

March 7, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz
	Interim Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Christian Sanders, Sarah Lundgren, Thomas Wallner, Jeff Smith, Jimmy McLeroy, Krisa De La Cruz, David Miller, and Toby Reddell.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 were considered. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Darby Brockway seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1082 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1073 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:**

Sharon McFadden informed Council of the details regarding the appropriation amendment request. Lee Boyd made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. Ordinance #1082 was unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE AUDITORIUM BOARD TO USE RESERVE FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW STAGE LIGHTS IF ASSISTANCE IS FOUND FROM OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE OTHER HALF OF THE PROJECT:**

Brandon said the Auditorium Board has been visiting on this concern for the past eighteen (18) months. The request is for a commitment to \$23,000 of reserve funds received from the Bettis fund which is half of the cost. The Auditorium Board plans to approach The Community Foundation for the remainder. Brandon stated that Council has to approve the use of reserve funds and be made aware of their plan to locate the remaining funds needed. Brandon mentioned that the stage lighting system is currently regular lights and will be upgraded to LED lighting. Christian Sanders said the previous lighting was installed in 1986. Brandon said current regular bulbs have an eight hundred (800) hour life span at a cost of \$8 each, if the current bulbs can be located. LED lights burn fifty thousand (50,000) hours and the efficiency upgrade needs to be done. Councilman Darby Brockway confirmed Council is approving up to \$25,000 reserve funds and if the project is substantially more than additional review will be required. Darby Brockway made the motion and Kyle Peavy seconded. Auditorium Board's request was approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEEK THREE (3) BIDS FOR A NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM AT YOUNG COUNTY ARENA AND PRESENT THE EXPENDITURE TO GRAHAM ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (GEIC) FOR APPROVAL:**

Brandon informed Council this is an M & O purchase and the same equipment has been used for twenty (20) years. Sound systems have changed significantly over the years. Brandon said he expects the cost to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and is bringing it to Council for approval. The request is not considered a capital expenditure for the City. The existing sound system is original equipment and it is necessary to replace the system. Brandon said this request provides him the authority to obtain the necessary bids. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve and Brint Albritton made the second. The authorization for the City Manager to seek bids was approved unanimously 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM FAITH CENTER FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THE ANNUAL CARS AND STARS CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019:**

Brandon said the Cars and Stars previous events were successful in past. There were no problems and Brandon said he recommends approval. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Kyle Peavy seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE RUN FOR THE CHILDREN BOARD TO HOLD THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RUN FOR THE CHILDREN 10K/5K/1K ON SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019:**

Brandon referred to the letter of request that included a map of the routes. Interim Police Chief Brent Bullock agreed with the maps being acceptable. Brandon said that Tracey Terasas representing Remembering Wyatt Dale water safety will coincide with this event. Tracey will be submitting her own request for use of the Square. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd seconded, and the request was approved unanimously 4-0.

## REPORTS:

- Assistant Fire Chief Jim Don Laurent presented the 2018 Run Reports for the Fire Department.
- Mayor Blanton mentioned receiving a call regarding buzzards returning to Plum Street. Jason Cottongame said the City must obtain approval from the Game Warden to use a grackle gun that makes a loud noise to scare away the buzzards.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB mentioned the educational trip to Austin on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. She said meetings occurred with the Texas Railroad Commission, Texas Health and Human Services, and the Texas Education Agency. There were twenty seven (27) attendees which is the largest group thus far. Community leaders made an impact and represented Graham well. The Chamber Luncheon is scheduled for March 19, 2019. The luncheon topic will be on seasonal allergies and how to keep work place healthier. Graham Healthcare is sponsoring and Mogurt is catering the luncheon.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson referred to the City Hall Activity Report in the back of packet. He announced that Toni Elliott has been hired as the new Young County Arena Manager. There were two Arena Board members, two GEIC Board members, himself, and Jeff Mercer included in the interview process. The current lake level is 99.3 percent full.

## ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Kyle Peavy, a second from Darby Brockway, the Council meeting was unanimously adjourned.

  
Neal Blanton, Mayor

## ATTEST:

  
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary