

### **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 Special Called meeting was held on September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Gregory Housing Authority located at 103 Granajo 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 <u>norma.garcia@gregorytx.com</u> 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 Garcia at 6:10 p.m. with the following members present:Alderman Pablo Martinez - ZoomAlderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr. - AXAlderman Christopher Flores - ZoomMayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes - ZoomAlderman George Hernandez - ZoomAlderman Christopher Flores - Zoom



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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

# PUBLIC HEARING – Public Hearing on the proposed Budget of the City of Gregory for Fiscal Year October 1,2021 to September 31, 2022.

Public Hearing opened at 6:12 p.m. for comments from the public. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked about if public was made aware to the public hearing. She was told that it was published in the newspaper and posted on city website. It is also available at City Hall for viewing. Ms. Linda Valencia asked as to the Capital Improvement fee and was told it was to repay the loan. There were no other comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS** – **Update of Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Republic Services presentation by Mr. Kristin Santos** – Mr. Santos gave his presentation to members and told them this year the CPI would be \$1.94 increase for solid waste. He said if council wishes we can discuss a fixed rate instead of fluctuating as it is now. This CPI is based on the cost of fuel and last year we didn't have an increase. We are looking for a future transfer station somewhere between Sinton and Odem instead of going to Robstown. He explained about the Bulk Waste as to what will be picked up and what won't. They are placing tags explaining to the customer the reason it will not be picked up. Alderman Martinez recommended a workshop to discuss the fixed rate further.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

a) Discussion with action to adopt Ordinance 2021-09-01 an Ordinance of the City of Gregory, Texas, for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2022 estimating the revenue for said fiscal year; appropriating for the purposes stating the sum set forth in said budget and directing the Mayor and City Secretary to make necessary entries upon the books and accounts of the City to show the appropriations and allocations herein provided – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked about the Colima Street project. She also told members that we could reach out to the businesses there for assistance to improve the street. Motion was made by Alderman Martinez to adopt the 2021-2022 fiscal year Budget. It was seconded by Alderman Flores and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b) Discussion with action to approve Ordinance 2021-09-02 an Ordinance of the City of Gregory Providing for the levy of taxes for the year 2021 on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Gregory, Texas and appropriating monies for the payment of expenditures for the maintenance and upkeep of the City of Gregory, Texas and for other purposes – Motion was made by Alderman Flores to adopt Ordinance 2021-09-02 setting the tax rate at \$ 0.744060 per hundred valuation. Motion was seconded by Alderman Martinez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

c) Set a date for a workshop to discuss Water Rates – Mr. Ernest Garza told members he wants



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the council to give him a scenario as to where council wants to go with the rates. We need to discuss this further and City Secretary told them why not wait for the San Pat Water Dist. of see they will be doing an increase also. **NO ACTION** 

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes made the motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. It was seconded by Alderman Flores and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

**CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS** 

Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary