

Gregory City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory City Hall at 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St on Monday, August 3, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members: Guyla Husman, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus, Cory Graber and Ashley Lozano. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Bartling and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the council meeting minutes from July 20, 2020 as written, seconded by Kristi Drey. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the public forum/visitor's section.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton gave the council a written report on the public works activities and he also had a list of items that could be declared surplus property. The surplus items will be placed on the agenda for council action on the August 17 council meeting.

Librarian Tara Engel mentioned that the library will be having a book sale this weekend and the library board will be meeting August 5. Tara also presented the council with the July financial report.

Brilee Peck, Head Lifeguard, gave the council a report on pool attendance for the year so far. The pool has been open 35 days with 5 more scheduled days to be open. They are averaging 50 people a day, but the Thursday night family nights have had one family use the pool on that night.

Committee Reports

Guyla Husman reported that there was a meeting with some people interested in building a new pool. They went over the previous design option and chose option 1. Helms and Associates will refine the design with the suggestions that were made.

Conflict of Interest

None of the council members had a conflict with the agenda.

Board of Adjustment

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to go into the board of adjustment to consider building permits, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Ron & Linda Bridges/Pergola: The P & Z committee okayed the Bridges building permit for a pergola. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the building permit for a pergola by the Bridges,

seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano to move out of the board of adjustment, seconded by Guyla Husman. All members voted aye.

#### Board of Appeals

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Cory Graber to go into the Board of Appeals to hear an appeal of an invoice to remove a trailer house from a trailer court owned by Ashley Songer and Polly Hart. They do not own the trailer house so they did not believe they should pay to remove the condemned trailer although it sits on a trailer court that they own. The owners of the trailer court have contacted the owner of the trailer house and the owner of the trailer house will be paying the City for the cost of removal. No action was taken by the board of appeals. Motion was made by Guyla Husman and seconded by Ashley Lozano to move out of the Board of Appeals and back into the City Council.

#### Listing of City Lots

The council discussed renewing the agreement with Rosebud Realty for the sale of the city owned lots. The council agreed not to renew the listing at this time.

#### 2021 Budget

Finance Officer Al Cerny gave the council a condensed proposal of the 2021 budget. Revenues and expenses were just given with the totals. There was no consideration given to buying equipment or budgeting for the city's share of the runway improvements at this time. It is not known if the runway construction will take place in 2021 and if it does, the budget can be supplemented. The budget will be finalized by the first meeting in September.

#### Trees/Bird Issue

Gary Vomacka talked with the council about some trees behind his house that were growing into the power lines. There is no alley running behind his place so the trees would either be on his property or his neighbors and the City would not be cutting them. Gary also asked about getting permission to keep his pet peacock. City Attorney Amy Bartling will do some research of the city ordinances to find out what is permissible.

#### Code Enforcement Update

Mayor Anshutz gave the council an update on the code enforcement activities. The Gregory Police Dept. have 19 vehicles listed that are in violation of city code. They will be checked next week to determine which ones are still not in compliance. There are 4 vehicles from the code enforcement's report that are taken care of. There are 11 abatement letters that will go out to owners of buildings in town. Four of the letters are on old nuisance letters and seven are new notices from the high priority building list.

#### Claims

The claim for Taylor Repair was taken out for the removal of a trailer house at 135 Nepper because the owner of the trailer house will be billed direct from Heath Taylor. Motion was made by Guyla Husman to pay the following claims, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

AC Bankcard	Monthly Service Charge	20.00
Aflac	Aflac Insurance	267.76
Appeara	Mats/Mop/Hand Cleaner/Coveralls/Sanitizer	74.18
Bankwest	Monthly Banking Charges	50.00

City of Gregory	Cell Phone Charges	167.29
Clarke Mosquito Control Products	Mosquito Fogger/Voltage Regulator	181.49
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax 7-21-20 Payroll	4,889.66
Gregory Building Center	UPS Shipping/Asbestos Testing	412.69
Gregory Public Library	Books/Supplies/Overdrive Fee	1,685.58
Hawkins Inc.	Disinfectant/Chlorine/Sodium Hydroxide	1,684.50
Health Pool of SD	Health Insurance Premium	5,408.88
Helms & Associates	Airport Runway Reconstruction Design	6,213.80
Jana Winters	2020 Public Swimming Lessons	1,500.00
Klein's True Value	Circular Saw/Phones/Cleaning Supplies/Filters	568.73
Minnesota Child Support Payment	Child Support	202.12
Office Products Center	Copier Service Contract	51.50
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	16.75
Public Health Laboratory	Water Testing	147.00
Rosebud Auto Parts	Filters/Drill Bit/Lubricant/Tape/Connectors	89.89
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	5,773.84
Rural Development	Phase 1 Loan Payment	10,795.00
SDRS	SD Retirement July 2020	4,508.22
US Postal Service	Water Billing Postage	228.90
Wealth Mangement TFM	Principal Paid on Loan	23,253.14
Wm Krotter Co.	Treated Lumber/Window Glass	689.61
Accounts Payable Total		\$68,880.53

7/21/2020 Payroll: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cent Econ Dev., \$880.65; Finance Officer, \$2,272.81; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$5,271.33; Street Dept., \$2,832.28; Water Dept., \$3,226.81; Sewer, \$498.00; Pool, \$3,142.65; Park, \$1,505.13; Library, \$1,187.84; Gross Amt, \$21,002.90

#### Police Patrol Letter

City Attorney Amy Bartling talked to the council about a letter that had been forwarded to her regarding having the police dept. doing some police patrolling around an apartment complex. The patrolling would require the police dept. to walk on private property. The agreement among the council was that the police dept. should not be doing this type of patrolling.

#### Adjourn

Motion was made by Ashley Lozano and seconded by Guyla Husman to adjourn. All members voted aye.

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Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Al Cerny, Finance Officer