



CITY OF GREGORY

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The City Council for the City of Gregory met for their Regular meeting on October 7, 2019 in the Community Room of the Gregory Housing Authority located at 103 Granajo St., Gregory, Texas.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Zambrano with the following members present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Pablo Martinez
Alderwoman Kristina Zambrano
Alderman Christopher Flores

Alderwoman Odilia Reyes
Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

PRESENTATIONS – Presentation by Darren Simpson with Worley Energy, Chemical Resources of an overview of their organization’s services and introduction – Ms. Orianna Diaz introduced members of the organization. Mr. Darrin Simpson presented the environmental and safety interaction with schools for training to prepare students to be high skill craftsmen and be hired by locals and give back to the community. Mr. Scott Marshall handles craft training to allow personnel to leave the classroom and go directly into the workforce. They offer high school sponsorship and assist Del Mar with technical training approvals. We are currently looking for a location to create a training center for local craftsmen that will generate 3- 5 year contracts for the employment for them. Alderwoman Reyes ask what type of building would they be constructing. Mr. Collins said they are looking for real estate to create a facility to do hold the training.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minute of September 16, 2019** – Alderwoman Reyes made the motion to approve minutes of September 16, 2019.

ACTION ITEMS –

1. **Discussion with possible action to approve agreement proposal with KCS Public Relations and Perception Management to assist City of Gregory with public relations and perception management** – Ms. Kara Rivas was present to answer any questions that Council members had about the proposal. She told members the proposal is for \$1,500 per month with 10 hours for activities outside the maintenance of the webpage and Facebook. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked if this includes meeting attendance. She gave them a breakdown of hours spent and fee charged on the different events held by the City. He said it was too much to absorb and we have another proposal. Alderwoman Zambrano asked if the \$1,500 includes the Movie Night and National Night Out. She told them they were not aware of the event planning for these. Friday’s event will be billed to City since contract has expired which would be approx. 4 hours. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez to approve agreement with KCS and was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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2. **Discussion with possible action to approve agreement proposal with Kindle Computer Works to assist City of Gregory with social media and web services.** – This item was Tabled and dismissed after agreement was approved with KCS.
3. **Discussion with possible action to adopt Resolution 2019-10-01 A Resolution Nominating Candidates for the San Patricio County Appraisal District Board of Directors** – Mayor Zambrano advised members that the City of Gregory has only 20 votes based on City's tax levy. Alderwoman Reyes made the motion to nominate all 5 members and was seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
4. **Consideration with possible action to approve contract for professional services with Allison, Bass & Magee L.L.P. to assist with 2020 Census Redistricting of county political boundaries** – In reviewing the agreement it was somewhat confusing and Judge Krebs and commissioners court have already contracted them. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made the motion to table for next meeting of the 21st pending further review by members. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano and the motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
5. **Consideration with possible action to approve Administrative rates for legal services for Rincon Water District Amended CCN Matter by Mr. Rodolfo Ruiz with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech P.C. Attorneys & Counselors at Law** – This was an issue brought to our attention as to the boundaries that Rincon Water District is applying to obtain CCN. These boundaries will be affecting the future growth of Gregory. They are proposing to service to the north, east and west of our ETJ's along FM 136, FM 3284 and County Rd 3589 areas currently served by city. The cities of Taft and Odem have already contracted the firm to assist them with this matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez made the motion to approve the administrative rates with the firm. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

REPORTS

1. **City Staff-** City Secretary - reported that the area around the Fire Dept. has been cleaned along with the drainage ditch. We have about 10 new GLO Home some completed and some under construction. For the Event of Friday Oct. 11 we have 18 RSVP's and 3 declined. Police Chief – still looking for replacement officer for Charles Green, got 4 convictions for the Child abuse case from life sentence and 99 years. Invited members to National Night Out and the Tahoe has arrived and being used.
2. **Fire Chief** – 2 calls for car accidents 1 brush fire, will be participating with National Night Out. They raised \$1,093.55 for MDA and the burn ban ends Oct. 31st.
3. **Mayor and Council Members** – Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez apologized for not attending movie night and National Night Out. Discussed about amending and updating ordinances. Alderwoman Reyes told 4B would be attending San Pat EDC Banquet on Oct. 17., she met with Brannyn to gather information about what was needed to understand better PIDS & TIRZ. Alderwoman Zambrano told members that Brannyn created a contract log that will be maintained by office staff to log in all contracts that city holds. Mayor told members everything with Wiley McIlwain is under



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negotiations with attorneys to get a feasibility and impact study. Working with drainage district to clear drainage around the fire dept. Attended RTA meeting and city pays them sales tax of which the city only receives \$11,000 from this. He will be requesting the formula they use to distribute these monies to the cities that participate. Still working on the secondary water line and everyone is saying that we gave up on a 44 million grant which turned out to be a loan with city match. Still working on the cession agreement and will be attending a meeting with Oxy.

4. **City Boards and Commissions** – Mrs. Noberta Zambrano with Parks and Recreation told members of the movie night event was a great success they gave out 120 goodie bags and hot dogs to children and families. She thanked the fire dept. and police dept. She is now working on their Halloween event by asking for donations of candy. More information will be given after their next meeting. Alderwoman Zambrano told members to look into the TML website and keep up with updates and we will be sending Kara agendas from the other boards and F. D.

MEETING Closed 8:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION opens 8:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Closes 9:43 p.m.

MEETING opens at 9:44 p.m.

No action will be taken for Items:

3. **Consideration with possible action to approve Performance Appraisal determination for City Secretary under Sec. 551.074 of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters**
4. **Consideration with possible action to approve Performance Appraisal determination for Chief of Police under Sec. 551.074 of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters.**

Alderman Flores made the motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 p.m. and seconded by Alderwoman Zambrano. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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Celestino A. Zambrano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary