

Gregory City Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 21, 2020

The Gregory City Council met in regular session at the Gregory Fire Hall at 620 Church Ave on Monday, September 21, 2020 at the time of 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Anshutz; Council Members, Kristi Drey, Seymour Studenberg, Shana Flakus, Guyla Husman, Ashley Lozano and Cory Graber. Also present were Librarian Tara Engel, Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton, City Attorney Amy Bartling, News Reporter Patty Connealy and Finance Officer Al Cerny.

Agenda

Motion was made by Shana Flakus to add dog rescue and haunted house in the park to the agenda and to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Cory Graber. All members voted aye.

Minutes

Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the council meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 as written, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Public Forum/Visitors

There was nobody present for the public forum section.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Supt. Alex Hamilton reported that the dip at 11th and Spencer has been re-done. The chip seal company called, and they will be in town at the end of next week (October 1-2, 2020). The airport will be closed this Tuesday and Wednesday because a company will be taking soil boring samples on the runway. Alex asked about replacing the old skid loader with a new one. The council agreed to get quotes for a new skid loader.

Librarian Tara Engel is working on buying computers for the library with the technology grant that the library received. Mataya Peck has been hired to work as a library assistant at a starting wage of \$9.30 per hour.

New Business

Bid Opening/Skid Loader Sweeper

The council held another bid opening for the surplus skid loader sweeper since at the prior bid opening on September 8, there were four bidders that bid the same dollar amount. The council received one bid this time and it was from Marshall Springer for \$326. The council accepted the bid.

2nd Reading of 2021 Appropriation Ordinance

Ordinance 2020-01, the 2021 Appropriation Ordinance for the City of Gregory, was placed on its second reading. Motion was made by Seymour Studenberg to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-01, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All members voted aye.

Employee Benefits

The council discussed giving full time benefits to employees that work approximately 32 hours a week. The current handbook states that only employees working 40 hours a week are entitled to vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Currently the Chamber Director is getting the full-time benefits while the librarian

is not, although both work about the same number of hours. The handbook will be updated and reviewed at the next council meeting.

Insurance Estimates

The council discussed the insurance estimates from the recent hailstorm that damaged several city roofs and vehicles that had full coverage. It was agreed that the vehicle claims will be handled at the present time and the buildings will be reviewed and a proposal will be made to the council on how next to proceed with the buildings and which ones need to be repaired now and which can wait or forgo the repairs.

August Financial Report

Al Cerny gave the August financial report which consisted of a balance sheet, a revenue report which listed the total revenues for each fund and an expense report with listed the total department expenses compared to the budget. Some of the departments will need to have their budgets supplemented because of unplanned purchases that were made in 2020.

COVID-19 Resolution/Update

Mayor Anshutz gave the council an updated report on the latest COVID-19 cases in the Gregory area. The number of COVID-19 cases are increasing. Everyone is encouraged to be careful. The COVID-19 resolution will be placed on the City's next regular meeting. It was also decided to hold the next council meeting at the fire hall because there is more room and it is easier to social distance. iPads or laptops for the council members will be purchased with CARES funds along with getting a system ready that could be used to hold council meetings remotely if needed.

Dog Rescue

The council members were given an update on a dog issue in Gregory where the dog rescue helped with the removal of some dogs. A donation was discussed to help the rescue with ongoing expenses. The City has some funds budgeted for animal control. Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Guyla Husman to give Rescues Unlimited \$300 to help with their expenses. All members voted aye.

Gregory Community Club Use of park

The council members gave permission to the Gregory Community Club to use the park as a haunted house area if they would choose to go ahead with the haunted house for this year.

Claims

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

Ace's Backhoe Service Llc	Lift Station Dirt Work	357.14
Al Cerny	Reimb/Medicare Part B Sept 2020	144.60
Alex Hamilton	Reimb/Gasoline to Lemmon, SD	46.70
Appeara	Mats/Mop/Hand Cleaner-Sanitizer/Towels/Coveralls	81.70
B & F Variety	Office Supplies/Batteries	34.78
Buche Foods	Pool Confections	10.78
Cardmember Service	Gasoline/Fees	71.59
Core & Main LP	Hockey Puck Fieldlogic Hub Tool/Sewer Pipe	371.72

Dakota Pump Inc.	Repair Discharge Pipe Rice Lift Station	1,559.75
EFTPS	Fed/FICA Tax 9-15-2020 Payroll	3,694.78
Frank Rosenau	2 Excavator Tires/Rims	1,000.00
Marie Palmer	Donation/Rescues Unlimited	300.00
Office Products Center	Shipping Tape	58.92
Opperman Inc.	Truck 87.46 Ton Rock Chips	1,220.07
Petty Cash	Postage Reimbursement	16.45
Rosebud Electric Coop Inc.	Electric Payment	5,231.72
Rosebud Farmers Union	Gasoline/Diesel Fuel/Glass Cleaner/Oil/Weed Killer	1,846.88
Rural Tech Center	Security Camera System	14,720.35
Scott's Auto Repair	Tires for 4-Wheeler	500.00
Van Diest Supply Company	Mosquito Formulating Oil/Weed Control Supplies	507.50
Verizon Wireless	Cellphone Charges	672.85
Whitney Fenton	BID Revolving Loan	10,000.00
Wilson's Heating & Cooling	Aud Filters/Service Heat Pumps	160.00
Diane Althoff	Water Deposit Refund	9.00
LH Kerner	Water Deposit Refund	25.00
Hien Khuu	Water Deposit Refund	50.00
Gregory Thomas	Water Deposit Refund	9.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$42,701.28

9/15/2020 Payroll: 3rd Cent Econ Dev., \$981.08; Finance Officer, \$2,272.80; General Government Bldg., \$185.40; Police Dept., \$4,066.17; Street Dept., \$2,786.40; Water Dept., \$3,213.80; Sewer, \$507.00; Park, \$172.00; Library, \$1,058.75; Gross Amt, \$15,243.40

Adjourn

Motion was made by Shana Flakus and seconded by Ashley Lozano to adjourn. All members vote aye.

Scott Anshutz, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Al Cerny, Finance Officer