

June 7, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30a.m. On Thursday, June 7, 2012 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Jim Helvey, Jessica James, Neal Blanton, Cherry Rushin, Clint Bailey, Chris Weems, Jerry Schultz and Linda Hanson. Minutes taken by Monica Johnston.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Chris Weems addressed the council about local businesses in Graham not getting the opportunity to advertise with billboards and requested the council consider an ordinance change. Clint Bailey of Bailey Auto Plaza accompanied Mr. Weems. Mr. Weems stated that many businesses are being missed while patrons drive down Hwy 380 and Hwy 16 due to lack of knowledge of business locations. Mayor Barry White stated that this had been discussed before but that the council could look at it again. Mayor White asked Mr. Weems to gather information showing where a billboard could be placed under current TXDOT guidelines. Mr. Weems agreed to gather the information requested and present it to the council.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Minutes from the May 24, 2012 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Jack Graham and a second from Greg Montgomery. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE #989 REGULATING PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY ON LOTS 25 AND 26, BLOCK 22, ORIGINAL TOWN.**

City Manager, Larry Fields, states that Carol and Linda Hanson are the preset owners. They currently have tenants at this property and have been having issues with people using their parking. They ask the council to issue an ordinance for "Permit Parking Only". The permit must be displayed in clear view from the right-a-way. A violation will be at the discretion of the city police officer. The property owners will be responsible for the signage. A motion was made by Spencer Street, a second by Greg Montgomery. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDER RESTRICTING OVER NIGHT CAMPING AT FIREMAN'S PARK BY SPECIAL PERMIT ONLY.**

Larry Fields stated that this had been discussed before. He asked the Council to restrict overnight parking at Fireman's Park to permit only. Signage will be put up and permits will be restricted to organizations such as the Boys and Girl Scouts. Mayor Barry White thinks this is a good idea. A motion was made by Jack Graham, a second by Pam Scott. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Barry White Suggested the Council hear reports prior to discussing the next agenda item so that those who wished to leave could do so.

There were no reports given from the City Police, City Fire or GEIC.

Jessica James with CVB stated the Young County Arena will host the KJRA and that the CVB will have a hospitality booth. She invited the Council to come out.

David Casteel, Director of Public Works, stated that the sewer spill cleaned up well and there was no fish kill. Mr. Casteel stated that KGB (Keep Graham Beautiful) was working with the city and that they would be utilizing the prisoners from Breckenridge with the help of a vehicle donated by Davidson's Auto. The work would begin next week and will start with cleaning at Shawnee Creek and then begin the walking trail inside Fireman's Park.

City Manager, Larry Fields stated that the lake level was 1073.93 or 94% capacity. 1075' is full. Mr. Fields stated that the Possum Pedal requested to change the parking restriction previously requested for June 30<sup>th</sup> from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Street due to a parade conflict.

SALT CREEK PARK AND RECREATION PLAN WORKSHOP.

City Manager, Larry Fields, told the council that the Salt Creek Project began in 1990 with the buy- out and is in the final stages with a completion date of this October. Now the park/recreational process will start. Mr. Fields stated that the BRA approached the City of Graham about taking out the Corp of Engineers but the COE is not sure if they can be taken out. Mr. Fields asks the council to approve setting up a meeting with the COE, the Mayor, City Manager, Director of Public Works and Congressman Randy Neugebauer to help facilitate the reaching of a consensus.

David Casteel, Public Works Director, presented the Council with a slide show presentation outlining the Salt Creek Park and Recreation Plan Workshop. The presentation included data compiled from several sources; including results from a public meeting and an on line survey from citizens of Graham. The presentation also included a cost break down for each facility. Following the presentation, there was discussion between the council and David Casteel and Larry Fields on several issues. City Manager, Larry Fields, said that the City needed direction from the council as to what they wanted to pursue. Jack Graham asked the council to develop and estimated cost of maintenance for each facility. Mayor Barry White stated that he wanted to move forward and asked that a meeting with the congressman and all other parties be scheduled. City Manager, Larry Fields, will schedule the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jack Graham, a second from Greg Montgomery and a vote of 5-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

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Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Maddy, City Secretary