payable Total		43900.41
Invoices: Paid		7424.81
Invoices: Scheduled		36475.60
Payroll Checks		22335.06
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		66235.47

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

7:00 Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Laura Petersen.

7:31 Mayor Cerny took the Council out of Executive Session. No action taken.

7:32 Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____

Trudy Waterman Finance Officer