

September 13, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 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  
Public Works Director: David Casteel  
Police Chief: Tony Widner-absent  
Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock  
Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: James Jones, Jennifer Conway, Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Neal Blanton, Jessica James and Cherry Rushin.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:  
None

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Minutes from the August 30, 2012 regular meeting were approved 5-0 on a motion from Greg Montgomery and a second from Pam Scott.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER 2012-13 PROPERTY TAX RATE:**

This was the first of two required public hearings to be held prior to officially setting the tax rate. The proposed tax rate is \$0.608468 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate is 2.2¢ less than the present rate of \$0.630527 but is 1.7¢ higher than the effective rate of \$0.590745. Mayor White opened the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. and closed it at 9:33 a.m. as there was no one present to discuss the rate. The next public hearing will be Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in City Hall.

**ORDER FOR ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEGALIZING THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION ONLY:**

The order for election is to place the issue on the November 6, 2012 ballot. The ballot measure will be stated as deciding “for or against the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption” only within the city limits of Graham. The order was approved on a 5-0 vote with a motion from Jack Graham and a second by Greg Montgomery.

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE GRAHAM WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT BOARD:**

This board has always been made up of former mayors. Bruce Street Jr., Doug Stroud and Ed Hinson are nominated for re-appointment. Wayne Christian was nominated to replace George Rogers. The district was created in 1984 to handle the building of the new treatment plant and has jurisdiction within the City limits of Graham. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the nominations, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

Chief Covey reported that the department collected \$4,687 for Muscular Dystrophy and completed 32 business inspections. Jessica said there were 42 vendors, 6 chuck wagons and a lot of volunteers for Western Heritage Days. David Casteel reported that East Street by the hospital is closed for concrete work, The BRA will meet on the buyouts and there was no further information on the Corp of Engineers participation. The USDA paperwork has been completed. He gave Council a monthly summary of all Public Works activities. The August Court report reflects at total of \$27,429 in collections with \$20,049 to the City. Served warrants represented \$5,647 of the

amounts collected. Planning and Zoning held a public hearing on the Comprehensive Master Plan with 23 citizens attending. It was a positive meeting with a lot of public support. It will be on the Sep 25 agenda for adoption and then will be sent to Council for its approval. Larry reported the lake level at 1071.60 or 81% capacity. 1075' is full.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Jack Graham, a second from Spencer Street 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