

Gregory City Council
Regular Meeting
8/16/2021

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6th St.) on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the time of 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council members: Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Cory Graber and Shana Flakus. Also, present were News Reporter Patty Connealy; City Attorney Amy Jacobsen; Police Chief Doug Catts; Officer Tom Grove; New hire Amber Kelley; Librarian Tara Engel; and BID members Dr. Hull and Laura Petersen.

Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus, seconded by Guyla Husman to approve the agenda with addition resolution 2021-03 "G" and approving rate of pay for Marty Jung and Amber Kelley "H". All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the minutes from the 8/2/2021 meeting with two corrections, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members Voted aye.

No Public Forum

Dept. Head Reports

- Chief Catts reported that the picnic at the pool went over very well feeding roughly 50 people. Chief also thanked officer Tom Grove for his years of service to our community and wished him the best with his new endeavors. Chief Catts also presented his newly hired police officer Amber Kelley.
- Librarian Tara Engel reported that summer reading is coming to an end with school starting. Tara also reported that she will have a booth at the harvest festival doing book folding.
- Chamber Director Suzanne Braun was unable to attend but did leave a profit and loss report from the 4th of July. Council asked that Suzanne be at the next meeting to present.

No Committee Reports

Mayor Report

Mayor reported that there is a District III meeting August 25th @ 3:00 in Mitchell. Mayor and Finance Officer Hamilton will try to attend; council is encouraged to attend also. Mayor spoke with Gregory Hospital CEO Anthony Timanus, they are starting to see a cases of COVID again in Gregory and are encouraging citizens to get vaccinated. Also reported that the city received a code enforcement letter for the main street rental building.

Conflict of Interest

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

New Business

Strategic Plan

BID member Laura Petersen presented the strategic plan that the BID group has been working on. The plan includes ways to improve Gregory from housing to redesigning Main Street to attracting trade workers. Dr. Hull spoke on revitalizing Main Street and asked if the city would entertain hiring an architect to draw some design plans for Main Street in the future. Council asked Finance Officer Hamilton to reach out to other municipalities to see if they have any recommendations on where to go with this. Motion was made by Shana Flakus to accept the strategic plan as presented, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Library

Librarian Tara Engel presented that board member Halee Hoffman has resigned effective immediately. Tara recommends moving treasurer Pat Mattson to board member and replace the treasurer position with Cara Hull. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg seconded by Kristi Drey, to accepted Pat Mattson as library board members and place Cara Hull as library treasurer. All members voted aye. Tara also asked if council would entertain donating to the linking fences project at the Gregory Day Care. Motion as made by Seymour Studenberg, seconded by Guyla Husman to donate \$550 to the linking fences art project. All members voted aye.

Avera one day alcohol for August 28 scholarship fundraiser

Motion was made by Shana Flakus seconded by Ashley Lozano, to approve the one-day alcohol permit to Avera Gregory Foundation for their August 28th scholarship fundraiser at the Gregory Memorial Auditorium. All members voted aye.

County/City East drainage

Mayor met with Highway Superintendent Brad Ellwanger. The county is going to be working on the drainage by the Berean Church cleaning the ditches and repairing some culverts. The county is asking if the city is willing to share some expenses. Finance Officer Hamilton will attend the County Commissioner meeting on the 17th to report back to the council. No action was taken at this time.

Emmett Kotbra present Catholic Cemetery Plat

Cory Graber made a motion seconded by Guyla Husman, to approve the North Addition plat of the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. All members vote aye.

Budget Review

Finance Officer Hamilton presented the preliminary budget for 2022 for council to review. Hamilton stated that the budget needs to be in ordinance form before the September 7th meeting for the first reading. Hamilton advised the council to look it over and reach out to him with any recommendations if any.

Resolution 2021-03

A utility/ drainage easement wordage was put into the design of the roadside park plat. The easement was never used and since Avera now owns the property the easement needed to be

removed. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano seconded by Guyla Husman to approve resolution 2021-03 to eliminate a utility and drainage easement in lot 1A of the roadside park addition to the City of Gregory, Gregory County, SD.

**City of Gregory
Resolution 2021-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, SD TO ELIMINATE A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN LOT 1A OF THE ROADSIDE PARK ADDITION, CITY OF GREGORY, SD.

WHEREAS the in 2009 the Roadside Park area of the City of Gregory was platted for possible future development, legally described as the Roadside Park Addition to the City of Gregory, Gregory County, SD; and

WHEREAS a re-plat of the Roadside Park was completed in 2021 to provide for Logan Avenue extending South to US Highway 18. This Plat is recorded in Plat Book 3 on Page 52 and Plat Book 8 on Page 259; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory designated a certain area for a Ten-Foot (10') Utility and Drainage Easement for future development plans; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory has sold Lot 1A of the Roadside Park Addition together with Grandview Addition commercial lots, negating the need for the utility and easement drainage easement; and

WHEREAS there are no existing utility or drainage easements on file with the Gregory County Register of Deeds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ten Foot (10') Utility and Drainage Easement on the north side of Lot 1A of the Roadside Park Addition to the City of Gregory, is hereby vacated. Such designated utility and drainage easement shall be removed from the lot.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the utility and drainage easement shall remain in place for Lots 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A of the Roadside Park Addition to the City of Gregory.

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, second by Guyla Husman, to approve passage of Resolution 2021-03. Ayes 6, Nays 0

Dated this 16th day of August 2021.

Mayor Scott Anshutz

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Alexander Hamilton

Rate of Pay for New Hire's

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the pay of \$19 per hour, with \$.50 raise per water/sewer certification class passed and \$.50 for completion of CDL with 6-month probation period for Marty Jung. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano seconded by Shana Flakus to approve the rate of pay of \$18 per hour, with a 2-year contract starting when police L.E.T. training begins, with the ability of a raise up to \$19 per hour after completion of L.E.T. training with 6-month probation starting the day of hire for Amber Kelley. All members voted aye.

Claims

ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK	599.49
APPEARA	TOWELS, HAND CLEANER	63.03
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	25.00
BUCHÉ FOODS	POOL CONFECTIONS	368.08
C.A.T.S.	FINANCIAL SERVICES	884.25
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	7,147.32
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	1,338.52
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	CORRECTIVE SHORT-TERM DEED DW	30.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	POLICE ONE DAY JULY 5TH	400.00
HARRY K NAPA	BATTERY FOR MOWER	147.28
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	RUNWAY RECON ADMIN/ENGINEERING	34,101.91
JERRYS ELECTRIC & SERVICES LLC	REPAIR WELLS	193.88
JIM'S GARBAGE SERVICE	GARBAGE PICKUP SERVICE	575.00
MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMEN	CHILD SUPPORT	202.12
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	FLOOR DRY	8.99
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	POLICE INK CARTRIDGES	214.28
PETTY CASH	REIMBURSEMENT	6.40
PREMIER PYROTECHNICS	FIREWORKS	6,500.00
WOLF ENTERPRISES	BALLFIELD PORTAPOTS	845.00
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUEL & TIRE REPAIRS	2,250.92
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SPRAYER TANK, PADLOCK/FUSES	245.36
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	491.36
Accounts Payable Total		59,638.19
Payroll Checks		25,341.50
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		84,979.69

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg seconded by Shana Flakus to pay the claims. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Shana Flakus seconded by Guyla Husman to adjourn. All Members voted aye.

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer: Alexander Hamilton

Mayor: Scott Anshutz