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The City Council for the City of Gregory met for their Regular Meeting on September 3, 2019 in the Community Room of the Gregory Housing Authority located at 103 Granajo, Gregory, Texas.

1. **Meeting called to order** - by Mayor Zambrano with the following members present at 6:30 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Pablo Martinez
Alderwoman Odilia Reyes
Alderman Alvaro Lopez, Jr.
Alderwoman Kristina Zambrano
Alderman Christopher Flores

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

PRESENTATIONS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes of August 19, 2019
2. Discussion to approve Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Agreement Between Fire Departments of Coastal Plain Local Emergency Planning Committee for the Provision of Fire Fighting Assistance.
Alderwoman Zambrano made motion to approve consent agenda. Alderman Flores motioned to have Item 2 moved to Action Item for discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Discussion with possible action for the renewal of Service Technology Service, Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement with Kindle Computer Works, Independent Contractor –**
Alderman Flores stated that there was the change of the 1-year contract but he still questioned section 3.2 in Entire Agreement and section 3.3 Agency. He asked about the security system at the park and the purchases made. He recommended that no purchases be done without council approval. Mayor Zambrano advised him to put all questions in writing for the next meeting. Motion was made by Alderman Flores to table any further discussion until Mr. Kindle is present and was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez. Motion was carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
2. **Discussion to approve Ordinance 2019-09-01 an Ordinance Amending Code of Ordinances No. 10-05-2016 Flood Damage Prevention by Repealing Ordinance No. 10-05-2016 Flood Damage Prevention; Establishing a New Flood Damage Prevention Order – Penalties for Non-Compliance; and Providing an Effective Date -** Ordinance was presented and discussed. There have been changes on the west side of Hwy 181 in which a floodway was created and there can be no construction. With this new ordinance the elevation will be increase to 24” instead of the 18” we currently require in the flood zones. Now all new and reconstruction will require the flood permit from the County flood management office. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez and adopt Ordinance 2019-09-01 to amend Ordinance 10-05-2016 Flood Damage Prevention. Motion was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 nays.
3. **Consideration and action to terminate the Agreement for Consulting Services of Douglas R. Dowler –** Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez to terminate the agreement and was seconded by Alderman Flores. Motion carried with all ayes and 0 Nays.



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- ITEM 2 from Consent Agenda Mutual Aid Fire Fighting Agreement** – Alderman Flores questioned City's liability if not able to attend a fire. Chief Garza told him there was no liability based on that our department is a volunteer fire department. He asked as to who was the responsible department when called out. Chief Garza it would be the department first to arrive. He asked about consumable products who would responsible for expense. He was told it would be each department's responsibility. Each department is responsible for their own expenditures under the agreement there is no reimbursement. Training refers to our members only and agreement is for fire department only. Motion was made by Alderwoman Zambrano to enter into Mutual Aid agreement with Coastal Plain Local Emergency Planning Committee. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Reyes and it carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – N/A

OTHER

A. Reports

- City Staff** – City Secretary told members that notice for 2019-2020 Budget Public hearing had gone out for publication. Budget and tax rate must be approved and passed at our September 16th meeting. **Chief Cano** – reported no changes, numbers on citations are up and are equivalent to area PDs at 398. Allegiance EMT Service has donated a defibrillator to the department and we may be losing another officer. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez expressed his gratitude to Allegiance for the donation.
- Fire Chief Garza** – 4 calls, 2 were cotton bales which brings total to 40 with 19 being out in the county. They collected \$1,113 for MDA and was deposited to bank by MDA personnel.
- Mayor and Council Members – Alderman Flores** recommended that they approve a resolution making it that all contracts be no longer than 1 year at a time so they would be inclusive in the yearly budgets. **Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez** thanked Chief Garza for the collection to the MDA. **Alderwoman Reyes** told members that they had removed the foam from the goal post at the park and cleaned them up. **Alderwoman Zambrano** advised members to look into their emails for updates being sent by TML reference to text messages, cyber training for staff. Now minutes must be made available after September 1, 2019. Need to study contracts, look into paid holidays for employees, possibly looking into Judge's contract and maybe an alternate Judge. **Mayor** – told members he had put a halt to all payments having to do with Somerset Development. Developer wants answers and commitment but if placed on agenda, it may go into executive session. Budget is almost complete but there is \$65,000 deficit which is on employee wages and benefits. We are still making money with Texas Class there was an increase this month of \$2,700. Our next payment for Frost is due October 1 and will need to withdraw the money for payment.



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- 4. City Boards and Commissions** – Mr. Gomez with the 4B told members they are currently focusing on their expenditures. Park Advisory – Mrs. Zambrano told members they are working on the Cheniere Movie night event. Asked if Mr. Kindle's contract was current and was told the it has expired. She told members he would be the one assisting with the movie setup and sound system. Told members of the work load in the office and her experience in trying to get forms sent out to HEB Corporate office with Crystal and how it took 3 hours to accomplish the task. They will soon be writing letters to businesses requesting donations for the children's Christmas bags. Chief Cano suggested that the Council members participate in the Christmas Parade as a whole representing the City.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Zambrano to adjourn meeting at 7:38 p.m. and Alderman Lopez seconded to the motion. It carried with all ayes and 0 nays.

CITY OF GREGORY, TEXAS

Celestino A. Zambrano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Norma S. Garcia, City Secretary