



CITY OF GREGORY

P.O. Box 297 – 206 W. Fourth St.
Gregory, Texas 78359

Fax: (361) 643-1335 Phone: (361) 643-6562
Email: norma.garcia@gregorytx.com

The City Council for the City of Gregory met for their Regular meeting on January 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Gregory City Hall located at 206 W. Fourth St.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Zambrano with the following members present:
Mayor Pro-Tem Pablo Martinez
Alderman Christopher Flores
Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.
Alderwoman Kristina Zambrano
Alderwoman Odilia Reyes

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mr. Alex Garcia with Red Cross made his presentation to council. He told Council that Cheniere had donated smoke alarms to be placed in citizen's homes free of cost to them. They will be doing the installations on January 18th by going door to door. They will be meeting at the Immaculate Church at 9:00 a.m. for training and then start installing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to help install and to assist in educating citizens about creating escape routes in their residences.

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE
PRESENTATIONS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Approve minutes of December 16, 2019. Motion was made by Alderwoman to approve consent agenda, minutes of December 16, 2019.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion with possible action to appoint Municipal Court Judge** – City Secretary told members there were two applicants, Mr. Patrick Beam and Mr. Gregory Kindle. Motion was made by Alderwoman Zambrano to appoint Mr. Beam as Municipal Judge and appoint Mr. Kindle as Alternate Judge. Alderman Flores told members that it was not on agenda to appoint alternate. Alderwoman changed motion to appoint Mr. Beam as Judge and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez and motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
2. **Consideration with action to adopt Ordinance 2020-01-01 and Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018-12-06 of the City of Gregory, Texas; authorizing an increase in the City of Gregory's water and sewer Rates; retaining a Capital Improvements charge to utility customers of the City; providing for a savings and severability clause; and providing for an effective date.** – Mayor Zambrano told members that San Patricio Municipal Water District had raised their rate and we must pass this on to customers. It was raised by \$.09. Alderman Flores made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01-01 to increase water rates. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano and the motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
3. **Consideration with action to adopt Ordinance 2020-01-02 and Ordinance amending the garbage and trash Ordinance No 2018-12-05 of the City of Gregory, Texas, for the contract ending**



CITY OF GREGORY

P.O. Box 297 – 206 W. Fourth St.
Gregory, Texas 78359

Fax: (361) 643-1335 Phone: (361) 643-6562
Email: norma.garcia@gregorytx.com

Minutes

January 6, 2020

Page 2.

September 30, 2020, increasing the base residential contract rate; providing penalties for violations of this ordinance, savings severability clause; providing a repealed; and effective date. – Republic Services increased the fuel adjustment rate by 2.83% which equals \$.68 and costs must be passed to customers also. Alderman Flores made the motion to approve and adopt ordinance 2020-01-02 amending the rate for garbage and trash services. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lopez and carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

4. Consideration with possible action to adopt Ordinance 2020-01-03 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gregory, Texas, pursuant to regulations in the Texas Transportation Code (TTC), establishing regulations for abatement and removal of junked vehicles; and providing for severability clause and providing that this Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption. (First Reading) – Chief of Police Cano told members this is part of the revitalization program. This would enable the police department who has been sending letters to remove the junked and abandoned vehicles a lot sooner. Alderwoman Zambrano made the motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Alderwoman Reyes. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

5. Discussion with possible action to approve Resolution 2019-01-02; a Resolution addressing the distribution of funds received by Contract both G-TEK and Awesome Net for use of the water towers rail system – Alderman Flores questioned the Resolution as these monies were supposed to be divided between the Fire Dept and the park. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said it was discussed because the fire dept. was already receiving the \$1.00 donation from the water collections. It was suggested by Rosie Vela to allow this money to pay for maintenance repairs and TCEQ mandated inspections. The Fire Dept is carried in the City's budget as is the Parks Dept. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

6. Discussion with possible action to address the voluntary dollar donation annotated on every citizen's water bill. – Alderman Flores discussed the wording on water bill for the donation to the fire department. He stated it should read optional or voluntary so citizens would be aware it was not part of the bill. It will be checked with the billing program to see if the change in wording can be made. He was told citizens are aware because we have citizens that will remove and not pay the \$1.00.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

OTHER

Reports

City Staff – City Secretary handed out copy of employee activity for the last two weeks.

Police Dept. – Chief Cano told members the numbers were up on the citations. He reported an accidental shooting resulting in a death. 367 stops- 233 tickets and still looking for an officer to fill vacancy. There is currently only one officer on duty per shift on patrol for the entire town.



CITY OF GREGORY

P.O. Box 297 – 206 W. Fourth St.
Gregory, Texas 78359

Fax: (361) 643-1335 Phone: (361) 643-6562
Email: norma.garcia@gregorytx.com

Minutes

January 6, 2020

Page 3.

Fire Dept. – Chief Garza reported 4 calls for the month, 2 structure fires one was an abandoned farm house and a brush fire all were caused by fireworks. Will be attending training sponsored by Exxon in College Station. Rest of members will be attending class on February 22-23.

Parks Dept. – will be holding a meeting on Thursday to discuss the events held and future ones to come.

Council - Alderman Lopez reported a park light being out at the corner to the south.

Alderman Reyes said she had attended Christmas event sponsored by Voestalpine at the Housing Authority to give out bikes and other gifts to the children living at the Housing Authority. She told them that the police dept. has been sending letters to owners of abandoned and overgrown properties and they are getting results. There will be meeting on the 15th in Sinton by GLO and there will be a 4B meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Zambrano reported she would be attending an air monitoring meeting on Wednesday from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. along with Amelia Flores and Rudy Rivera other local residents in this committee.

Mayor – Mayor Zambrano reported all the meeting he will be attending. Still working on the secondary water line; wastewater plant expansion; improvement of Drainage; will be having GrantWorks conduct a survey for the low moderate income within the city to assist in qualification of grants; working with the Brannyn and LNV on the cession agreement; and will be having a pre-construction meeting January 16, at 10 a.m. Will be also attending training on the 15th in Sinton from 1 – 4 p.m.

There being no other discussion, Alderman Zambrano made the motion to adjourn meeting at 7:33 p.m. and was seconded by Alderman Reyes. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS

Celestino A. Zambrano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary