



## 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 Meeting was held on July 6, 2021, at 6:30 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 [norma.garcia@gregorytx.com](mailto: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 Garcia at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Pablo Martinez – Zoom

Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.

Alderman Christopher Flores - AX

Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes

Alderman George Hernandez

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE** – Ms. Brenda Brinkman, principal for Stephen F. Austin Elementary told members about having a Back to School Bash. Sarcastic Susie will be donating 200 hot dogs and are currently looking for music. We will be giving away school supplies to those attending and have other events. This will take place August 10, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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**CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of June 21, 2021** – motion was made by Alderman Martinez to approve minutes as presented.

### PRESENTATIONS

a) **Update on the Municipal Complex by Mrs. Brannyn McDougal** – Mrs. McDougal gave members an update as to progress of the project. Contractor will be moving equipment by July 26 and will be hosting ground breaking event scheduled for July 28, 2021. Will be emailing invitation. Construction schedule will be for approx. 16 months.

b) **Update on the Somerset Development and closing of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 presentation by Mr. Andre Ayala and Mr. Noel Valdez** – Andre told members he hadn't heard from Mr. McIlwain. I will come back for the next meeting with some numbers for Phase I of the project with 350 homes and the levy of assessment to be paid by homeowners. On the closing of the General bond we need to discuss how to use the revenues for a future sewer plant or renovation. Will need to discuss financial planning but will need more data.

c) **Discuss of a possible 9-11 parade presentation by Mr. Gilbert Cortinas and Chief Cano** – Mr. Cortinas made the presentation to Council about hosting a 911 parade here in the city to honor all veterans and commemorate 911. G-PISD will hold a honk pep rally. This would be a patriotic rally and we have persons ready to participate and assist with the anticipation of bring the two communities together. We will be going to the industries to assist and bring them onboard to participate.

### ACTION ITEMS

a) **Consideration to schedule a workshop for Contracting Wastewater Plant plan, Emergency Generators for Municipal Complex, primary waterline for July 7 at 6:00 p.m.** – Alderman Martinez made the motion to hold the workshop July 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the items as described with the exception of the waste water plant discussion there will be no action taken. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes and the motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

### REPORTS

**CITY STAFF** – City Secretary gave a brief report of her report that was submitted in their packet.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.** – Member Orlando Hernandez gave brief report. He told members that he had been appointed as Interim Assistant Fire Chief because Asst. Fire Chief Jimenez was on medical leave. He requested a workshop with council to discuss department matters. He said they were concerned that there is no covering for the fire trucks and were worried about the new building. They are getting discouraged. He was told they may touch base maybe next Monday. Mayor Pro-Tem said



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maybe one council member may attend their meetings and Alderman Hernandez asked about maintenance and training. Orlando told their training officer is Ken and they do maintenance once a month.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL** – Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes asked who would be attending the TML Quarterly to be held in Portland July 22, 2021 at 5 p.m. Alderman Martinez asked about the Annual Banquet for the San Pat EDC on November 3, 2021. Mayor asked about the LED Lighting along S. Gregory St.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None**

No further discussion was needed, Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lopez and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

**CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

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Jerónimo B. Garcia, Mayor

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Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary