

## City of Gregory

### City Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 5, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

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

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The following City Council members were present: Kristi Drey, Darwin Grim, Ashley Lozano, Guhner Kepler, and Cory Graber. Absent was Maurice Schlaht. Also present were news reporter Patty Connealy, Chief of Police Ryan Cook, City Attorney Amy Bartling Jacobson, Chamber Director Ana Smiley, Finance Officer Trudy Waterman, and Police Officer Tom Claussen.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda

Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Guhner Kepler to add Economic Development request for one-day Liquor License to agenda. All members voted aye; motion carried.

#### Minutes

Motion made by Darwin Grim, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve the regular minutes from August 21, 2023. All members voted aye; motion carried.

#### Public Forum/Visitors

April Steckel addressed the council regarding the city's dog-at-large issue. Ms. Steckel stated that a stray dog had killed a chicken and two of her goats, the goats worth approximately \$400, and that another chicken was unaccounted for. She requested that the city be more proactive with dog-at-large issues. The Council was sympathetic and asked Chief Ryan the current protocol. Officer Ryan stated that the city does engage in visiting with dog owners and agreed to investigate the suspected dog.

#### Department Head Reports

Ana Smiley presented the council with an up-to-date budget of revenue and expense for the Chamber of Commerce and discussed a grant applied for that the Chamber expects to hear a

response to in October or November. Ms. Smiley also discussed ongoing projects working with Rachelle Bloom (GED) and Tara Engel (Public Library). Ms. Smiley also discussed the upcoming Harvest Fest (September 23) and an upcoming area business workshop (October 7).

Police Chief Ryan Cook stated that the city is to hear about the Speed & Safety Belt grant by October 1 and that it was looking favorable that the city would receive the grant. Chief Cook told Ashley Lozano that the doors in the school had been checked and were working and told the Council that Cole (Cybertek) was putting together a quote for the camera to put on the south side of the auditorium.

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Conflict of Interest

None

#### New Business

#### Building Permit

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to enter into the Board of Adjustment. All members voted aye; motion carried. Peter Lieffort building permit for a deck was approved by the Zoning Committee. Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey to approve the Lieffort building permit, number 2023-27. All members voted aye; motion carried. Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to move out of the Board of Adjustment. All members voted aye; motion carried.

#### One-day Liquor License

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Guhner Kepler to approve a one-day liquor license for Gregory Lanes for the October 14<sup>th</sup> wedding at the city auditorium. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Motion made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano to approve a spiking permit and a one-day liquor license for the Farm-to-Table event of the GED. All members voted aye; motion carried.

### GED Main Street Lots

The discussion opened with current public opinion and the discussion of outstanding bills regarding the lots. Mayor Al Cerny stated reservation with gifting the lots at this time, but added there would be full support of activities on the lots. City attorney Amy Bartling emphasized the need for the Economic Committee (GED) to have securities to enable the GED to apply for grants and loans and have assets to either receive matching grants or low interest loans. The discussion of contract options opened, and Cory Gruber asked who would be responsible for insurance coverage for events or 'lot park' activities.

City Attorney Amy Bartling suggested tabling the discussion until after the Farm-to-Table event and suggested that the GED conduct a survey for future use possibilities and interest and compile the data to bring to the October 2, 2023, meeting. Motion to table until October 2 made by Cory Gruber, seconded by Darwin Grim to wait for more information. All members voted aye; motion carried.

### City Truck Routes

The Council was presented with the 2020-04 resolution to review. Discussion to add one street to the truck route and specify the wording regarding tractor-trailer traffic and parking were discussed. Chief Ryan Cook and City Attorney Amy Bartling will review the current ordinance and propose changes and wording changes and the adjusted resolution will be presented to the Council at the September 18, 2023, meeting.

### Salvage Bids

No salvage bids were received for 524 E 6<sup>th</sup>.

### First Reading of the Budget Ordinance

The Mayor, Al Cerny, stated there is no listing for the Phase 1 project in this Budget Ordinance (2023-03) and that it will be listed as needed. The city currently has a \$25,000 surplus in the General Fund as of right now. Ashley Lozano expressed an interest in developing a funding request form. Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Gruber to approve the first reading of the Appropriation Ordinance. All members voted aye; motion carried.

### Gregory Avera Foundation Request

The Avera Gregory Area Healthcare System and Foundation requested two (2) Family Swimming Pool passes (\$100 each) be donated by the City of Gregory for the fundraiser on September 9,

2023. Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Darwin Grim to donate the passes. All members voted aye; motion carried.

## Claims to Pay

### CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AFLAC	AFLAC- PRE-TAX	257.58
APPEARA	Towels/cvralls/airfreshner	55.91
B & L COMMUNICATIONS	POLICE RADIO	270.00
CITY OF GREGORY	EQUIP REIM	75.00
CORE & MAIN LP	Water Dept - Curb Boxes	201.18
	Managed IT/Phone	
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	Sys/Backup	869.69
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	126.92
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3595.27
GREGORY BUILDING		
CENTER	Street- electronic door lock	139.99
GREGORY ECONOMIC		
DEVELOPMENT	REFUND OF GRANT	868.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Supplies/Books/Professional	856.65
HEALTH POOL OF SD	HEALTH INSURANCE	5422.69
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	Street - cleaning/nozzle	102.59
MARTY JUNG	Park-Reimb Sprinkler heads	91.50
PUBLIC HEALTH		
LABORATORY	Water Dept - Water Testing	1096.00
SDRS	SDRS- POLICE	5365.94
SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL		
RETIREMENT	ROTH	825.00
TARA ENGEL	Mileage-Pierre & meal	165.12
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER	Water Dept - Monthly Water	
DIST	ser	3000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	WATER BILLING POSTAGE	302.94

Accounts Payable Total	23687.97
Payroll Checks	13031.55
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	36719.52

Motion made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Cory Guhner to pay the claims presented to the Council. All members voted aye; motion carried.

No Executive Session was called.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Darwin Grim to adjourn at 6:49 pm. All members voted aye; motion carried.

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Al Cerny, Mayor

Attest: -----

Trudy Waterman, Finance Officer