



CITY OF GREGORY

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The public was permitted to offer public comments Videoconference as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Written questions or comments may be submitted to City Secretary norma.garcia@gregorytx.com up to two hours before the meeting. There was none. A recording of the Videoconference meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

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The Regular Meeting was held on May 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Gregory City Hall located at 206 W. Fourth St.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeronimo B. Garcia at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Pablo Martinez

Alderman Christopher Flores

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

Alderman George Hernandez



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PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. Aaron Boyes, expressed to members his concerns pertaining to the Splash Pad. He said “I’m not against the pad but am concerned about the safety of the children”. He asked about insurance coverage, drought water usage, power supply and environmental issues with stray animals.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

CONSENT AGENDA –

a) **Minutes of April 4, 2022** - Alderman Flores made the motion to approve minutes of April 4, 2022 and motion was voted with all ayes and 0 nays. Meeting of April 18, 2022 was canceled to lack of quorum.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

a) **Consideration with possible action for the approval to advertise for the position of a Grant Administrator** – In the past the city has used GrantWorks and other grant administrators to apply for grants. We are now in the position to hire an administrator to submit and administer grant applications on behalf of the city. This person’s fees would be funded through the grant administrative fee. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to advertise for the position of grant writer and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b) **Consideration with possible action to approve Resolution 2022-04-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.’S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL** – Motion was made by Alderman Lopez to approve Resolution 2022-04-01 and seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

c) **Consideration with possible action to approve amended Professional Service Agreement with Ardurra for the City of Gregory Critical Facility Generators GLO Contract No 20-065-114-C313 for additional \$5,000.00** - Council had approved the payment for the Environmental Assessment that had not been budgeted in the grant. Special Counsel had recommended to amend the contract to include the new dollar amount for the environmental review. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve the amended contract to include the additional amount of \$5,000.00. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hernandez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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- d) Consideration with possible action to approve Recommendation of Award - Oasis Waterplaygrounds, Inc., for Splash Pad Project with base bid of \$195,000.00** – Alderman Martinez made the motion to table the discussion to review the specifications and look into the Cheniere Logo. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- e) Consideration with possible action to approve Recommendation of Award – G-8 Utilities, LLC for Critical Facility Generators GLO Contract No 20-065-114-C313 with base bid \$72,000.00 + Additive Alternative No. 17,500.00 total amount \$89,500.00** – This is for the emergency generators at main lift stations located at North & Liberty Streets and Orchid Circle Housing Authority. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to award bid and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- f) Consideration with possible action to approve ORDINANCE 2022-05-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS, APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE** – budget is being amended to fund Capital Projects and create bank accounts for this particular purpose. We have two capital projects going and will be needing funds. They are the Colima Street Expansion and Splash Pad. Generators will be needed for the new complex and water plant also. There will be no impact on the interest and sinking and capital improvement funds. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to approve the amendment and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- g) Discussion with possible action to approve Gregory’s Second Annual Patriotic Parade/Day for September 10, 2022** – Mr. Gilbert Cortinas was not able to make the meeting. All that is needed is permission to get an early start. Motion was made Alderman Flores to approve the parade and was seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- h) Consideration with possible action to appoint Mr. Kevin Hendryx as Board member to the Gregory Economic Development Board 4B** – Mr. Hendryx has help with our city activities so I reached out to him and he accepted to fill the position. We are needing to get this committee going and if Mr. Solis and Mr. Martinez accept we will have six members to move forward, said City Administrator Cano. Motion was made by Alderman Flores and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Garcia administered oath to Mr. Hendryx.

OLD BUSINESS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None



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REPORTS

CITY STAFF – City Administrator gave reports of the municipal complex and progress report on the Colima Street expansion. He said Cheniere will be expanding and traffic will be increasing for the next 2-4 years.

FIRE DEPT. – Update was given by Chief Jimenez. We have 56 runs for the year and we are taking care of vehicle maintenance. Participated in the Cinco De Mayo at school and working to conduct a fund raiser after the building dedication. Training is also taking place.

Mayor – We have momentum so let's keep it going. Alderman Martinez said that he along with Alderman Hernandez attended the Century 21 meeting with county and other city officials to discuss city and county improvements needed.

B. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items - Mayor said he would like to have LNV invoices taken care of and restrooms, we may look at the 4B to finance the improvements.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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Jeronimo B. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary