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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 August 2, 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 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Odilia Reyes

Alderman George Hernandez - AX



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PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE – Mrs. Ophelia Avila, 202 Second St. gave thanks to the police department for the good work they are doing. She sees that lots are being cleaned and yards are cleared. She questioned the potholes when they will be repaired and the curbs who cleans them.

CONSENT AGENDA – Minutes of July 19, 2021 – motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes to approve minutes as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

a) **Update on the Municipal Complex by Mrs. Brannyn McDougal** – Mrs. McDougal gave brief update of the ground breaking ceremony. The project continues to move forward. Mayor asked about emergency generators and requested that they be powered with natural gas. He was told that would be on the city. Mrs. McDougal said there were no gas lines and city would have to explore for alternatives.

b) **Update by Mr. John Byrum with Nueces River Authority of the Waste Water plant evaluation** – Mr. Byrum briefed the members of their evaluation. The plant currently is at 60% capacity. we have not reached 75/90 rule which is once it reaches 75% it will time to expand and at 90% we will to have permit application in place. He gave an estimate of the gallons per day that would be discharged by the pending projects. He spoke of how it would be too expensive to operate multiple plants. There are other methods to pay for system improvement one would be by imposing impact fees and advised members to get with Ardurra to conduct a re-rate study of the plant. Alderman Martinez asked about Somerset Development and the need for a lift station. Mr. Viera told him that either way the need for a lift station would be needed to carry to the plant. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes told them that we are in the process of utility rate study.

c) **Presentation by Ms. Sara Williams, San Patricio Emergency Management Coordinator on the Coastal Plains LECP Ready Safe Notification System** – Ms. Williams told members about the need to register citizens into the CODE RED program. Industry and government agencies are coming together with safety precautions about the hazardous materials and the need to get alerts out to the public. This is a notification system that is handled through voice mail or text for citizens and also passed on to emergency personnel. For more information, they can call 877-541-7905 or dial 211 or call her office at 361-587-3560.

ACTION ITEMS

a) **Approve Resolution to Authorize Mayor to accept a one-time donation of \$25,000 from Gulf Coast Growth Ventures (GCGV)** – Alderman Martinez made the motion to table for further discussion to the meeting of August 16, 2021. He asked Ms. McDougal why was GCGV willing to donate or give the city money. She said they had placed money for repairs in the waste water plant and



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want to look after their investment. He told her the city does not have a contract with the Nueces River Authority and asked how was it decided as to where the money should go. Mayor Pro-Tem asked how long would it take to accept the resolution. He said we may need to go into executive to discuss this further or have a workshop. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

b) Discussion and action for the removal and appointment of members to the Gregory Economic Corporation 4B Board – Alderman Martinez made motion and explained that the By-Laws for the 4B stipulates that “no more than three (3) council members can be on the board.” Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes, Alderman Hernandez and Mayor Garcia are all members of the board. Alderman Hernandez was brought in without consent or appointment of the city council. Mayor Garcia stated he would step down but wanted Alderman Hernandez to be reappointed back on the board. He would like for it to take place at next council meeting. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays, Alderman Martinez thanked Mayor Garcia for his services as member of the 4B.

OLD BUSINESS – None

REPORTS

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CITY STAFF – City Secretary submitted her report in their packet told them that there was a fine paid to the Railroad Commission. This was assessed based on a gas line break during the replacement of a sewer line.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. – There were 3 calls and 2 vehicle calls and 1 agency assist for a structure fire. One member has completed TEEX training. The need for a covering of the vehicles and equipment from the sun is recommended. Mr. Jimenez requested to use the backhoe to spread the caliche at the site because PW has not been able to complete the project. We will be taking inventory of the equipment donated to the department by Bechtel.

Mayor and Council Members – Mayor said we are not moving fast enough. We are waiting on the LED lights, municipal complex, secondary water line, Colima St. expansion, drainage, development and the wastewater plant. Alderman Martinez said TxDOT will be coming next month to clean the curbs along Fourth St., remove trees along their easements and work on S. Gregory. He asked members what they would like to see under the freeway as a form of beautification. Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes said she attended the TML meeting where they spoke of the legislative bills. Groundbreaking was a success and attended the G-PISD breakfast. School will host a Bash Party August 10 and start August 12.



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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion or presentation of information to update ordinances.

CLOSED Session – City Council recessed open meeting at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session

1. LNV Municipal Complex Invoices – legal advice regarding effect of Consultant’s Report/update of project.

OPEN Session – City Council reconvened at 8:33 p.m. in Regular Session upon conclusion of the Closed Session and my recall any item posted for Closed Session for action as necessary.

No further discussion was needed, Mayor Pro-Tem Reyes made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

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ATTEST:

Jeronimo B. Garcia, Mayor

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary