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In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Gregory will conduct a Videoconference meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Meeting was held on November 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Gregory City Hall located at 206 W. Fourth St.

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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 Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes at 6:32 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Pablo Martinez

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

Alderman Christopher Flores

Meeting recessed at 6:33 p.m. to conduct Public Hearing: City Council of the City of Gregory will conduct Public Hearing the purpose will be consider the annexation of property: 30.46 acres of land out of the northwest portion of Section “O”, George H. Paul Subdivision, of the Coleman Pasture Company’s Land, generally located on the east side of FM 2986 just south of the intersection of US 181. - Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked if this was going to be a private park and said we still need the



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impact and feasibility studies as requested from Mr. Bell during the Planning & Zoning meeting. These studies will be needed with any development coming in. She asked what impact would this have on the lift station by the Glades. Would like to know what would the City be responsible for and what is developer responsible for too. LNV has not reviewed any plans for infrastructure. We need a developer's agreement to connect to City services. Mr. Bell told Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes he would forward the feasibility study created by Dr. Jim Lee at TAMU. He will forward plat information to Robert Viera and have Murf meet with Robert also. Once annexed they will be provided with police protection as any other property annexed but they also will have their own security. Alderman Martinez commented that the property owner would be responsible for the repairs of water and sewer within the property. No additional action would be expected from the City.

Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m. and Regular Meeting opened: Alderman Martinez clarified that he kept raising his hands up as form of verification the he was not texting as accused. Alderman Flores said he was on phone with his doctor.

Regular meeting opened at 7:13 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS – None

Consent Agenda

a.) Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2020 – Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes and Alderman Martinez to move to action items for a correction.

Action Items:

Correction of Minutes – Alderman Lopez was considered as present for meeting of October 19, 2020 and should have been marked excused absent. He entered the meeting but was unable to connect properly and was rejected by Zoom. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve with correction and seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

a) Review and Amend Chapter 38, Public, Media Statements and Social Media Policy of the City Personnel Policy – Alderman Martinez said in the policy it is stated the Chief of Police needs approval from Mayor to speak with media. Would like to change wording in Section C - Subsection 1 to read Chief of Police is able to speak with media without Mayor approval and council members permitted the same. This policy was drawn by City Council and can be amended without special counsel approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked special counsel about this and she said it was up to council as long it is compliant to statute. Alderman Flores made the motion to amend Chapter 38, Section C subsection 1 to allow Chief of Police and council members to speak with media (factual statements) without Mayor's approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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b) Update on the Municipal Complex, Land Development Code, Zoning Map, and other Planning And economic development projects – Mrs. Brannyn McDougal made presentation to council and gave an update. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes suggested holding a work shop on November 4 but it would be difficult for special counsel and council to attend in person as suggested. It would have to be conducted through Zoom. Mrs. McDougal told members there is a need to create a fee schedule to cover the costs of advertisements and notifications. Suggested to have Kara to place the LDC, Comprehensive Plan, forms, and maps on the website for easy access to the public. We are looking to establish a website just for the 4B. On the Municipal Complex there have been no changes. Alderman Martinez asked why the 4B need be involved with the LDC and annexation. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told members the 4B has questions and would like to have answers. Alderman Martinez said yes for the workshop on the 4th, Alderman Lopez said no and Alderman Flores was for it. Agenda will be posted for Nov. 4th at 6:00 p.m. Workshop.

c) Approval to advertise for position of an Associate Judge – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told members that associate Judge De Los Santos will be turning court duties over to Judge Beam. He had assured her that he was ready to take over. Virtual hearing will have held November 12, 2020 and will need to bring in an associate judge to assist. We need to advertise for the position and she was asked if this position was budgeted. Alderman Flores made the motion to table and was seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 nay Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes.

d) Approve Match payment portion for Grant Contract #7218181 from the Contingency Fund – City Secretary told members that this would not be necessary to draw from the Contingency fund. It had been budgeted under the System Sewer Fund. Alderman Martinez said the Contingency Fund is to be used to match grant funding and to be used as Council wishes. No Action was taken.

e) Approval to advertise for position of Public Works Director – City Secretary told members that it was on budget to hire a licensed operator for water and wastewater. The public works is in need of an additional worker and it would be to our advantage to hire a license operator that will be a working supervisor with crew. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to approve the advertisement and seconded by Alderman Lopez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

Old Business - None Reports

Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told members there were no report all have been submitted in packets. If you wish to make a report you may do so by delivering it to City Secretary so it will be distributed in agenda packet. Alderman Martinez told Chief Cano that he commends Officer Rodriguez he is doing a fine job and staying busy. Alderman Martinez said make the Park Advisory appointment an agenda Item.



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Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items – None

Meeting was recessed from open meeting and reconvened in Closed Session
CLOSED SESSION opened at 8:38 p.m.

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – for consultation with the City Attorney And Special Counsel, to receive legal advice regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code to include the following matters:

1. City Hall Complex Project and related contracts and agreements

OPEN SESSION – The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Closed Session and recalled item posted for Closed Session for action as necessary,

OPEN SESSION opened at 9:22 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Flores to move and direct Special Counsel and City Attorney to proceed as directed in the executive session. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

No further discussion, Alderman Flores made the motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS

Odilia Reyes, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary