

City of Gregory
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.
Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following members were present: Kristi Drey, Guhner Kepler, Darwin Grim, Cory Graber, Maurice Schlaht, and Ashley Lozano. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, Librarian Tara Engel, Assistant Finance Officer Jennifer Keegan, Chief of Police Ryan Cook, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen, GED Director Rachelle Bloom, Chamber Director Ana Smiley, Public Works Supt. Josey Larsen and guests Ryler Stevicks and Greg Smith.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Jensen Design Build, LLC Building Permit and Abandoned Buildings/Public Nuisances. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Darwin Grim to approve the regular minutes from 7/17/23 as written, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Public Forum

There was no one present for the public forum.

Dept. Head Reports

Librarian Tara Engel stated that 100 people attended the Cold-Blooded Redhead and her critters program. Engel has been invited to be a featured speaker at the SDLA mini-conference, Branch Out, on August 16, 2023 in Pierre, SD. Engel presented a financial report to the council showing added patrons. The library's DIY program, teaching adults and teens to make homemade scrubs, bath bombs and face masks, will be held on August 10th at the library. The final program of the summer will be showing Disney Pixar's movie *Inside Out* on August 17th at 3:00 p.m. at the library.

Chamber Director Ana Smiley presented the council with a financial report and a list of businesses she has visited over the last month. A contract with DC Lynch has been signed to have the carnival operate in Gregory on July 3-6, 2024. DC Lynch Shows, Inc. agreed to provide 5000 pre-sale tickets for 2024. Smiley acknowledged that the chamber's shopping event held on Aug. 4th was not a huge success. The next upcoming event will be the harvest festival in Sept.

GED Director Rachelle Bloom talked about some estimates she got for a pickleball court. Bloom has been researching grants for pickleball courts as well as for other economic development projects. The council agreed to discuss how much funding the city is willing to put into the proposed pickleball court as they work on the 2024 budget this month.

Public Works Supt. Josey Larsen gave the council some details on the city's Main Street building renovation plans. Larsen is looking into a company to apply stucco to the building and will have them

look at the theater's exposed wall as well. The city is waiting on an estimate for the inside work. The street dept. will be tearing up some streets soon and will also be replacing a culvert.

Police Chief Ryan Cook reported that he has been reviewing ordinances and policies for potential updates. The evidence room is cleaned out and police officer applications are being reviewed to fill the police department's third spot.

Committee Report

Mayor Al Cerny reported that Trudy Waterman accepted the position as Finance Officer and will start full-time on August 14, 2023.

Conflict of Interest

Conflicts of interest were stated as none with the new business portion of the agenda.

New Business

Building Permits

Motion was made by Kristi Drey to enter the board of adjustment to discuss building permits, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Mayor Cerny presented the following building permits: Jada Sundquist, single car garage; Greg & Sandy Smith, 50'x60' storage building; James Schmidt, 12'x12' storage shed; Pastor John Granchie, privacy fence; Vic Warnke, 40'x72' storage building; Jensen Design Build, twin home (added to agenda). Mayor Cerny stated that the planning and zoning board made the recommendation to approve the six building permits. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Maurice Schlaht, to approve all six building permits. All members voted aye; the motion carried. Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano, to exit the board of adjustment. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

City Wide Street Maintenance Resolution (.60 per ft)

Mayor Cerny presented Resolution 2023-01, a resolution to levy a front foot assessment for the annual maintenance of street surfaces as provided in SDCL 9-43-138. Motion was made by Cory Graber to approve Resolution 2023-01 as written, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

CITY WIDE STREET MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION

Resolution 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY TO LEVY A FRONT FOOT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF STREET SURFACES AS PROVIDED IN SDCL 9-43-138.

WHEREAS SDCL 9-43-138 allows a municipality to levy annually, for the purpose of maintaining or repairing street surfacing or pavement, a special front foot assessment per front foot upon the lots fronting and abutting the city street; and

WHEREAS the City of Gregory maintains and repairs street surfaces on the streets within the city limits.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Gregory shall levy a special front foot assessment pursuant to SDCL 9-43-138 in the sum of Sixty (.60) per front foot, with the amount not to exceed \$90.00 on any lot, upon all taxable lots in the City of Gregory fronting on a street with the amount of the assessment against each lot or portions thereof as set forth on the assessment roll on file

with the finance officer, to certify the assessment to the county auditor to be collected as municipal taxes for general purposes.

Dated this 7th day of August 2023.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST:

Jennifer Keegan, Acting Finance Officer

Advertise for Salvage Bids

Mayor Al Cerny presented a notice of salvage bids for the council to review for the property the city acquired at 524 E 6th St. The council agreed to the advertisement of the notice with a few changes made by City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen. Bids will be due by 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 5, 2023 and will be opened during the council meeting the night of the 5th.

