



CITY OF GREGORY

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In accordance with Governor Abbott's Emergency Orders issued March 16, 2020, members of the Gregory City Council may attend this meeting by videoconference or teleconference.

Mask or other facial covering, social distancing and compliance with all COVID-19 protocols are required for any persons attending this meeting in person.

The public is strongly encouraged to attend meeting by videoconference or teleconference.

The Regular Meeting was held on September 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Gregory Housing Authority located at 103 Granajo Street.

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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.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeronimo B. Garcia at 6:32 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Pablo Martinez

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr. - AX

Alderman Christopher Flores

Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes

Alderman George Hernandez - Zoom



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PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. Gilbert Cortinas gave council members an update of the Patriotic Parade. He said Channel 6 and Univision would be coming to give some coverage of the event.

Mr. Rodney Meyer – told members he had an issue with the Chief of Police who was disrespectful when he went to city hall to apply for towing services. Chief told him that he was going to change ordinance and going to grandfather one company. Asked why Chief was making the rules shouldn't it be the council making the changed. He just wanted to let the council to know about the incident.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of August 16, 2021 and Special Called August 23, 2021 – Alderman Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes as presented.

PRESTATIONS

a) **Update of the Municipal Complex by Mrs. Brannyn McDougal** - Mrs. McDougal told members about the donation of furniture and the acceptance. It is coming along and the communication between city engineer and project engineer is going good. Mayor asked about the electrical for generators and was told they would be powered by natural gas.

b) **Update on Hospital District for San Patricio County presentation by Mr. Ron Jorgensen** - Mr. Jorgensen was not available so Dr. Mobley made the presentation. He said he was speaking as a private citizen and is seeing the need for a hospital in the county. Currently we have to travel to Corpus Christi and that takes time which may be of the essence to the patient. We would like to create a hospital district to fund and pay for the facility. A petition has been submitted to have this placed on the ballot for the November 2021 election. We are looking for approx. 60 acres of flat land for helicopter landing and it would have to be chemical free and free of windmills. An average cost to all would be about \$0.30 per hundred valuation or maybe \$.10. This would be an added tax that would be carried on the yearly tax statement. Industry may fund about 70% of the contribution for an estimated 20 bed hospital.

ACTION ITEMS

a) **Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between San Patricio County, Texas and the City of Gregory** – This agreement would assist the City with labor, equipment and the possibility of the City purchasing material at their cost. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes to approve the interlocal agreement and seconded by Alderman Martinez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b) **Consideration with action to approve Ordinance 2021-09-03 an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Gregory, being Ordinance No. 10-05-2013, as amended, codified as Appendix "A" of the code of the City of Gregory by amending Article I Chapter A. (e.) "Tow Trucks and None Consent Tows", to amend Article IV Chapter H. 1. "Maximum distance of Police or No-Consent Tows"; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability**



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clause; providing for a fine or penalty of this ordinance as a misdemeanor subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, except however, where a different penalty has been established by State Law for such offense, in which event the penalty shall be fixed by State Law and if, deemed a violation of any provisional law that governs fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, the penalty shall not exceed the sums of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense; and providing a Savings Clause. – Chief Cano said this would be beneficial to local citizens because Article 1 Chapter 4 changes the radius for the location of the wrecker yard to be within a two (2) mile radius. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve Ordinance 2021-09-03 and it was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS – None

REPORTS

City Secretary – gave brief update of activities within the city.

FIRE DEPT. – Update was given by Chief Jimenez about the department. Vehicles and equipment are currently being worked on and we are going to apply for grants for what is needed. We are training on second Thursday of the month and have a business meeting on the first Thursday. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told them Councilman Martinez was working on shelters for the vehicles.

Councilmember Martinez said he is working with TxDOT on the maintenance of the major highways within the City. Working on getting prices for canopies for the Fire Dept., pavilion, TPCO, and Wastewater Plant.

Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes was looking into codification of ordinances but it would be too costly and time consuming for the employees. Attended a meeting with Dr. Cavazos and others to discuss needs of the community. State of District luncheon will be on Sept. 22 and there are seats available. 4B will be holding its meeting Sept. 14 to discuss their budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM – none

ADJOURNMENT – Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn and seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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ATTEST:

Jeronimo B. Garcia, Mayor

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary