

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting  
8/2/2021

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall (120 West 6<sup>th</sup> St.) on Monday, August 2, 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; Librarian Tara Engel; and Finance Officer Alex Hamilton.

**Agenda**

Motion was made by Shana Flakus, second by Ashley Lozano to approve the agenda for the Aug 2 meeting with additions financial report (F) and Water/Wastewater meeting (G). All members voted aye.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the council minutes of 7/19/2021 with correction of one date, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

**Public Forum/Visitors**

No public forum

*Department Head Reports*

- Librarian Tara Engel reported that in month of July they were open approximately 118 hours with 937 patrons coming to library with 11 new cards opened. She also reported that Hunter Mills will be going back to school soon and he will be missed.
  
- Chief Doug Catts reported that the picnic at the pool is scheduled for Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00. Avera is sponsoring the Picnic donating drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Chief would like to discuss more business with the school possibly setting up a mock car accident. Chief also presented the council that officer Tom Grove has presented him with a letter of resignation with last day of work being August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Committee Reports*

- Council member Shana Flakus reported that the District III annual meeting is in Mitchell on August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.

**Conflict of Interest**

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

**New Business**

Shana Flakus made a motion to enter the board of equalization, Ashley Lozano seconded. All members voted aye.

Building permit for Cory and Ronda Graber was recommended for approval by the planning and zoning committee. Motion was made by Seymour Studenburg to approve the building permit from Cory and Ronda Graber, seconded by Kristi Drey. Cory Graber abstained from voting; all other members voted aye.

Guyla Husman made a motion to leave the board of equalization, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

*Appointment*

Mayor Scott Anshutz requested a motion to appoint Alex Hamilton as Finance Officer/City Administrator. Motion was made by Cory Graber to appoint Alex Hamilton as Finance Officer/City Administrator, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

*Request for certification on asphalt testing*

Helms and Associates needed the city to request for certification on asphalt testing for the airport project. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to request certification on asphalt testing, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to award Aaron Swan and Associates the contract for asphalt testing, seconded by Seymour Studenburg. All members voted aye.

*Pay Estimate #2 Vanderpol Dragline*

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to pay estimate #2 to Vanderpol Dragline in amount of \$312,623.78 seconded by Shana Flakus. All members voted aye.

*Water Storage Tanks*

Motion was made by Guyla Husman to hire Great Plains Structures to replace the roofs of our water storage tanks due to the hailstorm, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

*Financial Report*

Finance Officer Alex Hamilton reported that sales tax is up by \$25,000 since last years number. Also, the city's general fund has \$1,444,690.95, water \$438,049.23, and sewer \$560,464.17.

*Water/Wastewater Town Meeting*

Mayor Scott Anshutz gave a report on the meeting the city held at the community room on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two citizens of our community attended the meeting that SPN and District III put on for us. There was good discussion had. Water/sewer rates was the main topic with street repairs also presented.

CLAIMS

AFLAC	AFLAC INSURANCE	262.80
APPEARA	TOWELS, CLEANER, COVERALLS	90.88
AVERA MEDICAL GROUP GREGORY	EMPLOYEE PHYSICALS	150.00
BRUCE KLEINSASSER	LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR TRAINING	180.00
CITY OF GREGORY	CELL PHONE	40.01
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,194.98
GREGORY CO REGISTER OF DEEDS	QUIT CLAIM DEEDS	60.00
GREGORY COUNTY TREASURER	911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	2,000.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS & SUPPLIES	1,073.75
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUDITORIUM AC REPAIR	289.23
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	289.00
MARK JACOBSEN	GRASSHOPPER BATTERY,FLEX HOSE	134.95
HAWKINS INC	SODIUM HYDROXIDE, CYLINDER FEE	5,345.96
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4,190.52
JANA WINTERS	PUBLIC SWIMMING LESSONS	1,500.00

KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	REPAIR VACUUM	56.50
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	88.00
RDJ SPECIALTIES, INC.	100 MINI FOOTBALLS	279.22
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	1ST&LOGAN STREET DESIGN	9,960.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE	48,385.36
SDRS	SD RETIREMENT	3,762.80
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	500.00
SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SPECIAL PAY PLAN FEE	45.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	218.52
VANDERPOL DRAGLINE INC	AIRPORT RUNWAY RECON #2	312,623.78
WM KROTTER CO	BALLFIELD FIELD MARKER	55.59
Accounts Payable Total		395,776.85
Invoices: Paid		9,024.11
Invoices: Scheduled		386,752.74
Payroll Checks		15,124.98
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$410,901.83

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to pay the claims. All members voted aye.

Entered executive sessions at 6:31

Exited executive sessions at 7:58

Re-entered executive sessions at 7:58

Exited executive session at 8:00

Upon exit of executive session Guyla Husman made a motion to offer a police officer position starting at \$18 per hour with a raise up to \$19 per hour upon successful completion of Law Enforcement Training. A two-year contract would start the day the individual starts the LET, with a 6-month probation period starting from the day of hire, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to offer the Public Works position starting at \$19 per hour with a 6-month probation period. With the ability of \$.50 raise per water certification class passed and \$.25 for passing the CDL, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to adjourn, second by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

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Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alexander Hamilton, Finance Officer