POD Agreement

Mayor Al Cerny suggested to the council it would be a good idea to have the auditorium as a Point of Dispensing (POD) if the city would need a mass dispensing site to provide medications or vaccinations to protect the general population from biological threats or epidemics. Mayor Cerny also said a generator is needed at the auditorium since it is an emergency shelter. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey, to allow the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gregory Memorial Auditorium and the Winner POD for the Gregory Memorial Auditorium to be used should an emergency cause the Winner POD to be activated and the Winner POD would agree to provide services in response to public health emergencies.

Million Dollar Bond Issue

The council discussed when to issue the million-dollar bond for the upcoming projects. Mayor Al Cerny recommended October 2023 to issue the bond. The council agreed to the recommendation.

Abandoned Buildings/Public Nuisances

Mayor Al Cerny appointed Council Members Maurice Schlaht, Cory Graber and Ashley Lozano to an Abandoned Building/Public Nuisance committee. The committee will work and meet with City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobsen and report back to the council. Code Enforcement Officer, Shannon Speck will be in Gregory on Aug. 10, 2023 to inspect the town and meet with the mayor, city attorney and council.

Preliminary Budget Estimates for 2024

Mayor Al Cerny handed out the proposed 2024 City Budget. The council will study the budget and any changes will be firmed up at the next council meeting on Aug. 21, 2023. The final budget will be put into ordinance form and the first reading will be held on the first council meeting in Sept. It was suggested that a request form be filled out for entities requesting funding from the city. Mayor Cerny stated that the city's auditors recommend a financial report from all entities asking for money from the city.

Oliver Well Agreement

As part of the agreement with Brett Oliver to purchase some city park land, the council reviewed the agreement for the city to use his well for filling a tank to water the ballfield at the park. The council agreed to have it written that the city will maintain the pump.

Claims

ACE'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	BACKHOE WORK 7/21/23	945.37
APPEARA	TOWELS/HD CLNER/COVERALLS/MAT	83.60
BURKE OIL COMPANY	JET A FUEL	8,509.19
CARLA WARNKE	POLICE AED BATTERY	161.00
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	75.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES JUL 2023	1,085.40
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	MANAGED IT/PHONE SYS/BACKUP	720.42
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	REPLACE SENSOR '17 FORD POLICE	106.06
DANR - FISCAL OFFICE	DRINKING WATER/SURFACE FEES	650.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,699.74
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	RED CROSS LG FEES/GOOGLE WS	743.36
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	878.85
GRAY HOUSE MOTEL	LODGING GUNNER HANZEL/PD TASER	107.91
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	REFUND TREASURY PAYMENT	6,433.11
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	CONCRETE SEALANT TENNIS COURTS	1,013.10
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COU PUBLISHING/POOL FUND AD	712.02
GROSSENBERG IMPLEMENT INC	JETTER TRUCK PARTS	42.61
HARRY K NAPA	HOSE/FITTINGS/FILTERS/OIL	150.31
HAWKINS INC	SENSORS/VALVE/CYLINDER FEE/SOD	986.33
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	4,649.52
HELMS & ASSOCIATES	POOL MSTR PLAN/PRELIM DESIGN	340.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	CLN SUPPLIES/BAGS/WATER/T PAPE	380.39
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	ANTIFREEZE	44.07
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	USB FLASH DRIVES/PAPER/SERV CON	336.14
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT	16.22
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	43.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CEN	LODGING ALEX HAMILTON TECH CON	272.00
RICHARD STEPHENS	REVOLING LOAN FROM 207	20,000.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	5,772.41
ROSEBUD TITLE COMPANY	DOWNPAYMENT/2 LOTS BLK 52	13,144.10
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	WATER/BLADES/SEALANT/FITTINGS	511.88
SCHMUCKER PAUL NOHR AND ASSOC	1ST & 4TH BIDDING PHASE	3,000.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WATER SERVICE	3,000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	283.20
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	17.70
VEURINK INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC	FIRE DEPT FIRE PAK RENEWAL	7,814.00
WILSON'S HEATING & COOLING	AUDITORIUM CHANGE FILTERS	165.00
WM KROTTER CO	BOARD/ATHLETIC MARKER/SEALANT	156.35
Accounts Payable Total		88,555.28
Invoices: Paid		38,725.66
Invoices: Scheduled		49,829.62

Payroll Checks

18,241.41

***** REPORT TOTAL *****

\$106,796.69

The claims were presented for approval. Motion was made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Graber, to approve payment of the claims as presented. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim, to adjourn. All members voted aye; the motion carried.

Al Cerny, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Keegan, Assistant Finance Officer