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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.

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

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

Alderman Pablo Martinez

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

Alderman Christopher Flores

Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes

Alderman George Hernandez - AX

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mrs. Noberta Zambrano, 509 E. Fourth St. Stated that in the meeting of November 15, Alderman Martinez requested for future agenda items to replace Mrs. McDougal. It was also requested the hiring of a City Administrator and \$60,000 had been budgeted for the position. She said that if the position has been promised or maybe discussed that is called a walking quorum. She had made a request for public records for the holiday of Monday the 27th as a Christmas Holiday and minutes of the council approval for that date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

CONSENT AGENDA – Alderman Martinez made the motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2021.

a) Minutes of November 15th, 2021 – Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried with all 4 ayes and 1 abstain Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes.

b) Interlocal agreement with San Patricio County to provide health related services for businesses Located within the City of Gregory and establishing requirement for permit and fees where appropriate Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County Health Dept.

PRESENTATIONS –

a) **Presentation and update of Municipal Complex by Mrs. Brannyn McDougal** – Mrs. McDougal Made presentation to council and told them they had come to a road block in reference to the Brush Truck for the Fire Dept. They were informed that the Forestry Service has 2-3 year wait for funding of grants. Structure Tone will be pouring foundation on Wednesday and next week building components will be delivered. Mayor Pro-Tem thanked Mrs. McDougal for the aerial pictures for the presentation and Mayor Garcia thanked her also for constructing Fire Dept. first.

ACTION ITEMS

a) **Consideration and possible action to approve training expenses for Municipal Court Clerk Crystal Lopez, January 5 thru January 7, 2022** – City Secretary Garcia explained this is a yearly training and request for an extra night will be for early arrival. Meal allowance would be needed and mileage will be taken care by Judge Diaz. Motion was made by Alderman Flores and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.



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b) Consideration with possible action to approve 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule - Alderman Martinez question if there were any changes from previous year. He was told no, except for Monday 27th since Christmas falls on a Saturday, staff chose Monday for the day off. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to approve the schedule calendar for 2021-2022 and it was seconded by Alderman Martinez. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes.

c) Discussion with possible for the installation of generators for the Municipal Complex and water Plant and providing direction to staff as necessary - Alderman Martinez made the motion to table discussion. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

d) Discussion with possible action to establish the position of a City Administrator and providing For the duties and responsibilities and providing direction to staff as necessary – Alderman Martinez stated this has been discussed for some time now. The administrator will be the main point of contact with developers, contractors etc. to make it easier for office staff. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes said she would like to table item. Special Counsel told members a City Administrator would be able to draw and enforce ordinances, direct administrative duties to staff, set salaries and benefits. He would respond to the Council unlike a City Manager. Alderman Martinez called TML to get guidance and information for the position. I was told we could appoint with Mayor and council approval. Special counsel also advised them the Administrator would not be able to set tax rate nor budget. A City Manager can do all. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to establish the position of City Administrator and providing for the duties and responsibilities for the position. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and it carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Consideration with possible action to approve Project Management Agreement between Nueces River Authority and City of Gregory - Mr. John Byrum was asked what would be the duties they would bring with this agreement. He told members they would be project administrators and work with the sludge activation along with other duties. They would be saving the city money by allowing to carry this on the books as maintenance expense and not as a capital item. We will work with employees and report to council. Alderman Martinez asked would it be possible to go with a six (6) month agreement and not a full year. Mr. Byrum said there would be no money for them and they were not interested. Alderman Martinez suggested a meeting with them along with Mayor, consultant, Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes or Alderman Martinez. **No Action**

b) Consideration with possible action to approve Operating Agreement Concerning the



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Operation, Maintenance and Management of the Wastewater Plant for the City of Gregory, Texas – Mayor Garcia stated that we would have to wait. GCGV is working to complete the wording on donation agreement. Alderman Martinez stated he would like for it to be for six (6) months and not the one (1) year as they are wanting. Mayor will be meeting with Mr. Maxwell to discuss this further. - **No Action**

REPORTS

FIRE DEPT. – Update was given by Chief Jimenez; membership has voted a Captain, Mr. Justin Seller, Chaplin, Mr. Orlando Hernandez and PR Ms. Laura Garner. ExxonMobil donated \$ 2,000.00 to the department and the brush truck is needing a clutch.

Alderman Martinez – told members Mayor Garcia and he met with developer McIlwain and discussed about the expansion of the wastewater plant or creating another lift station. Meet and greet with San Pat EDC tomorrow and will be attending with San Pat to discuss the county comprehensive plan.

Mayor Garcia - said we need to look into the future and new horizon for the next year. Big changes are coming within the community with more houses and residents. Will be having a meeting December 7, with 21st Century. **Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes** – reported Gregory Housing had a food distribution and will be having one each month for the public. Will be attending our EDC meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion to rescind Resolution 2019-01-01 with Gray Planning, Colima Street Update, Splash Pad.

CLOSED SESSION – Regular meeting recessed its open meeting to reconvene in Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. and opened Session at 8:10p.m.

a) Ardurra (LNV) Municipal Complex Invoices

OPEN SESSION – Session closed at 8:59 p.m. and City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Flores at 9:01 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Lopez. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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ATTEST:

Jeronimo B. Garcia, Mayor

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary