

December 20, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2012 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Barry White
Mayor Pro-Tem: Jack Graham
Council Member: Spencer Street III - absent
Pam Scott
Greg Montgomery
City Manager: Larry Fields
City Secretary: David Maddy
Public Works Director: David Casteel
Police Chief: Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jessica James, Jason Cottongame and Cherry Rushin.

ORDER: Mayor Barry White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the December 06, 2012 regular meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion from Greg Montgomery and a second from Jack Graham.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TAX RESALE DEED FOR THE WEST 20 X 150 FOOT TRACT OF BLOCK 73, BEN HILL ADDITION:

This property was offered for sale by Council action. One bid was received; \$500.00 from Ernest Jackson, Jr. Jack Graham made the motion to accept the bid, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES:

This year's budget provides for the purchase of three (3) police vehicles. Chief Widner requested one sedan, one pick up and one SUV. Follows is the bid from Defender Supply through the Government Purchasing Coop that satisfies all bidding regulations.

2013 Ford Sedan Police Interceptor.....	\$40,541.62
2013 Ford 150 SSV pick up.....	38,276.25
2013 Ford Escape.....	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$98,817.87

The budget approves the purchase of the sedan and pickup and the lease of the SUV. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve the bids, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #999 CLOSING AND ABANDONING ALLEY; SOUTH ONE-HALF TWENTY FIVE FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 20, OLD TOWN:

This alley was dedicated in 1920 and has never been used by the City. The abutting property owners are requesting the closure. Adoption of this ordinance officially closes the alley and makes it available for purchase by the abutting property owners at appraised value. This constituted the first reading. Jack Graham made the motion to approve Ordinance #999, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER SALE OF CLOSED AND ABANDONED ALLEY; SOUTH ONE-HALF TWENTY FIVE FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 20, OLD TOWN:

This item was tabled as the appraisal was not received.

CONSIDER SALE OF 0.592 ACRES OF WEST STREET, AN ABANDONED STREET:

This portion of West Street was previously closed and abandoned by Council action. The 0.592 acres abuts the J & N Feed store property and has been leased to them for several years. The flood buy out has allowed the feed store to remain, so Mr. Figg is eligible to purchase the property for the appraised value. The appraisal was not completed but Council could approve the sale at appraisal at this time so that the purchaser could close before the end of the year for flood insurance purposes. Greg Montgomery made a motion to approve the sale at appraised value plus legal fees, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

David Casteel submitted the Public Works monthly summary for November. The Tackett lift station motors were being repaired. Maintenance was being performed at the Water Plant. Christmas lights were hung on the Square with 1,000 bulbs replaced, dead trees were removed and park plans were submitted to BRA and Corps of Engineers. Larry reported the lake level at 1070.24 or 75% capacity. 1075' is full. Sales tax collections were up 27% over the same period last year and 14% for the year.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Greg Montgomery, a second from Jack Graham and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maddy, City Secretary