

**City of Gregory**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 3, 2024 | 6:00 PM**  
**Gregory City Hall, 120 W 6<sup>th</sup> St, Gregory, SD 57533**

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Cory Graber, Laura Petersen, Guhner Kepler, Ashley Lozano, and Kristi Drey. Maurice Schlaht was absent. Also present were News Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Amy Bartling, Library Director Tara Engel, Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Also present were Ryler Stevicks, Rachelle Bloom, and Darold Frasch.

**6:00 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval** Motion to approve the agenda made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Regular Council Minutes from August 19, 2024** Motion to approve the minutes made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Forum – None**

**Department Head Reports** **Library Director Tara Engel** presented the Council with the August financials. August had very high attendance while also fielding 119 reference questions. The think Smart Grant is beginning upon the arrival of six tablets. It will have five games, and four programs all centered around money learning. The book signing by Joseph Marshall III, author of *Sing for the Red Dress*, will be Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Mr. Marshall will also be involved in a program at the school. Director Engel will be heading to Aberdeen the end of September to be a member on a state library panel. **Public Works Superintendent Josey Larsen** reported to the Council that the 42-block street project was complete, he felt all of our contractors did a good job, that the final numbers stayed in the budget and that he hopes to expand the project next year and improve more streets. The city crew will now be turning to tree trimming and fall projects. **Rachelle Bloom** reported for the GED that the City of Gregory did not receive the grant for the pickleball court. **Ryler Stevicks** reported for the Chamber that the carpet would be installed this week, Harvest Fest now has 16 vendors and 12 soup preparers, Cruise Night is September 28, and Director Bachmann is arranging a speaker to address the IM28 legislative proposal. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** presented the Council with the unreconciled bank balances for August to show that the second pool CD was already in place. Ms. Waterman also asked about attendees at the Annual SDML conference. Registration deadline will be September 15.

**Committee Reports-None**

**Conflict of Interest- None**

**Old Business:** Councilwoman Laura Petersen asked if the Council could add an Old Business section back to the agenda to address items from previous meetings. The Council agreed to adding the section back to the meeting agendas. Ms. Petersen then inquired about three previous items.

1. Cleanup at 524 E 6<sup>th</sup> Superintendent Larsen answered that Jim Birkel has been asked to do the cleanup, but no date has been set.
2. Cleanup at DuFrane fire? No answers to the question.
3. Rolling Vendors: the Council previously took no action, only requiring the vendors to have permission to be where they are set up.

**New Business:**

- A. Building Permits** Motion to enter Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Cory Graber. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 1. Ben Grim - Storage Shed Motion to approve the shed made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 2. Derek & Mackenzie Stukel - Fence Motion to approve the fence made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - 3. Dean Holmberg – Carport Motion to approve the carport with a 5’ variance made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Golden West Utility Permit** Motion to approve the utility permit made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Dog Bite Ordinance** Motion to approve the first reading of the proposed Dog Bite Ordinance 2024-03 made by Guhner Kepler, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.
- D. IM28** Council agrees to move forward with the Resolution regarding IM28.
- E. Preliminary Budget** Motion to approve the first reading of the proposed 2025 budget ordinance made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Pay Claims**

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACE'S CAR WASH	POLICE CAR WASH TOKENS	96.00
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	478.68
BOB BOES TRUCKING	TRUCKING	3200.00
DAKOTA FLOORING	CHAMBER CARPET	460.00
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	973.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	4880.59
GREGORY POOL ACCOUNT	VENMO TRANSFER-BRONCO FNDRSR	7481.64
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	SUPPLIES/MATS/BOOKS	848.90
HACH COMPANY	PH BUFFER/CLEANING SOLUTION	217.71
HARVES SPORT SHOP	PARK PITCHING MOUND	79.99
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	6714.50
JOHNSON POCHOP&BARTLINGLAW LLP	LEGAL SERVICES	4072.50
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	342.18
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	WATER TESTING	87.00
RANCHER'S LIVESTOCK EQUIP LLC	2.37 SQ FT 3/16' PLATE	42.85
ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COOP INC	ELECTRIC PAYMENT	6204.55
SDRS	SDRS- POLICE	4729.86
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	ROTH	750.00
TOPKOTE, INC	PRIME SEAL/CHIP SEAL 2024	136492.65
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	333.20
Accounts Payable Total		178485.80

Invoices: Paid	12145.33
Invoices: Scheduled	166340.47
Payroll Checks	15558.41
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	194044.21

Motion to pay claims made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Guhner Kepler. All ayes. Motion carried.

**G. Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman