

# **CITY OF GREGORY**

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The City Council for the City of Gregory met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 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 by Mayor Zambrano at 6:30 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 FROM AUDIENCE

Mrs. Maria Hernandez 219 Kline - told members how proud she was that members were working together and how they were on track with the needs of the water, sewer and drainage. She stated it was important that the City go forward. She questioned why there was water in the drainage ditch being held back? She was told by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez that it being done by the Highway Dept.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Bill Roberts with Ernest Garza, CPA** – handed members a copy for profit and loss report. Told them that it's looking good and still working on the system. Will be doing a break-down of the Maintenance & operations and interest & sinking reports from the tax collections.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes of February 3, 2020- Motion was by Alderwoman to approve minutes of February 3, 2020, as presented.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Consideration with possible action to approve Contract for Election Services with San Patricio County Elections Administration to conduct City of Gregory Election of May 2, 2020 City Secretary told members there would not be an election and contract may not be needed. All three members had file d for their position. There were 3 positions available and all three were filled by them. She recommended that it be table for next meeting since we had to wait for the write-in deadline. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to table for next meeting and seconded by Alderman Lopez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- 2. Discussion with possible action to approve and award bid for the Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project to Donald Hubert Construction for the construction of Ground Storage Tank through Community Development Grant No. 7218181 Mr. Hector Castaneda with LNV presented the members with the bid. Hubert Construction at \$204,250. Grant amount is \$242,800 with a \$30,000 match. There are additives of pumps and piping which will raise the amount to \$281, 450 for additional of \$38,650 to complete the job with additives. It was recommended to award the bid with additions to upgrade the pumping station to standards. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made the motion to approve bid to Hubert Construction with the additional cost of \$38,650.00. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- 3. Consideration with possible action to approve an amendment to the Donation Agreement between CKJV and City of Gregory signed October 21, 2019 to include Exhibit A "Improvements" and Exhibit B "Project Schedule" for New Municipal Complex Mrs. Brannyn McDougal explained to



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members this is to clean up the agreement that was approved without exhibits that were left pending. CKJV and GCGV have incorporated Exhibit A for the improvements and Exhibit B for schedule of the construction and draws. Completion date should be by mid-2021. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made the motion to approve the agreement with amendments of the Exhibits A & B. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lopez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

4. Consideration with possible action to terminate any and all contracts associated with the TIRZ and PIDS – Mayor Zambrano told members that the 4B has voted to terminate its contract with Municap and he now recommends that the City do the same with Norton Rose, Estrada Hinojosa, Hanson Engineering and any others associated with the TIRZ & PIDS and start all over now that we have a Comprehensive Plan. Brannyn will be assisting the Planning & Zoning in creating a zoning and subdivision ordinance to complement the comprehensive plan. We need to concentrate on commercial and industrial incentives. Motion was made by Alderwoman Reyes to terminate all contracts and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

#### **REPORTS**

**City Staff** – City Secretary advised members work is completed at 407 Second by replacing a collapsed sewer tap and still need another one on Kline St. Been working with bookkeeper to try getting financials in order along with QuickBooks which is the system being used.

**Chief Cano** – he reported all is same some increase in offense reports along Hwy 35 due to people from out of town. Will be interviewing and doing background check to a potential candidate. Department is short 2 officers but have 2 interns and 1 cadet as ride along.

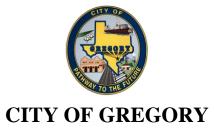
**Fire Chief Garza** – had 2 calls and have been installing smoke alarms to those requesting one. Have 1 student attending class in Ingleside and will be having 2 more attend classes. We have elected Sylvester Solis as secretary and installed decals to vehicles. Will be demonstrating our new jaws for life on February 20 at 7 p.m. located at 308 Ayers.

Park Advisory – Mrs. Amelia Flores reported that we are working on the Easter Egg Hunt event.

## **Mayor and Council Members**

**Council** – Alderwoman Reyes reported she attended meeting Monday with Brannyn and Catherine for the Business open house event to be hosted March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Will be attending the 4B workshop and will be having a meeting with Zachery to discuss park improvements. Reminded members of the public meeting at Austin Elementary being conducted by TxDOT on February 27.

Alderwoman Zambrano will be attending meeting on the first week in March to discuss the website, will be attending the EDC breakfast with Mayor.



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**Mayor Zambrano** - will be attending the TxDOT meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> at the school. Will be attending the EDA breakfast and going to San Antonio to meet with special Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. to discuss the litigation of the CCN with Rincon Water Dist. We will be facing a challenging year and must improve our infrastructure.

There being no further discussion, Alderwoman Zambrano made the motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lopez and motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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| ATTEST:                         | Celestino A. Zambrano, Mayor |
| Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary |                              |