

City of Gregory

City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6th St, Gregory, SD 57533

The Gergory City Council met in regular session on Monday September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Darwin Grim, Guhner Kepler, Cory Graber and Maurice Schlaht. Absent was Ashley Lozano. Also present were news reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobson, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Guest observer was Ryler Stevicks.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda

Motion made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to accept the printed agenda. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Minutes

Motion made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, meeting. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Public Forum

Julie Yager addressed the current situation with the home on 524 E 6th, formerly the Whitepipe home. Ms. Yager stated as a former county appraiser she could identify the Whitepipe home in both quality and importance to history in the Gregory community. Ms. Yager expressed interest in having the home listed for historical preservation. Ms. Yager also voiced concerns regarding the safety and cost of eliminating the home and the dispersing of any family personal property.

Wilma Robertson, mother of Lisa Whitepipe, addressed the council on behalf of her daughter. Ms. Robertson explained some of the history of the original owners of the Whitepipe residence, including Mr. Whitepipe's service to the United States as a Lakota Code Talker and the recognition and posthumous medals and awards he received. Ms. Whitepipe also stated that her daughter Lisa had offered help to the family regarding the house, but at the time it was refused.

Ms. Whitepipe finished by explaining Lisa's interest in obtaining grants and possibly restoring the house to its former grandeur and making it a community/cultural center for the city of Gregory, especially young people.

Butch Rolf then read and presented a letter to the council voicing some concerns around the city. Mr. Rolf's concerns included a large pothole, trees that need trimming around stop signs, particularly around the school, and the police department's response to the theft of his property. Mr. Rolf is also experiencing some issues with persons driving in his garden and stealing vegetables.

Department Head Reports

Tara Engel, although unable to attend, provided the council with a copy of the August financial report for the Gregory Library.

Committee Reports

Cory Graber spoke for the Pool Committee stating that the committee had a car, and part of the cost, pledged by Cody Haier of Frontier Motors for the upcoming fundraiser and would be asking the City of Gregory for additional funds towards the purchase of the car to be raffled off. That will be brought to the City Council during the October 2, 2023, meeting. The hope of the Pool Committee is to hold the raffle during the Homecoming celebration.

The Mayor, Al Cerny, brought forward three items for the council to consider addressing now or reserving for the next meeting.

1. Post Office – Rena Grim from the Post Office asked the city if they would provide a cement pad at the entrance of the Pleasant View housing area to secure the new mailboxes for that area. The mayor thought it would take about 2 cubic yards of concrete. The council denied the request.
2. Claims Associates – Mayor Al Cerny briefly mentioned the denial letter from Claims Associates and explained to the council that he would like to discuss the letter with the Chamber of Commerce before the next City Council meeting. The letter and discussion will be on the agenda for October 2, 2023.
3. Bartlett Painting – The mayor had spoken to Mr. Bartlett about the cost of painting the now exposed side of the old liquor store on Main St. He received a quote of approximately \$4500-\$4600 dollars and asked Mr. Bartlett to plan to paint the building. Council member Kristi Drey voiced reservations about outsourcing the job. It was also discussed the potential total cost to remodel the building for the interested future tenants.

Conflicts of Interest

None

New Business

Conference

Approval for mayor to attend the SDML conference on October. No other council members were interested in attending.

New Police Hire

Tom Claussen pay rate of \$21.50. Confirmed with prior approval.

Water Certification

Marty Jung wage increase of .50/hr. for successful certification. Confirmed with prior approval.

Rent – Hansen-Mueller

Ground rent rate for Hansen-Mueller. Council agreed to keep the rental rate at \$5000/yr. for corn storage.

524 E 6th Surplus Property Discussion

Motion by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to table the discussion until October 2, 2023, allowing Lisa Whitepipe an opportunity to enter the house. All aye: motion carried.

Truck Route Update

City Attorney Amy Bartling met with Chief of Police Ryan Cook to update the current city ordinance regarding the truck routes and allowable truck parking. Ms. Bartling presented the proposal and explained the changes. Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Maurice Schlaht to adopt the proposed resolution 2023-02 with changes. All aye: motion carried.

2nd Reading of the 2024 Budget

Motion by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler to accept the second reading. All aye: motion carried.

Claims to Pay

CLAIMS REPORT	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
VENDOR		
APPEARA	Towels/cvralls/airfresher	55.91
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	208.14
AVERA GREGORY HOSPITAL	DUI BLOOD DRAWS- POLICE DEPT	331
B & F VARIETY	COUNCIL - BINDERS	28.16
CARLA WARNKE	AED PAD - POLICE DEPT	63.75
CATALIS LLC	ANNUAL WEBSITE HOSTING	1,995.00
CIAVARELLA DESIGN INC	DESIGN SERVICES - MAIN STREET	23,201.00
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	75
CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES	1,295.16
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	STREET DEPT- PATCH MIX	5,858.40
DAKOTA AUTO CARE LLC	FXD DOOR SQKS-2019FD- POLICE D	136.33
DAKOTA PUMP LLC	TROUBLESHOOT LIFT STATIONS COM	765.31
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	505.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4,055.75
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	GOOGLE WORKSPACE-FINANCE OFFIC	203.72
GOLDEN WEST		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET CHRGS	828.82
GREGORY AMBULANCE SERVICE	REFUND TREASURY PAYMENT	4,704.65
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUDITORIUM SENSOR SWITCH - 1/2	76.73
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	COUNCIL PUBLISHING	338.31
HARRY K NAPA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	335.91
JOHNSON POCHOP & BARTLING LAW	PROFESSIONAL LEGAL FEES	3,105.00
KIM'S CLEANING SERVICE	CITY HALL CLEANING SERVICES	600
MARTY JUNG	REIMBURSE-GAS/MEAL-WATER	93.6
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS - STREET	60.67
OPPERMAN INC	48.82T COLDMIX/42.25T GRAVEL	1,944.94
REXWINKEL CONCRETE INC	CERTIFICATE PYMT- STREET SHOP	6,300.00
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	331.12
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	GASOLINE	1,452.08
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC.	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	273.78
RYAN COOK	PAPER SHREDDER - POLICE DEPT	103.01
SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	125

VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE CHARGES	533.89
Accounts Payable Total		59,986.06
Invoices: Paid		4,692.58
Invoices: Scheduled		55,293.48
Payroll Checks		13,399.58
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		73,385.64
GENERAL FUND		67,315.37
3RD CENT SALES TAX		1,114.49
WATER FUND		3,720.77
SEWER FUND		1,235.01
TOTAL FUNDS		73,385.64

Adjourn

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. All aye:
motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Trudy Waterman Finance Officer