



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 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Gregory Housing Authority located at 103 Granajo 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 – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS –

a) Administer Oath of Office to Council Member David Smith, Council Member Aaron Boyes and Council Member George Hernandez - Mayor Garcia welcomed the newly elected Council Members and administered their oaths. They took their seats and proceeded with the council meeting. Council Member Alvaro Lopez, Jr. stepped down and was given a Thank you for his years of volunteered service to the citizens of City of Gregory.

b) Presentation of Current CPI (Consumer Price Index) amendment for Republic Services Base Residential Contract Rate – Mr. Kristian Santos – Mr. Santos told members there will be an annual increase for fuel fees. The new rate will be 8.85% which will be \$2.35 more per resident or an overage of 4%. He proposed a 4% fixed rate for rest of the contract period. City Administrator Cano said it was to our advantage to do it now. We don't know if the cost of fuel will go down in the near future. To be placed on our next agenda for further discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA –

a) Minutes of May 2, 2022 - Alderman Martinez made the motion to approve minutes of May 2, 2022 and motion was voted with all ayes and 0 nays.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Canvass Results of May 7, 2022 General Election – Alderman Martinez congratulated the new members and thanked Mr. Lopez for his eleven (11) years of dedicated service to the City of Gregory.

Canvass Results:

David Smith	81 Votes	Aaron Boyes	59 Votes
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George Hernandez	73 Votes	Alvaro Lopez, Jr.	30 Votes
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Alderman Flores made the motion to approve the canvass of votes as presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b) Consideration with action to select and appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem – Alderman David Smith made the motion to appoint Alderman Martinez. Alderman Martinez also made a motion to appoint Alderman Flores. Motion was seconded by Alderman Hernandez to appoint Alderman Flores as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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- c) Consideration with possible action to approve Resolution 2022-05-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO SIGN AND ENDORSE CHECKS AND DRAFTS OF THE CITY OF GREGORY BANK ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE** – Mayor Garcia asked about the persons listed as signers. He was told that City Administrator Cano was added for emergency purposes. Alderman Smith made the motion to add Mayor Pro-Tem Flores as a signer. Motion was seconded by Alderman Boyes and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- d) Consideration with possible action to appoint Mr. Rodolfo Solis as Board Member to the Gregory Economic Development Board 4B** – motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Flores to approve the appointment of Mr. Solis to the 4B board. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays. He was then administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Garcia.
- e) Consideration with possible action authorizing City Administrator to issue an Ability to Serve Letter for 500 Multi-Family units for Somerset Project Phase I** – City Administrator Cano told members that Mr. Wylie McIlwain had approached him back on May 5th to make the request. He will be selling 21 acres and it was needed for development. They are working on the construction of an apartment complex which will be the first phase. Phase II there would be an additional 500 homes which would give us an increase on tax revenue. He will build a new lift station and we will need to upgrade the existing sewer plant. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Flores to approve the issuance of the letter and was seconded Alderman Smith. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- f) Consideration with possible action to approve a fund raiser for the Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted by the Coastal Bend Troop Support at Our Children’s Park on June 25, 2022** - Chief Juan Jimenez made the request to Council for the approval of the fund raiser. It will be held at the park on a Saturday and will be having pre-sale tickets for BBQ plates if approved. Motion was made by Alderman Boyes and seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
- g) Consideration with possible action to approve the sale of beer and wine on June 25, 2022 for the VFD fund raiser** – discussion was held for the sale of the beverages. It will be sold in disposal cups and there will be no can or glass containers. We will have security and permits will be secured as required. Motion was made by Alderman Hernandez to approve the sale and seconded by Alderman Boyes. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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OLD BUSINESS – 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 stated he had reviewed the specifications and verified they would be using stainless steel and not PVC. He would like to have the Cheniere logo but permission requirements are needed. We will soon be remodeling the restrooms and extend the fence within the park. Alderman Boyes questioned the pumps and Mr. Castaneda answered his questions. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Flores to approve Oasis's bid for \$195,000 for the construction of the splash pad. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CLOSED SESSION – None

REPORTS

CITY STAFF – City Administrator reported that the grant for the generators is short \$8,100 for the fencing of the lift station. Mr. McIlwain's project is going, the municipal complex is coming along and we are needing new equipment to clean and mow our right of ways and ditches.

FIRE DEPT. – Update was given by Chief Jimenez. We have 59 and reports were handed out to members.

Mayor – We have calls about the drainage along the area of the new fire department. Complaints about Dawson's recycle business. We need the emergency generators in the new complex in case there are power outages our seniors will be able to use the community room as a haven to keep them cool when needed.

B. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items - None.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Alderman Hernandez to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. to adjourn and was seconded by Alderman Boyes. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS

Jeronimo B. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary