

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
08/15/2022

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, August 15, 2022, at the time of 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Al Cerny; Council members: Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Cory Graber, Guhner Kepler, and Darwin Grim. Also present were City Attorney Amy Jacobsen, Police Chief Doug Catts, Finance Officer Alex Hamilton, Chamber Director Trenton Seegers, Librarian Tara Engel, and News Reporter Patty Connealy.

### **Agenda**

Motion was made by Guyla Husman, seconded by Guhner Kepler, to approve the agenda with changing it from Resolution 2022-01 to Resolution 2022-03. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **Minutes**

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to approve the minutes from the 8/1/22, seconded by Darwin Grim. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### **No Public Forum**

### **Dept. Head Reports**

Chamber Director Seegers reported that the last farmers market is scheduled for August 19 with Bankwest joining Dayspring to plan and host the event. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> is the date scheduled to host Arts in the Park. Librarian Engel reported that summer reading at the library has ended, cook the book program is scheduled for Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> the library will be hosting a painting event with bring your own beverage. Followed by Sat the 27 being coffee and coloring. Police Chief Catts reported that the picnic that was hosted by the police dept. on the last day of the pool was a great success. Chief also reported that he has met with the school's administration and will be making regular appearances in the school this school year.

### **Committee Reports**

Council Husman reported that she has been receiving complaints of weeds being out of control across town. Husman stated that we do not want to have our code enforcement officer deal with this and hope that citizens and business owners will step up. Mayor Cerny reported that Alex and himself met with school superintendent Anderson and the school's architect to look at auditorium plans to come up with some cost estimates to update the auditorium bathrooms. Mayor Cerny also reported that Toby Morris the gentleman helping us with a TIF district has got back to us. We will hope to have a joint meeting with the P&Z for public hearing at the next meeting.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Nobody had a conflict of interest with the new business portion of the agenda

### **New Business**

#### *Main St. Revitalization*

Dr. Joseph Hull with the BID group reported that he followed up on the Mayor Cerny's request that he received a proposal from Ciavarella Design for the design of 4 blocks of Main St. Dr. Hull also phoned BID director Rachelle Bloom and placed on speaker as she was not able to attend. The fee arrangement from

Ciavarella for the study is not to exceed \$25,000. Digital copies of material will be provided, printed copies can be provided at normal cost. Three trips are included in the fee with any remaining trips will be billed at \$.55/ mile. The study will provide 3D-colored images of possible improvements and concepts for Main St. Multiple options will be provided. Bid Director Bloom then spoke on a grant she is applying for that would cover the cost of the study. The grant is from the South Dakota Community Foundation and is awarded in Dec. Council asked Dr. Hull to check and see if this estimate would still be good in December.

### *Resolution 2022-03*

Mayor Cerny presentation Resolution 2022-03. A resolution adding stop signs in Grandview. Cerny stated that the new Logan Hwy access and Railway Street are now open, and the city needs to pass a resolution to place the stop signs. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guyla Husman to approve Resolution 2022-03. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

#### Resolution No. 2022-03

#### **RESOLUTION TO PLACE A STOP SIGNS ALONG STREETS IN GRANDVIEW ADDTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gregory, South Dakota, that a 4-Way stop be placed at the intersection of Logan Ave and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. A stop sign be placed at the intersection of Logan Ave and Highway 18. A stop sign be placed at the intersection of Railway Street and Highway 18. A stop sign placed at the intersection of Railway Street and Logan Ave.

Whereas these concerns were investigated by the Chief of Police, finding it reasonable to mitigate the safety concern with the installation of a stop sign to regulate the intersections.

Whereas City Ordinance 90.001 The city is authorized to install such mechanical or other traffic signs or signals as may be reasonably appropriate to designate arterial or stop streets, to guard against dangerous intersections, and to provide for the safety or stop zones in the vicinity of schools and churches within the city, or quiet signs in the vicinity of the hospital and rest home.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

### *Economic Development Stipend*

Mayor Cerny presented to the council the option of paying the BID group up to \$1000 dollars for a stipend. This would allow the new BID Director Rachelle Bloom to just ask the BID board permission to attend conferences that she chooses. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler to give the BID a stipend of \$1000 dollars paid in this meeting claims. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

### *2023 Budget Review*

Finance Officer Hamilton presented the preliminary budget for 2023 for the council to review. Mayor Cerny spoke on the Police Dept and Street Dept being the highest budgets we have for 2023, and the economic development budget increasing by \$26,200 due to adding a paid director. Hamilton stated that he increased sales tax by \$50,000 dollars over 2022 budget. Council Grim asked question on if going salary with our police officers would affect the budget. Mayor Cerny stated that we do not have to spend all that is budgeted for in a dept. Finance Officer Hamilton stated that he hoped going salary instead of hourly would save on the Police Dept budget. Mayor Cerny asked council if everyone was ok with the numbers so that we could have the budget Appropriation Ordinance ready for next meeting, everyone agreed.

### **Claims**

APPEARA	TOWELS,HANDCLEANER,COVERALLS,MATS	251.49
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ARNOLD POOL COMPANY	POOL SUPPLIES	94.60
BUCHE FOODS	POOL CLEANING SUPPLIES	326.99
CITY OF GREGORY	CELL PHONE CASE	18.74
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT/ PHONE SYSTEMS	645.00
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	POLICE SERVICE INTERCEPTOR	246.90
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5745.02
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIO	PHONE INTERNET CHARGES	955.46
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	RECORD 8' UTILITY EASEMENT	60.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS/SUPPLIES	1095.26
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	441.73
HARRY K NAPA	ANTIFREEZE,OILFILTER,OIL,	255.05
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	656.00
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	LEGAL FEES	3977.50
MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT	PRAIRRIE WINDS PARK EQUIPMENT	7001.39
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	BRAKELINE, FITTINGS, BATTERY	114.29
WOLF ENTERPRISES PU PUMP'N	PORTAPOTS BALLFIELD IN JULY	2294.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL	2263.33
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	MATS,HOSE,SPRINKLERS,FITTING	799.16
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	PROPERTY/LIABILTY INSURANCE	48959.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3000.00
TURNEY CONTRACTING	CITY HALL REPLACE ROOF	27234.68
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	985.41
VEURINK INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC	2022-2023 PROP LIABILITY FIRE	5674.50
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDITORIUM FILTER CHANGE	80.00
Accounts Payable Total		113302.42
Invoices: Paid		5890.68
Invoices: Scheduled		107411.74
Payroll Checks		22,284.76
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		135,587.18
GENERAL FUND		121,072.86
3RD CENT SALES TAX		1,338.63
WATER FUND		10,568.32
SEWER FUND		2,607.37
TOTAL FUNDS		135,587.18

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to pay the claims including the \$1000 for the BID stipend. All members voted aye. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Kristi Drey to enter executive session to discuss personnel Entered at 6:30. Mayor Cerny remove the council from executive session at 6:45. No action was taken upon exit of executive session.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey seconded by Cory Graber to adjourn. All Members voted aye.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton

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Mayor: Al Cerny