



**CITY OF GREGORY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GREGORY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

310 AYERS ST.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the governing Body of the City of Gregory, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting in the 18th day of September 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Gregory City Hall located at 310 Ayers St., Gregory, Texas.

The public will be permitted to offer public comments as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. Should there be more than five (5) persons to speak on a particular issue, they need to select one (1) representative to speak. Your presentation will be limited to three (3) minutes. Written comments may be submitted to City Secretary norma.garcia@gregorytx.com up to two hours before the meeting. An audio recording of meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

Please be advised that the open meetings act prohibits the city council from responding and discussing your comments at length. The law only authorizes them to do the following:

- Make a statement of factual information.
- Recite an existing policy in response to the inquiry.
- Advise the citizen that this subject will be placed on an agenda at a later date.

No council member, staff person, or members of the audience shall berate, embarrass, accuse, or show any personal disrespect for any member of the staff, council members, or the public at any council meeting. This policy is not meant to restrain a citizen’s first amendment rights.

AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER and ESTABLISH QUORUM
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE
- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a) Public Hearing to hear any comments on the City of Gregory’s Proposed Budget for fiscal year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.
- V. PRESENTATIONS –
 - a) Presentation of donation to the City of Gregory Police Department by Cheniere Energy. Presentation by Mr. Luis Buentello.
 - b) Presentation by Mr. Mike Reeves on behalf of Republic Services

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA – (All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests)
- a) Minutes of August 21, 2023
- VII. ACTION ITEMS: The following items are for consideration, discussion and action:
- a) Consideration with possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-01 An ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, ESTIMATING THE REVENUE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; APPROPRIATING FOR THE PURPOSES STATING THE SUMS 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
- b) Consideration with possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-09-02 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023 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
- c) Consideration with possible action to adopt Resolution 2023-09-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET TYPE B PROJECT, AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; APPROVING PROJECTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF 4B SALES TAX REVENUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE
- d) Consideration with possible action to approve and award bid for ARPA Project - Emergency Generators for the City Hall Municipal Complex and Gregory Volunteer Fire Department.
- III. OLD BUSINESS –
- IX. CLOSED SESSION: CLOSED SESSION: City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session:
- 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:
- X. OPEN SESSION: The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the closed session and may recall any item posted for Closed Session for action, as necessary.

XI. OTHER

REPORTS: The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action. A separate discussion or action on items listed below will be held if requested by a council member.

1. City Staff
 2. Volunteer Fire Dept.
 3. Mayor and Council Members
 4. City Boards and Commissions (based on availability)
- A. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE:

I hereby certify that this public meeting agenda was posted in a public place at City Hall in the City of Gregory, Texas, in compliance with the requirements of public law for posting an agenda of all non-emergency meeting at least 72 hours prior to the call to order of said meeting.

POSTED: At 5:00 p.m. September 14, 2023

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized: The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act.

Closed Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Closed Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.