

January 23, 2020

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Joe Beruta, Randall Dawson, BJ Cook, Tracey Terasas, Tony Ramirez, Jeff Smith, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, and Matt Hughes.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Brandon said that due to a scheduled meeting out of town, he will do his reporting and excuse himself from the remainder of the meeting. Brandon mentioned the back of the Council packet included: City Hall Monthly Activities Report, Utility Service Representative Report, results from the Young Central Appraisal District Election, Code Enforcement Report for 2019, and the Municipal Court Warrants Report for 2019. The lake level is currently 85 percent full. Brandon updated Council on the Parks Grant applied for and anticipates hearing back in March 2020. The Trails Grant application is being reviewed by the Parks Board before the application is submitted. February 14, 2020 is when they postponed what is believed to be final hearing on the wholesale water dispute. We hope it will be resolved. We are awaiting on the end of year numbers on the Water Fund to determine what money we have to work with. Right now we are highly leveraged on the bond payments causing restrictions on proposal to start water projects. The City needs an alternate line to town (previously discussed), needs to consider a stand pipe on Spivey Hill, and replacement of large lines that are aged. Preliminary numbers have been requested from an engineering firm to determine where we stand on moving forward. If water rates stay the same and we create a reserve each year, we could consider starting on water improvement projects. Brandon excused himself to attend a Brazos River Authority (BRA) subcommittee in Abilene.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, December 26, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion and Kyle Peavy seconded. Regular session council meeting minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1093 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE MAYOR AND TWO ALDERMAN, ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND PLACE FOR THE VOTING, ESTABLISHING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTING BY MAIL, ESTABLISHING THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BALLOTS BY MAIL, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Sharon McFadden explained the requirements of Ordinance #1093 and the necessity of having signatures on the Secretary of State Form AW1-2 Order of Election for Municipalities. Lee Boyd made the motion to accept and Kyle Peavy seconded. Ordinance #1093 was unanimously approved 3-0. **NOTE: CHANGED TO FIRST READING**

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, GARBAGE FUND, WATER FUND, AND SEWER FUND AS PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE:

Sharon briefly reviewed details on the financial reports. She informed Council the bond note payments will be reflected on the Water Fund section of the Financial Report in the January 2020 report.

CITY ATTORNEY DAN DE LA CRUZ REQUESTED ENTERING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. HE STATED IT IS RELATED TO AN ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND, GARBAGE FUND, WATER FUND, AND SEWER FUND AS PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE:

Brint Albritton made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the financial reports were unanimously accepted 3-0.

DISCUSS THE SALES TAX REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019 RECEIVED IN JANUARY 2020:

Not an action item on the agenda.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR HER DESIGNEE:

Sharon briefly reviewed the report. She explained how the BRA funds are retained in a Special Fund and transferred as needed. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Kyle Peavy made the second. The Quarterly Investment Report was unanimously accepted 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE RUN FOR THE CHILDREN BOARD TO HOLD THE 15TH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE CHILDREN 10K/5K/1K FUN RUN ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020. MORE DETAILS OF

THE EVENT AND REQUESTED ROAD CLOSURES ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR REQUEST LETTER:

Mayor Blanton referred to the request letter in the packet. He said Spencer Street was a big proponent of the event. Lee Boyd made the motion and Brint Albritton seconded. The request was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS BOARD TO HOLD A WATER SAFETY AWARENESS EVENT ON THE SQUARE MAY 16, 2020 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. FOLLOWING THE RUN FOR THE CHILDREN. MORE DETAILS INCLUDED IN LETTER INCLUDING SET UP ON FRIDAY EVENING MAY 15, 2020:

Mayor Blanton asked Tracey Terasas how many years the event has taken place. Tracey replied, "Seven." Kyle Peavy questioned if the banners were separate for Run for the Children and Remembering Wyatt Dale. Tracey informed Council the banners were together on one banner. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the request. Brint Albritton seconded and the request was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS BOARD TO HOST AN EVENT FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AT LAKE EDDLEMAN PARK ON AUGUST 29, 2020. MORE DETAILS ARE INCLUDED IN THE LETTER INCLUDING A REQUEST TO SET UP ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020 AND RESERVING THE CARETAKERS RV SPOT FOR THE EVENT AS WELL:

Mayor Blanton referred to the request letter in the packet. Tracey Terasas informed Council that the event will be for children with disabilities or catastrophic diseases that normally would not be able to go fishing. The event will include 20 boats with 20 captains to take the children fishing on Lake Eddleman. Tracey said they would like to follow with a family fun event for the rest of the family. Lee Boyd made the motion and Kyle Peavy seconded. The request was unanimously approved 3-0.

REPORTS:

- Graham Economic Development Executive Director Joe Beruta said the Job Fair occurred last night (Wednesday, January 22, 2020). They were pleased with amount of employers that came out and represented with 41 in total. There were 203 people that came through for job-seeking in Young County. The event was held at the Young County Arena. GEIC has a good partnership with the local office of Texas Workforce Solutions, North Central Texas College (NCTC), and Texas Veteran's Commission. 12 percent of the job-seekers were veterans.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB mentioned the Chamber Annual Banquet and the Grammy Awards being held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Dan De La Cruz requested entering into Executive Session to discuss Ordinance #1093 ordering an Election. Mayor Blanton announced the Executive Session and requested everyone exit the Council Chambers.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:22A.M.

TLGC Sec. 551.017 Consultation with Attorney – Discuss Ordinance #1093 Ordering an Election.

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:34 A.M.

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The decision to approve Ordinance #1093 was changed from being approved as a final reading to being approved as the first reading. Council Member Darby Brockway was not present so Ordinance #1093 will require two additional readings.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Brint Albritton, a second from Lee Boyd, the Council meeting was unanimously adjourned.


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary