

# THE Groton Independent

South Dakota  
Growing Families & Opportunities

Vol. 137 No. 40 ♦ Groton, South Dakota ♦ Wednesday, June 3, 2020 ♦ Established in 1889

## McGannon's last council meeting

It was the end of over three decades of service as Councilman David McGannon left the meeting after the 132nd council adjourned for the year. McGannon first got on the council in 1989. Mayor Scott Hanlon thanked McGannon for all of his years of service to the community. "We really appreciate it."

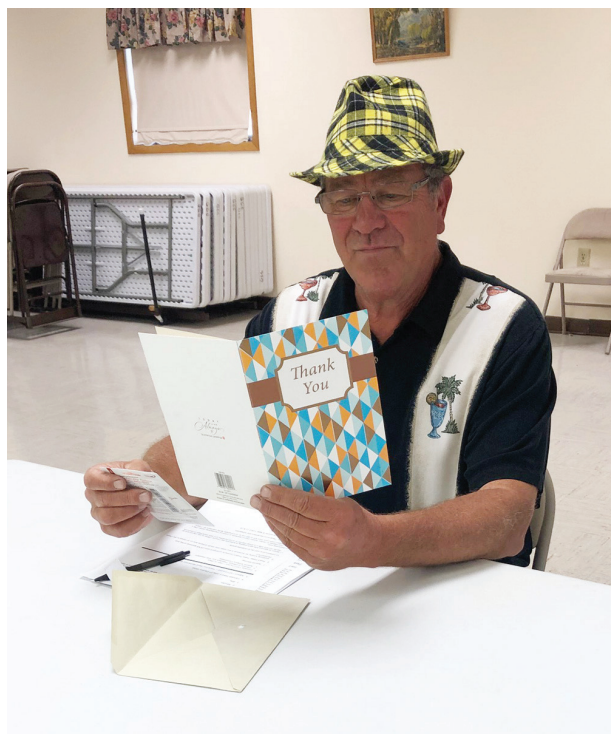
The Ward 2 election canvass was conducted to approve the election. Damian Bahr won the election. He, along with Kristie Flihs, were sworn in as new councilmen at the Wednesday

Continues on back page



## Groton Pool has good opening day

The Groton Swimming Pool had a very good opening day. 96 degree weather certainly did not hurt also. According to one of the pool managers, Kami Lipp, there were 73 patrons in the afternoon session and 81 in the evening session. Another manager, Trista Keith, said it was so different as there was a whole different group of patrons in the evening session compared to the afternoon session. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Councilman David McGannon looks over a thank you card signed by city employees and fellow councilmen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Adam Franken was signing the COVID-19 waiver forms at the pool. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Trista Keith was explaining the new pool rules to Ashley Johnson. Lifeguards Trisha Keith and Allyssa Locke took their turns manning the front desk. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Election Results

Grant Rix and Steven R. Smith retain their seats as incumbents for an additional 3-year term. A true abstract of the votes cast in this election will be certified by a board of canvassers on June 8, 2020. Voter turnout was 20 percent. Smith had 359 votes, Rix had 277 and Jason Bickel had 186.

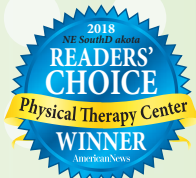
In Ward 2 for Groton City Council, Damian Bahr had 67 votes and Troy Lindberg had 12. There were 28 absentee votes. Voter turnout was 24 percent. Bahr will take over the spot of David McGannon, who first came on the council in 1989.

## Groton School Tally

	Jason Bickel	Steven R. Smith	Grant Rix	Poll Book Count
Andover	18	38	14	41
Bristol	53	42	34	80
Columbia	20	40	37	66
Groton	95	239	192	318
TOTAL	186	359	277	505
Percentage of District Ballots Cast: 20.3%				
Eligible Voters: 2,488				
Ballots Spoiled, rejected or uncounted			6	

## Are You Looking For Relief From Back or Neck Pain?

Proven Relief



Lee Goetz, PT, OCS



Eric Johnson, PTA



Taylor Spellman, PT, DPT



Macey Severson, PT, DPT



Erica Pfaff, PT, DPT

Try Physical Therapy First!



- Back and Neck Care
- Warm Water Therapy Pool
- Post Operative Rehab
- Sports Rehabilitation



**MIDWEST MASONRY &**  
 New or Replaced Sidewalk  
 Block Walls ~ Egress Windows  
 Driveway ~ Garage Floors ~ Basement Floors  
 Stone and Brick Work  
 Call for a free quote **605/397-8383**

**W** **Weismantel AGENCY**  
 AUTO HOME FARM COMMERCIAL CROP  
 Marty Weismantel  
 605/396-7341  
 weisag@nvc.net  
 ACCESS TO MANY MORE COMPANIES!

**JOHNSON AGENCY**  
 Real Estate & Insurance  
 Jay Johnson, Broker  
 www.johnsonagencygroton.com  
 102 N Main St. Office: 605/397-2424  
 Groton, SD 57445 Home: 605/397-8565

**Dakota Outdoors**  
 Erik Dean  
 402 N Main St  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 605.229.0123  
 dakoutdoors@midconetwork.com

**HARR Motors**  
 www.harrmotors.com  
 605-225-3078 ~ 1-800-658-3463

**SCHULTZ CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
 CARPENTRY • CONCRETE  
 Check out our portfolio on Facebook at **Schultz-Construction-LLC**  
 ~ New Construction and Remodeling-  
 renovations, additions, and carpentry  
 work ~ Concrete- foundations, flatwork,  
 decorative concrete surfaces.  
 605-380-1717  
 www.shawnschultzconstruction.com

**Sperry Stump Removal**  
 Over 30 Years of Combined Experience!  
 Tyler: 605/216-8431  
 TJ: 605/380-7915  
**TreeLine Tree Service**

Put our experienced team to work for you!  
**GROTON Ford**  
 GROTONFORD.COM 605-397-2311

**Harry Implement**  
 "Family Owned & Operated Since 1935!"  
 CERTIFIED DEALER AFS  
 (605) 395-6421  
 Ferney

**Classifieds and Card of Thanks**  
 The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent, and posted online at www.grotonsd.net. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.  
 1 Week: \$9 for first 30 words, 20¢/word thereafter  
 2 Wks: \$17 for first 30 words, 38¢/word thereafter  
 3 Wks: \$24 for first 30 words, 54¢/word thereafter  
 4th consecutive week is free  
**605/397-NEWS (6397)**  
 PO Box 34, Groton SD 57445

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 Thank you for making my 90th birthday a success!  
 Jean Walter

**AUCTIONS**  
 INTERSTATE AUCTION CENTER: June 20 at 10 AM. Equipment, Farm Machinery Consignment; 3 miles east of Sioux Falls Exit 402. Call 605-331-4550 auctionzip.com.

**EMPLOYMENT**  
 NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS in Isabel, SD is seeking applications for the following position: Health Science Instructor: South Dakota certification is required. Work-related experience may count toward certification. NWAS offers competitive salary, benefits, transportation and SD Retirement. Please contact Quinn Lenk, NWAS Director at 605-466-2206, or by email at: quinn.lenk@k12.sd.us position is open until filled.

**LAND**  
 FARMLAND FOR SALE: 960 Contiguous Acres McPherson County Near Leola, SD. Call 605-274-6500. Total Auctions And Real Estate. Andy Harr / Brad Swenson Land Brokers and Auctioneers

**FROST CONSTRUCTION INC.**  
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
 605.290.1535  
 custom homes | remodels | additions

**Hanlon Brothers Gravel Hauling**  
 New & Cleaning of Stockdams with our 60' reach trackhoe  
 605/395-6531

**BLOCKER CONSTRUCTION**  
 NEW CONSTRUCTION  
 REMODELING  
 HOOP BARNs  
 (605) 216-2677 (605) 226-4062

**Groton Chiropractic Clinic**  
 Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.  
 1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

**Flarris Auto Body**  
 "From minor scratches to a complete rebuild... we can do it all!"  
 NOW OPEN  
 225 Brown County Hwy 19 South  
 Aberdeen: 605/725-4900

**FUEL YOUR OPERATION**  
 POWER A ROOM OR AN ENTIRE FARM | 2400W-24V  
 JACKS OF ALL TRADES. MASTERS OF MANY.  
 BIG OR SMALL, WE DO IT ALL  
 JACKTOTHERESCUE.COM | 605.641.0742

**CLEARY BUILDING CORP.**  
 EXCEPTIONAL PRICING - We're In This Together!  
 AGRICULTURE • SUBURBAN • COMMERCIAL • HOME • HORSE • UNIQUE  
 YOU CAN RELY ON CLEARY - A warranty or promise is only as good as the company that backs it up!  
 There's more to Cleary than just a pickup truck.  
 • Debt Free  
 • Best Warranties  
 • We Manufacture & Construct Our Product  
 • Custom Designs & In-House Engineering  
 Aberdeen, SD • 605-225-0688  
 Dell Rapids, SD • 605-428-4381  
 Pierre, SD • 605-224-8646

EARN ENTRIES JUNE 1-21  
 8PM | CASINO FLOOR  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
 JUNE 21  
**TRAEGER PELLET GRILL GIVEAWAY**  
 607 S VETERANS ST  
 FLANDREAU, SD  
 1.877.912.LUCK  
 ROYALRIVERCASINO.COM  
 CASINO • HOTEL  
 Royal River Casino & Hotel reserves all rights to cancel or modify this program at anytime. See Players Club for promotional rules and details. Must be 21. Gambling problem? Call 1-800-785-HELP.

**Be smart and safe outdoors.**

Take advantage of South Dakota's natural beauty and many recreational activities—but do it responsibly. Keep these things in mind when enjoying the outdoors:

- Stay close to home & limit activities to small family groups
- Choose a different location or time to visit if it's crowded
- Practice social distancing—stay 6 feet apart from others

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH covid.sd.gov

**COVID-19 Questions: 1-800-997-2880**

**MEYERS TRACTOR SALVAGE**  
 ABERDEEN, SD  
 1000+ Salvaged Tractors & Combines  
 400+ Reground Crankshafts  
 500+ Tractor Tires  
 300+ Rebuilt Radiators  
 Large Line of Swather, Baler & Cutter Parts.  
 GREAT BUYS & SERVICE!  
 WANT TO BUY TRACTORS, COMBINES & SWATHERS FOR SALVAGE  
 Phone (605) 225-0185  
 5 Miles North & 1 Mile West of CASE-IH



**Brown County  
May 27, 2020  
General Meeting**

MAY 26, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING  
Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton and Fjeldheim. Absent were commissioners Feickert and Wiese. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of May 19, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAMS/PAYROLL:**  
Moved by Sutton seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims and payroll:

**PAYROLL:** Commission \$4,285.10; Elections \$3,150.25; Auditor \$8,721.01; Treasurer \$13,562.98; SA \$19,471.50; SVAWA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$6,678.92; Assessor \$12,798.94; Register of Deeds \$8,983.40; VSO \$2,385.85; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$4,140.12; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$41,116.62; Jail \$48,505.26; Court Security \$5,759.49; JDC \$23,387.45; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$6,847.67; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,592.54; Fair Board \$4,066.92; 4-H \$651.42; Weed \$3,953.82; Planning & Zoning \$4,494.25; Highway \$51,360.81; Dispatch \$25,603.72; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$648.61; JDAI \$1,596.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$543.04; Landfill \$15,216.82; Matching Benefits: FICA \$19,928.56, Medicare \$4,666.70, Discovery H.S.A \$200., Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield \$119,721.6, Delta Dental \$6,813.45, Dearborn Life Insurance \$1,053.15, SDRS \$40,359.64.

**CLAIMS:** Insurance: Insurance Plus \$675.00.

**Professional Fees:** Cogley Law Office \$6,250.00; Ryan Dell \$6,250.00; Dohrer Law Office \$6,250.00; Haar Law Office \$6,280.40; HipLink \$6,268.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,267.20; Lucy Lewno \$160.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$115.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Jerald McNeary \$6,250.00; MD-Construction \$560.00; NEMHC \$1,626.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$380.00; SD Dept. of Revenue – Special Tax Division \$75.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$6,250.00; Siegel Barnett & Schutz \$4,580.10; Kristi Spitzer \$200.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$6,250.00; UND – Pathology \$2,080.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$100.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$293.50.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$429.87; Aberdeen Parks & Rec \$550.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$344.77; Butler Machinery \$873.13; Dakota Doors \$745.66; DSG \$6.63; Ecolab \$105.45; Gardner Locksmith \$290.00; HF Jacobs & Son \$251.02; House of Glass \$683.66; Jensen Rock & Sand \$40,417.95; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equip. \$14.33; Leidholt Electric \$2,913.37; Pantorium Cleaners \$88.00; Pierson-Ford \$2,350.42; Pomp's Tire Service \$612.68; Weigel Construction \$18,990.60.

**Supplies:** Advance Auto \$935.49; Ameripride \$58.90; Century Business Products \$12.88; Dakota Doors \$10,792.00; DSG \$114.95; Danko \$359.94; DT Pharmacy \$873.02; ES&S \$5,145.96; Geffdog \$140.00; GovConnection \$356.99; Heartland Paper \$2,613.56; Jensen Rock & Sand \$39,261.08; Kiesler's Police Supply \$408.10; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equip. \$250.00; Leidholt Electric \$42.22; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; Marco \$38.40; MD-Construction \$5,049.14; Plumbing & Heating \$183.03; Premier Biotech \$312.86; Productivity Plus \$163.44; Schwan Welding \$8.00; Van Diest Supply Co. \$2,427.00.

**Travel & Conf.:** McKenzie Bierman \$44.65.

**Utilities:** CenturyLink \$2,151.65; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; Exec. Mgmt. \$75.32; Montana-Dakota \$27.81; NWPS \$1,675.94.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:**

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge reclassification of Kayla Reinert to Dispatcher (full-time) at a wage of \$18.33 per hour effective May 20, 2020. Approve hiring of Samantha McQuarie as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer,

full-time starting at \$16.65 per hour effective June 1, 2020. Approve hiring of Josh Anderson as Brown County State's Attorney Summer Intern, full-time at \$300 per week, effective May 18, 2020. Approve hiring of Les Schaible as Brown County Highway summer help at \$13.48 per hour, effective June 1, 2020. Approve hiring of Jerry Bjerke as Brown County Highway summer help at \$12.54 per hour, effective June 1, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AGREEMENT- JDC EDUCATION WITH ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign cooperative agreement with Aberdeen School District 6-1 to establish an educational program for youth placed in the Juvenile Detention Center, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MALT BEVERAGE RENEWAL:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following malt beverage license renewal to operate outside of a municipality: Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc for renewal of Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage license (Prairiewood Vlg OL 7, E2 33-124-63). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:**  
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following lease agreement: Hope Metzger for lease of Richmond Lake House from June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:**  
Per policy manual F-1, county work-related travel out of state must have prior approval of the County Commission. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve out of state travel request for JDC training. Request on file with the Brown County Auditor. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:**  
Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION R28-20 GERALD AND GAIL STRUCK ADDITION "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING GERALD AND GAIL STRUCK ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 9-T124N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF SDCL 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF."

Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call: Commissioner Feickert- absent, Sutton-aye, Wiese- absent, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley- aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION R29-20 BARNETT RICHMOND LAKE SUBDIVISION "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING BARNETT RICHMOND LAKE SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 14-T124N-R65W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA. HAVING BEEN EXAMINED IS HERE BY APPROVE DIN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF SDCL 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF." Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call: Commissioner Feickert- absent, Sutton- aye, Wiese- absent, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley- aye. Resolution adopted.

**SET HEARING DATE – ORD 166 LAKE FRONT RESIDENTIAL REZONE:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to set hearing date to consider rezone ordinance 166 Agricultural Preservation District to Lake Front Residential. Hearing set for June 16th at 8:45a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SET HEARING DATE – ORD 167 – RURAL ADDRESSING:**

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to set hearing date to consider ordinance 167. An ordinance to amend Title 4, Chapter 4.33 Rural Addressing. Hearing set for June 16th at 8:47a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve application for occupancy by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 5, in section 27,22, Township 128, Range 61, Brown County, South Dakota. All members

present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve application for occupancy by Collin, Norm and Shawn Gengerke for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 13, in section 13, Township 124, Range 61, Brown County, South Dakota.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:**

Discussion on current status of COVID-19 in Brown County. Highway shop is considering opening to the public June 1, 2020. Discussion only, no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:03a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$90.21. 18987

**Brown County  
Barnett Zoning  
Notice**

**NOTICE**

Application has been made by Jimmy Barnett to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on June 16, 2020 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3).

Lot 29, Dewald & Huffmans' 2nd Richmond Lake Subdivision in the E1/2 of the Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126668 W Shore Dr)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning of the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 166

**ATTEST:**

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0603.0610)  
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$23.51. 18988

**Brown County  
Naming of Roads  
Revision**

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4**

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 beginning at 8:47 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 Zoning, by amending Chapter 4.33 Rural Addressing, as follows:

**CHAPTER 4.33: RURAL ADDRESSING**

**4.3301 Naming of Roads in the unincorporated area of Brown County, South Dakota, (excluding areas of joint jurisdiction being: one (1) mile of Groton, one (1) mile of Hecla, one-half (1/2) mile of Frederick, and one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of Warner City limits; and also including the incorporated communities of Claremont, Columbia and Stratford:**

The names of roads are hereby fixed and adopted in accordance with and as shown by the official road address maps of the county. The names on these maps shall supersede the road names found on the plats recorded in the office of County Register of Deeds. The County Planner is directed to submit the necessary documentation to attach changes to the plats to correspond with the names on the official road maps of the county.

The County Planner will name or approve the naming of all future roads in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03 except as specified below.

**4.3302 Installation and Maintenance of Road Intersection Signs in the Unincorporated Area:**

The County Highway Department shall maintain installed signs at designated county road intersections.

When new roads are platted, whether public or private, the owner or developer shall install or reimburse the County or Township Authority for all material and labor costs associated with the installation of intersection signs.

Sign material and location shall be specified by the Highway Superintendent.

All installation costs shall be determined by the Highway Superintendent.

Townships shall install and maintain intersection signs within their unincorporated towns.

**4.3303 Designation of Addresses in the Unincorporated Area Brown County:**

Addresses for buildings on along all public and private roads in Brown County shall be issued by the County Planner Addressing Administrator except for inside city limits of Aberdeen, in accordance with South Dakota Administrative Rules Chapter 50:02:03 except as specified below.

The County Planner Addressing Administrator shall keep a record of all numbers assigned according to this ordinance and forward a copy to the Register of Deeds, Assessor's Office, Treasurer's Office, GIS Office, E-911 Communications, Auditor's Office, and City of Aberdeen Fire Chief, Emergency Management (for rural fire departments), local utility companies, Townships (of the assigned area), USPS, and one letter sent by standard mail to the owner of the parcel.

Addressing both sides of the following roads and in an area around outside the City Limits of Aberdeen and bordered by but not to include the following roads may be an exception to Brown County rural addressing numbers using two (2), three (3), four (4) or five (5) digit address numbers corresponding with similar addressing conventions of the City of Aberdeen working outward from Main Street and Railroad Avenue from City Limits to:

North – 130 Street  
East – 392 Avenue  
South – 135 Street 136 Street  
West – 385 Avenue

Addressing inside the City Limits of Groton working outward from Broadway Street, Railroad Ave on the east side of Broadway Street and following the Railroad Line on the west side of Broadway Street.

Addressing both sides of the following roads and in an area outside the City Limits of Groton bordered by the following roads may be an exception to Brown County rural addressing numbers using two (2), three (3), four (4) or five (5) digit address numbers corresponding with similar addressing conventions of the City of Groton working outward from Broadway Street, Railroad Ave on the east side of Broadway Street and following the Railroad Line on the west side of Broadway Street:

North – 132 Street  
East – 408 Avenue  
South – Willow Ave (W&E of South Broadway St)  
West – 404 Avenue

**4.3304 Posting of Designated Addresses in the Unincorporated Areas:**

The owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building to which an address has been assigned will be notified by the County Planner Addressing Administrator of the address assigned to the same at any time after the adoption of this ordinance.

Within sixty (60) days after the receipt of such notification from the County Planner Addressing Administrator, the owner or occupant or person in charge of the structure to which an address has been assigned shall affix the address to the structure, if visible from the road, or to a sign or number post if not visible from the road, in such a way that the address can be clearly seen from the roadway.

It shall be the duty of such owner or occupant or person in charge thereof upon affixing the new number to remove any different number which might be mistaken for, or confused with, the number assigned to said structure by the County Planner Addressing Administrator.

Each principle building shall display the address assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is located. In case a principle building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate dwelling or unit must display a separate address.

Mobile homes located in an organized mobile home park must display their proper lot number on the mobile home lot visible from the driveway/access way.

Address characters shall be painted or applied, of contrasting color to the background, of not less than three inches (3") in height.

If a building or dwelling is situated in such a way that the address cannot be easily seen from the roadway in front of said structure, then a sign or address post must be used in front of the structure or at the entrance of the primary driveway and placed in such a way that it can easily be seen from the roadway.

**4.3305 New Structures:**

Addresses will be assigned to each proposed lot or tract on the surveyor's copies of final subdivision plats by the County Planner.

No building permit shall be issued for any principle building until the owner or developer has procured from the County, City or Township Planner Addressing Administrator the official address of the premises. Final approval of a certificate of occupancy of any a principle building erected or repaired after the effective date of this ordinance shall be withheld until permanent and proper addresses have been displayed in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 4.3304 above.

**4.3306 Penalties:**

In the event that the owner or occupant or person in charge of any house or building refuses to comply with the terms of this ordinance by failing to affix the address assigned within sixty (60) days after notification, or by failing to remove any old addresses affixed to such structure or primary driveway or elsewhere which may be confused or in conflict with the address assigned thereto within said sixty (60) day period, shall be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. Each day of non-compliance shall be a separate offense.

**4.3307 Conflicting Ordinances:**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.33 Rural Addressing – At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 167

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

**ATTEST:**  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0603.0610)  
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$165.15. 18989

**Brown County  
Waste Tire  
Contractor Bid**

**NOTICE TO WASTE TIRE CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on June 9, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the 2020 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly

marked on the outside of the envelope: " 2020 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP", to be opened on June 9, 2020 at 8:45 A.M.

**PROPOSAL GUARANTEE:** The proposal guarantee required and must accompany each bid is a certified check, cashier's check or bank draft. This guarantee must be certified or issued by a national or state bank and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. In lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond of ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond is to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0527.0603)  
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$39.38. 18971

**State of S.D.  
Sealey Name  
Change**

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
NAME CHANGE OF DONAVAN  
GEORGE SEALEY, a minor child.

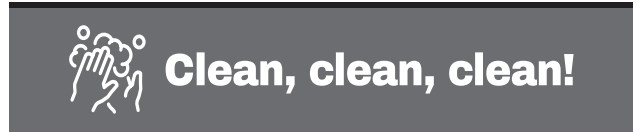
06 CIV. 20-00216  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME.**

THE STATE OF South Dakota SENDS GREETINGS TO ALL:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Hope D. Block has filed in this Court a Petition requesting an order changing the name of her minor child, Donavan George Sealey to Donavan George Block, and that the 30th day of June, 2020, at 8:55 o'clock a.m., in the third floor west courtroom of the Brown County Courthouse in the City of Aberdeen, South Dakota, has been set as the time and place when and where said Petition will be heard. You are referred to the Petition on the file with the Clerk of Courts for further particulars.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota, this 27th day of May, 2020.  
BANTZ, GOSCH & CREMER, L.L.C.

/s/ Rory King  
Attorneys for the Petitioner  
Hope D. Block  
305 Sixth Ave. S.E.  
PO Box 970  
Aberdeen, SD 57402-0970  
(605) 225-2497 - fax  
rking@bantzlzaw.com  
Published four times at the total approximate cost of \$52.19. 18974



The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. Here are two things you can do to stay safe:

- 1. Practice good hygiene**
  - Wash hands often with soap & water for 20 seconds
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, & mouth with hands
  - Always cover your mouth & nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze
- 2. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily**
  - countertops & tables
  - doorknobs, light switches & handles
  - faucets, sinks & toilets



**COVID-19 Questions: 1-800-997-2880**



# The Groton Independent

21 N Main, Groton 605/397-NEWS (6397)  
Paul Irvin Kosel, Publisher [paperpaul@grotonsd.net](mailto:paperpaul@grotonsd.net) ~ 605-397-7460

Tina Kosel, Office Manager [office@grotonsd.net](mailto:office@grotonsd.net) ~ 605-397-7285

Notices: [legals@grotonsd.net](mailto:legals@grotonsd.net)

News Items: [news@grotonsd.net](mailto:news@grotonsd.net)

Deadline to submit items: Noon Monday]  
Yearly Subscription Rates are listed below.  
The Groton Independent (USPS# 230-440) is published weekly with its periodicals postage paid at Groton, SD.

**Postmaster: Send address changes to Groton Independent, PO Box 34, Groton, SD 57445**

© 2020 The Groton Independent

## MONTHLY DRAFTS AVAILABLE

If you would like to have automatic payment for your subscription to the Groton Independent, the following monthly rates would apply:

Colored Weekly: \$6.50

Colored Weekly + GDI: \$9.95

B & W Weekly: \$3.60

B & W Weekly + GDI: \$7.25

To sign up, mail in a voided check along with the complete form below to:

Groton Independent, PO Box 34, Groton, SD 57445

## The Groton Independent

Printed & Mailed Weekly Edition

### Subscription Form

All prices listed include 6.5% Sales Tax

- Black & White ..... \$41.54/year
- Colored ..... \$74.55/year
- Colored ..... \$42.60/6 months
- E-Weekly\* ..... \$21.30/year

\* The E-Weekly is a PDF file emailed to you each week. It does not grant you access to the GDI/Video Archives.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Groton Daily Independent

[www.397news.com](http://www.397news.com)

### Subscription Form

This option will grant you access to the GDI/Video Archives.

- 1 Month ..... \$15.98
- 3 Months ..... \$21.30
- 6 Months ..... \$26.63
- 9 Months ..... \$31.95
- 12 Months ..... \$42.60

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

The following will be used for your log-in information.

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Password \_\_\_\_\_



Pay with Paypal. Type the following into your browser window:

[paypal.me/paperpaul](https://paypal.me/paperpaul)

Mail Completed Form to:

Groton Independent

P.O. Box 34

Groton, SD 57445-0034

or scan and email to [paperpaul@grotonsd.net](mailto:paperpaul@grotonsd.net)

# Cancellation of festivals costing S.D. communities money and momentum

Bart Pfankuch and Nick Lowrey  
South Dakota News Watch

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the cancellation of dozens of fairs, festivals and other events in South Dakota in 2020 that typically provide a significant revenue boost and foster community cohesiveness in cities and counties across the state.

As of early June, nearly four dozen community events, many of them multi-day affairs, were cancelled and not rescheduled, according to the state Department of Tourism. Those cancellations are in addition to the temporary or permanent closure of dozens more businesses and attractions that lure visitors and spending to the state each year.

According to a compilation of cancellations and closures on the tourism department website, at least 15 events have been cancelled in the western region, 14 in the southeast, nine in the northeast and six in the center of the state. Several other events have been postponed and may resurface later in the summer or fall.

Millions of dollars in income for businesses and individuals will be lost, and sales-tax revenues that fund operations of cities, counties and the state will be reduced as events are cancelled over fears of spreading the potentially deadly coronavirus.

The state does not break out financial, tax or employment data on the impact of community events, festivals, rodeos and fairs, but Tourism Secretary Jim Hagen said the cancellation of dozens of events will deprive many businesses and communities, especially in remote rural regions, a critical source of income and tax revenues that may be impossible to replicate.

"Especially for our small towns in rural South Dakota, we know how important those events are," Hagen said. "That event, that fair, that rodeo or that festival really becomes a rallying point and big source of revenue for the community and folks that live there."

The cancellations include time-honored, community-defining events across the state, such as Yankton Riverboat Days, the Siouxland Renaissance Festival in Sioux Falls, Lake Andes Fish Days, Oahe Days in Pierre, Wild Bill Days in Deadwood, the Hills Alive Christian music festival in Rapid City, the Fall River County Fair in Edgemont and the Festival in the Park in Spearfish.

Tourism is big business in South Dakota and a major revenue source for communities across the state, especially during local events, Hagen said. According to state data, 14.5 million people visited the state in 2019, spending \$4.1 billion and generating \$308 million in state and local taxes and supporting more than 55,000 jobs.

Hagen said revenue in the tourism industry in South Dakota is estimated to be down by about 70% so far this year, with some hotels reporting occupancy rates of only 15% to 30%, far below normal. The festival cancellations are adding to the industry woes.

A 2012 report by the national Americans for the Arts organization found that non-profit art and cultural events attracted an estimated 3.3 million people and generated almost \$97 million in spending in South Dakota in 2010. The study included a survey of 3,300 South Dakota event attendees who reported that in addition to any admission costs, they spent an average of \$17.20 per person.

Based on the study, the Czech Days festival in Tabor, which attracts up to 10,000 visitors each June, could generate up to \$172,000 in new local spending in the town of 408 people.

The decision to cancel the events is sometimes heartbreaking for organizers who have spent most of the year preparing. The loss of the 2020 events also cuts off a funding stream that pays for other community programs and activities.

Scrapping the June 6 Fort Sisseton Historical Festival was one of the toughest decisions park manager Ali Tronsfeldt has ever made.

"It just broke my heart," Tronsfeldt said. "I know people have come for 40-some years,

they bring their kids or grandkids and it's a family tradition for thousands of people."

The cancellations are sure to reduce morale in communities that are already suffering from the isolation and upheaval of normal life amid the pandemic.

"It does take an emotional toll on individuals and the communities as a whole," Hagen said. "These are events that people plan their whole summers around, they become a reunion for families, and there's only so much you can do virtually to make up for that."

As far as the biggest event in South Dakota each year — the Sturgis motorcycle rally — Hagen said the state is working with officials in Sturgis to gather data and medical information to make the best possible decision about whether to host the rally, which is scheduled for Aug. 7-16.

An announcement on the status of the official event will be made on or around June 16, Hagen said.

The rally drew an estimated 490,000 people to the Black Hills for the 10-day event in 2019, and saw record attendance of 740,000 people at the 75th rally in 2015. The overall economic impact to the state in 2019 was estimated at \$720 million.

Hagen said he anticipates that a large number of bikers and vendors will come to Sturgis in August even if the 80th rally is officially cancelled.

The Department of Agriculture said the state fair in Huron remained scheduled for Sept. 3-7, but will likely include changes to address risks from COVID-19.

The release did not specify what fair planners may change to follow guidelines from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that warn that gatherings of more than 250 people significantly increase the risk of disease transmission.

More than 205,000 people attended the 2019 state fair and generated sales tax collections or more than \$224,000.

The loss of Czech Days in Tabor for 2020 was a hard pill for area residents to swallow. The event has been held for more than 70 years and had been scheduled for June 18-20.

"I've got family that live five to six hours away, now they've got kids of their own and it's sad that they won't get to be a part of the festival this year," said Laverne Schieffer, chairman of the town council.

Schieffer is also a member of the town's volunteer fire department. Each year, the department raises a substantial portion of its annual budget selling food during Czech Days, he said.

Many of the cultural and social institutions in Tabor benefit from Czech Days in one form or another, said Mark Povondra, an event organizer. In addition to the fire department, Tabor's American Legion Post 183, the St. Wenceslaus Alter Society and Tabor's Czech Heritage Society all raise money selling food and beverages.

"It is going to have an impact throughout the year," Pavondra said.

A sometimes tense debate occurred among the committee members who run the annual Hot Springs Main Street Arts & Crafts Festival, said Gerald Collogan, who has helped organize the event for the past 30 years. The event typically attracts 50 to 60 vendors and 3,000 to 4,000 patrons over the last weekend in June, Collogan said.

The committee considered moving the event to later in the summer, but eventually decided that concerns over the potential for spreading the coronavirus outweighed the benefits.

"It came down to safety. We didn't want to be the factor that would possibly spread the virus if anybody was infected and walked through the festival," he said.

Hagen said the state is urging all tourism and event providers to place a high priority on following guidance from the CDC to maintain social-distancing guidelines and keep group sizes as low as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"If we don't provide a safe environment when they get here, we won't have any tourism," Hagen said. "Our industry is taking this very, very seriously and putting in place those protocols."



## Claremont Town Wastewater Improvements

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
TOWN OF CLAREMONT  
CLAREMONT, SOUTH DAKOTA  
WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Claremont Wastewater System Improvements will be received by the Finance Officer, at the office of the Town Hall 606 6th Ave, Claremont, South Dakota 57432, until 2:00 p.m. local time on June 17, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Base Bid consists of 19 Each Remove and Dispose of Existing Manholes, 718 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 0-8' depth, 2,941 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 8.1-10' depth, 2,645 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 10.1-12' depth, 1,375 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 12.1-14' depth, 7,679 Feet of Post Install Sanitary Sewer Televising and Report, 100 Feet of 12" Steel Casing Pipe, Bore & Jack 12" Steel Casing Pipe beneath Railroad, 100 Feet of Carrier 8" Sewer Pipe Through Steel Casing, 23 Sanitary Sewer Manholes 0-8' Depth, 46.4 Vertical Feet of Extra Depth Manholes, 23 Manhole Exfiltration/Vacuum Testing, 101 Connect to Existing Sewer Service, 84 - 8" x 4" Inline Sanitary Sewer Wyes, 14 - 8" x 4" Sanitary Sewer Saddle Wyes, 1,865 Feet of Sanitary Sewer Service Pipe, 101 - 4" Sewer Cleanout, 4,020 Feet of Dewatering for Pipe >10' Depth, 1,255.0 Tons of Pipe Bedding, 2,428.0 Tons of Rock Bedding, Sewer Bypass Pumping, 500.0 Tons of Asphalt Surfacing Repair (3"), 1,051.0 Tons of Gravel Road Repair, 4,492.0 Tons of Base Course, 1,220 Square Feet of 4" Concrete Sidewalk Remove and Replace, 994 Feet of 4" PVC Forcemain Cleaning (Pigging), 1,285 Feet of 6" PVC Forcemain Cleaning (Pigging), Trash Basket Assembly in Existing Lift Station, Remove and Dispose of Sludge from Lagoon, 11,375 Cubic Yards of Contractor Furnished Borrow, 4,630 Square Yards Scarify and Recompact Cell Floors, 22,000 Square Yards of HDPE Geomembrane Liner, 833.0 Tons of Gravel Surfacing, 195 Feet of High Flow Silt Fence, Railroad Protective Insurance, and other items of related construction.

The Alternate Bid consists of Removal and Disposal of 2 Existing Lift Stations, Remove and Dispose of 7 Existing Manholes, 496 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 8.1-10' depth, 268 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 10.1-12' depth, 919 Feet of 8" Sanitary Sewer Pipe at 12.1-14' depth, 1,683 Feet of Post Install Sanitary Sewer Televising and Report, 5 Sanitary Sewer Manholes 0-8' Depth, 15.1 Vertical Feet of Extra Depth Manholes, 5 Manhole Exfiltration/Vacuum Testing, 12 - 8" x 4" Inline Sanitary Sewer Wyes, 1,187 Feet of Dewatering for Pipe >10' Depth, 230.0 Tons of Pipe Bedding, 542.0 Tons of Rock Bedding, Sewer Bypass Pumping, 105 Tons of Asphalt Surfacing Repair (3"), 197 Tons of Gravel Road Repair, 906 Tons of Base Course, 6' x 6' Wet Well, Duplex Lift Station and Control Valve Pit Complete, New Control Panel w/Concrete Base, Electrical, Lift Station Bypass Pumping, 76 Feet of 6' Chain Link Fence, 4'x6' Walk Through Gate, 12' Cantilever Roll Gate, and other items of related construction.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Helms and Associates, 221 Brown County Highway 19, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 (605) 225-1212 operations@helmsengineering.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Town of Claremont, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by contacting the Finance Officer at 605-294-7272.

Bidding Documents may be retrieved by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registra-

tion, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. Users who have downloaded the Bidding Documents will be mailed an invoice of \$20.00. The 11"x17" paper drawings and Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment to Helms and Associates in the amount of \$100.00 for shipping and handling. Cost of Bidding Documents and shipping is non-refundable, unless documents are returned to the Issuing Office. Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on June 9 at the City Hall at 606 6th Ave., Claremont, South Dakota 57432. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

COVID-19 Precautions  
Claremont will not restrict access to this project's bid opening or pre-bid conference; however, they do respectfully ask that only one representative per bidder be present for the public opening and reading of the bids in an effort to follow the recommendations of the Governor of South Dakota and the guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In addition, Claremont shall enforce the "social distancing" rule and, therefore, anyone attending the meeting will be required to comply with said rule.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Presidents Executive Order Nos. 11246 as amended, 11518, and 11625 as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under these orders are explained in the specifications.

The low responsive bidder will be required to certify to compliance with the American Iron and Steel provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. This certification form may be found on page AIS-21 of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) General Conditions and must be included in the bid proposal.

Please be advised that waivers or exemptions from the American Iron and Steel provision that cite International Trade Agreements DO NOT comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 as it applies to the SRF programs. Claims from suppliers that the American Iron and Steel provision does not apply to certain products based on the International Trade Agreement exemptions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 will not be accepted.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR 33 and Executive Order 12138. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation which concerns utilization of Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprises (DBE/MBE) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBE) are explained in the specifications. The goals for DBE/MBE participation are 1% and WBE participation are 4%.

Bidders are also reminded that not less than the minimum wages as determined by the Davis Bacon Act and set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the contractor and/or subcontractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

In addition to all of the above listed Federal requirements for work on this project, compliance with the contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Executive Order 11375, Copeland Act, the Clean Air Act, and Water Pollution Control Act, and subsequent amendments to all of the above will be required of contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project.

Owner: Town of Claremont.  
By: Shane Johnson  
Title: Board President  
Date: May 27, 2020  
(0527.0603)  
Published twice at the approximate cost of \$160.44. 18968

## Columbia City June 3, 2020 General Meeting

City of Columbia Council Meeting - June 3, 2020  
CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Ellen Harr, Dana Mohr, Trevor Meints Community -

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the May 5th meeting. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy - 645.90; JVT - 121.39; Menards - 163.02; Web Water - 44.23;

GDI - 119.73; Jeremy Dosch - 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann - 293.99; Cara Dennert - 823.50; Runnings - 82.43; Public Health Laboratory - 58.00; B&B Contracting - 2449.50; Great Western Bank - 163.36; Menards - 50.99; John Deere Financial - 104.86; Ken Frohling-331.25; Corey Mitchell - 40.00

Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Dana Mohr seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE - USPS - Post Office Renewal Notice, SD Dept of Health results, Brown County Planning - address change (ball park), e-mails: Bid on dump

truck; Sara Swisher - 2020 Property Tax Levy Request for Columbia City; Torian Mitchell - Compliance Review and an on-site Security Inspection

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Pet ordinance - tabled until July meeting. There are still some tires in city that need to be disposed of. Dana Mohr made a motion to keep Columbia's Covid19 ordinance in effect. Cole Kampa seconded the motion - all were in favor - motion carried.

Nuisances - Ellen will be contacting Agtegra with an issue of some items by building.

Streets - The streets are starting to be graveled. There are 2 more loads coming.

Parks - no report

Lagoon/sewer - All good - Cole talked to Ray at the DENR. Ray helped him with the online information. Cole will be checking to see where our new sample kit is. The middle road in the lagoon needs some work before fall. Cole will check with some contractors.

Rubble Site - The site looks good. The county cleaned it up a bit - took out cement behind dumpsters. By the end of June or July the council needs to get the gates put up.

NEW BUSINESS - The city is starting to look for a city truck/trailer. Trey Wright was looking for some summer work. Dana Mohr made a motion to hire Trey part time - 10 hrs/week. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. The county sprayed the lagoon for mosquitos. They will start on

the city streets next week. Corey will talk to them about increasing the number of times that they spray the city streets.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial report as given. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

May 31, 2020 balances: SF - \$154,021.41; GF - \$158,861.13; FIT - \$13,978.19 Cash on Hand - \$40.00

Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Next City Meeting - Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$34.09. 18991

Cheer someone up! Send a balloon!

Groton Daily Independent  
21 N Main  
605-397-NEWS (6397)  
Delivery in the Groton area

## RIVER VALLEY MONUMENT

— Serving Eastern South Dakota —

Cemetery Restoration  
Monument Repair  
Monument Re-leveling  
Monument Moving  
On-Site Monument Engraving

Free Estimates  
**605-651-2101**  
Find us on Facebook

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CITY OF GROTON AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	3rd Penny Sales Tax Fund	Airport Fund	Debt Service Fund	Perpetual Care Fund	Total Gov.Funds
..... General Fund					
Beginning Balance .....	231,171	982	322,603	34,707	1,307,424
Revenues and Other Sources: .....					
Taxes: .....					
Property Taxes .....					679,954
General Sales and Use Taxes .....	28,312				560,110
Tax Deed Revenue .....					3,424
Penalties and Interest on .....					
Delinquent Taxes .....					1,062
Licenses and Permits .....					12,664
Intergovernmental Revenues: .....					
State Grants .....					10,465
State Shared Revenue .....					72,398
County Shared Revenue: .....					1,930
Charges for Goods and Services: .....					
General Government .....					809
Public Safety .....					1,708
Highways and Streets .....					13,893
Culture and Recreation .....					119,722
Cemetery .....					4,297
Fines and Forfeits .....					
Animal Control Fines .....					600
Parking Meter Fines .....					4,272
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources: ..					
Investment Earnings .....		493			493
Rentals .....		19,695			19,695
Special Assessments .....			59,851		59,851
Contributions and Donations .....					
from Private Sources .....					14,098
Liquor Operating .....					
Agreement Income .....					18,093
Other Revenues .....	3,740	(16)	1,911		4,931
Total Revenue and Other Sources ...	1,490,483	32,052	20,172	61,762	1,604,469
Expenditures and Other Uses: .....					
Legislative .....					26,785
Executive .....					8,916
Financial Administration .....					287,433
Other General Government .....					14,918
Police .....					362,500
Highways and Streets .....					338,955
Sanitation .....					2,379
Airport .....			22,255		22,255
Cemeteries .....					15,567
Transit .....					2,499
Health .....					4,498
Recreation .....					215,939
Parks .....					2,793
Libraries .....					4,510
Auditorium .....					1,683
Economic Development and .....					
Assistance (Industrial .....					2,407
Development) .....					2,407
Debt Service .....			249,907		249,907
Capital Outlay .....					467,459
Other Expenditures .....					1,740
Total Expenditures and Other Uses .	1,760,981	-	22,255	249,907	2,033,143
Transfers In (Out) .....					-
Special Item (specify) .....					-
Extraordinary Item (specify) .....					-
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance (270,498)	32,052	(2,083)	(188,145)	-	(428,674)
Ending Fund Balance: .....					
Nonspendable .....					-
Restricted .....					-
Committed .....					-
Assigned .....					-
Unassigned .....	447,463	263,223	(1,101)	134,458	34,707
Total Ending Fund Balance .....	447,463	263,223	(1,101)	134,458	34,707
Governmental Long-term Debt .....					
PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS .....					
..... Water Fund					
Beginning Balance .....	391,289	116,828	483,266	22,527	
Revenues .....	344,914	226,455	1,801,246	98,794	
Expenses .....	338,090	166,373	1,225,766	98,705	
Transfers In (Out) .....	-	-	-	-	
Ending Balance: .....					
Restricted for Equipment Repair or Replacement	180,000				
Restricted for Other Purposes .....	71,452				
Unrestricted .....	146,661	176,910	1,058,746	22,616	
Long-term Debt.....					

The preceding financial data does not include fiduciary funds or component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 605-397-8422.

Municipal funds are deposited as follows: .....

Depository .....

Amount

First State Bank..... \$1,179,391.91

SD FIT..... \$1,549,468.00

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$82.21. 18990



**City Council**  
Continued from front

meeting. Flihs takes over for the spot vacated by Burt Glover who moved out of town. Bahr takes over the spot vacated by David McGannon.

It is interesting to note there will be three women and three men on the council and Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Jon Cutler and David Blackmun were issued the renewal of office while Bahr and Flihs were sworn in as new councilmen.

David Blackmun was re-elected as council president. Shirley Wells was re-elected as vice president.

The committees were formed as follows:

NECOG Representative: Babcock

Planning & Zoning Representative: Cutler Electric, trains, in-

sect & weed control, airport: Blackmun as chairman, Wells as co-chairman.

Water, swimming pool, skating, economic development: Babcock as chairman, Flihs as co-chairman.

Streets, baseball, storm drainage, Other Rec (tennis, basketball, golf): Blackmun as chairman, Bahr as co-chairman.

Wastewater, cemetery, civil defense, community center: Wells as chairman, Cutler as co-chairman.

Finance office, legal, a library, insurance, general administration, elections, code enforcement: Cutler as chairman, Babcock as co-chairman.

Solid waste, rubble site, parks, forestry, liquor: Flihs as chairman, Cutler as co-chairman.

Police: Bahr as chairman, Blackmun as co-

chairman. Drew Johnson was re-appointed as city attorney.

One of the bills discussed was the asbestos test down on the pump room. Any time a building is renovated or demolished, an asbestos test needs to be conducted when it applies to a public building. The test came back negative. It cost \$300 to do the test.

The council approved two of the three water projects which include the water tower and new pump house.

The water tower replacement is \$1,057,000 by Maguire Iron and the pump house and site piping was awarded to AB Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$439,760.61.

The third project, a water main loop on



**Mayor Scott Hanlon swears in Damian Bahr and Kristie Flihs as new councilmen.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jon Cutler and David Blackmun were re-affirmed as councilmen as well.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

the south side of town will be expanded to include a water main loop on the north side of town and will be rebid in hoping to secure more grant money. The Olson Development loop is estimated at \$216,400 and the south side of town loop is estimated

at \$749,000.

The council voted to proceed with finding out what funding is available for the third project.

The council approved raising the swimming pool vacation pass from \$30 to \$60 which is good for up to 10 immediate

family members for 7 days.

The council declared some old playground equipment and a refrigerator at city hall as junk.

After an executive session, the council hired Matt Locke as day coach and Alyssa Thaler as a grounds keeper.

**Ken's SUPER FAIR FOODS**  
www.kenssuperfair.com  
• ABERDEEN • GROTON • CLARK • IPSWICH • EUREKA • BRITTON •  
CHECK OUT KEN'S ALL NEW BEER CAVE!  
**Ken's Groceries To Go!**  
Order Your Groceries and Have Them Delivered!

**APP DEAL OF THE WEEK** **SAVE \$3.10**  
Best Choice **Dry Roasted Peanuts**  
16 Oz. Jar  
**YOUR FINAL PRICE 49¢** W/ \$10 PURCHASE AND USE OF KEN'S APP.  
Limit 1 per customer, requires \$10 additional purchase and use of Ken's App.

**This Week's Super Buys**

**Cook's Ham Portions**  
\$1.19 Per Lb.

**Dole Classic Romaine, Greener Selections or Spinach**  
2/\$3 for 8-12 Oz. Bags

**Meat**  
**Koch Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts**  
3 Lb. Bag  
**\$5.99**

**Dairy**  
**Cass Clay Orange Juice**  
Reg or w/Calcium  
**\$1.99** 1/2 Gallon Plastic Jug

**Daily's Thick Sliced Bacon**  
3 Lb. Pkg.  
**\$6.99** Each

**Always Save Granulated Sugar**  
**\$1.99** 4 Lb. Bag

**Frozen**  
**Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream**  
48 Oz. Tub  
**\$2.99**

**Liquor**  
**Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum**  
**\$17.99** 1 Ltr.

**Maxwell House Coffee**  
Sale Price \$5.99  
Digital Coupon  
**Net Price \$5.49** 24.5-31 Oz. Can

**Old Orchard Blended Drinks**  
**2/\$3** for 64 Oz. Jugs

**Household**  
**Best Choice Bleach**  
**\$3.99** 121 Oz. Jug

**Bakery**  
**French Bread**  
**\$1.99** Loaf

**Deli**  
**Hormel Grab & Go Pepperoni or Hard Salami Bites**  
**\$3.99** 10 Oz. Pkg.

**Creamette Pasta**  
**99¢** 12-16 Oz. Box

**Hunt's Pasta Sauce**  
**99¢** 24 Oz. Can

**Ken's Gourmet Coffee**  
Coffee • Gourmet Drinks  
Monday-Friday 7 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday 7 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday 9 AM - 1 PM  
Call 605-225-6671

**Stonewall Summer Drink Mixes**  
**\$2.00 OFF**

Find us on Facebook  
Follow us on Twitter

OPEN GOOD AT ALL KEN'S LOCATIONS  
MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> THRU JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

Cheer someone up!  
Send a balloon!  
These are \$6  
(includes delivery in Groton & Tax)  
**Groton Daily Independent**  
21 N Main  
605-397-NEWS (6397)

**One solution for oxygen at home, away, and for travel**

Introducing the **INOGEN ONE**  
It's oxygen therapy on your terms

No more tanks to refill. No more deliveries.  
No more hassles with travel. The INOGEN ONE portable oxygen concentrator is designed to provide unparalleled freedom for oxygen therapy users. It's small, lightweight, clinically proven for stationary and portable use, during the day and at night, and can **go virtually anywhere — even on most airlines.**  
Inogen accepts Medicare and many private insurances!

**Reclaim Your Freedom And Independence NOW!**

**inogen**

**Call Inogen Today To Request Your FREE Info Kit**

**1-605-824-7698**

© 2020 Inogen, Inc. All rights reserved. MKT-P0108