

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 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, Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Chief of Police Lafe Gildemaster, Police Officer Tom Grove, Librarian Tara Engel, City Attorney Amy Jacobsen and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the July 6, 2020 council meeting minutes as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the Public Forum.

Department Head Reports

Chief of Police Lafe Gildemaster gave a report on police activities for the past few weeks. Lafe then gave the council his resignation that would be effective September 15, 2020 or until a proper replacement is obtained.

Librarian Tara Engel gave a report on the recent library activities. The summer programs will be closing as soon as school reopens.

Committee Assignment

Mayor Anshutz made a change to the code enforcement/ordinance committee by appointing Police Officer Kane Kortum to the committee. The committee will consist of Seymour Studenberg, Al Cerny, Scott Anshutz and Kane Kortum.

County-Wide Law Enforcement

Mayor Anshutz reported that he will be meeting with the county to discuss the possibility of going to a county-wide law enforcement plan.

Police Chief

The council members agreed that the City should advertise for a Chief of Police because of the resignation of Chief Gildemaster. The board wanted to keep all the options open on what to do with law enforcement for the City.

Conflict of Interest

Shana Flakus will not vote on the Warwick building permit and Guyla Husman will not vote on the Veurink insurance building permit.

Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to go into the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Building Permits

Ben Stukel/7x12 Shed: Motion by Seymour Studenberg to approve, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Jason Frasch/Pergola: P&Z approved. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to approve, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Gerald Garner/8x10 Shed: P&Z approved. Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Caren Warwick/Fence and Deck: P&Z approved. It was discovered that the lot is zoned commercial, so no variance permit was needed. Motion to approve the permit without the variance by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye with Shana Flakus not voting.

Veurink Insurance/Sign: The P&Z was split on their recommendation so there was no recommendation given. The sign would require a variance because the sign would start one foot off the ground instead of the required seven feet. The P&Z board did check where the sign would go, and they determined that it would not obstruct any view of traffic coming on Main Street. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the sign permit, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye with Guyla Husman not voting.

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to adjourn from the Board of Adjustment and go back into the city council, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

One-Day Liquor license

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to grant a one-day liquor license to Gregory Lanes for a wedding dance to be held at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium for Sat, August 8, 2020, seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

Airport Grant

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to allow Mayor Scott Anshutz to sign the necessary paperwork to obtain SD State assistance for the Gregory Municipal Airport Project 3-46-0018-18-2020, seconded by Seymour Studenberg. All members voted aye.

Klein Lot

Jerry Klein owns an open lot adjacent to the City Shop area and he has agreed to sell it to the City for \$2500. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to purchase the lot owned by Jerry Klein described as Lot 14 of Block 37, OT of Gregory, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Salary Request

Librarian Tara Engel requested a salary increase for Christian Spann, who has worked at the library for 3 years. He is currently making \$9.50 per hour which is .20 more than minimum wage. Tara also requested a raise for herself since she is making less than an advertised position for an assistant librarian for Custer, SD. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to make Christian Spann's wages \$11.00 per hour

and raise Tara’s wages to \$13.50 per hour. Ashley Lozano seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Guyla Husman, Seymour Studenberg, Cory Graber, Shana Flakus, Ashley Lozano, Ayes. Kristi Drey Nay. Motion carried.

Pool Closing

The Gregory Pool’s last day will be August 8, 2020 due to the lifeguards getting ready to go back to college or school.

Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the council a brief June Financial report. Sales tax revenues, for the year, are slightly ahead of the prior year. Work will start shortly on the budget for 2021.

Claims

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

Al Cerny	Reimburse/Medicare Part B July 2020	144.60
Appeara	Towels/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Foam Soap	133.00
Arnold Pool Company	Pool Vacuum/Hose/Vac Head/Reagents	3,736.65
B & F Variety	Tape/Markers/Poster Board/Envelopes	49.57
Buche Foods	Pool Confections/Cleaning Supplies	945.75
Cardmember Service	4 Lifeguard Renewals (Red Cross)/Strap/Immobilizer	214.77
Coach's Lawn Service LLC	Lawn Care & Maint/Park & Ballfields	1,437.71
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax	8,217.68
Genesis Lamp Corporation	Runway Light Fixtures	161.57
Graham Tire Mitchell	4 Tires for Police Explorer	584.00
Gregory Building Center	Bleacher Boards/Drill w/Reamer	264.87
Gregory Public Library	Grant from SD Community Foundation	1,250.00
Gregory Youth Basketball	SD Community Foundation Grant	500.00
Hawkins Inc.	Hydrochloric Acid/Chlorine Cylinder Fees	70.06
Mcleod's Printing & Office Supply	Disconnect Notices	239.90
Minnesota Child Support Pmt	Child Support	202.12
Mr. Automotive	Filter/Wrench/Freon/Pool Quick Patch & Thermom	145.96
Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc.	12 Sprinkler Heads	528.03
Office Products Center	File Folders	8.39
Opperman Inc.	40.73 Tons Gravel	655.75
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	12.60
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gasoline/Weed Killer	1,595.14
South Dakota 811	Locate Tickets	48.30
Tripp County Water User Dist	Monthly Water Service Charge	3,000.00
US Postal Service	Postage Stamps	55.00
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Service	775.53
Wm Krotter Co.	Ballfield Field Marker	17.98
Accounts Payable Total		\$24,994.93

7/7/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$1,197.38; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$6,656.58; Street Dept., \$2,943.98; Water Dept., \$3,872.38; Sewer, \$726.53; Ambulance, \$12,193.25; Pool, \$2,490.87; Park, \$1,324.15; Library, \$1,273.33; Gross Amt, \$35,136.65

Executive Session

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Cory Graber to go into executive session to discuss personnel. All members voted aye. Council went into executive session at 6:30 p.m. At 6:48 p.m., Mayor Anshutz took the council out of executive session. There was no action taken.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Guyla Husman and seconded by Seymour Studenberg to adjourn. All members voted aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer