

April 4, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (recorded minutes), Sandra Helvey, Jeff Smith, Thomas Wallner, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Gary Elrod, Rhonda Dougless, Brock Gibson, Rusty Allen, Amanda Martinez, and James Jones.

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, March 21, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD COMMITTEE, REQUESTING A PERMIT FOR A SMALL PARADE TO HELP CELEBRATE NATIONAL WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD, ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M. (REFER TO DETAILS OF LETTER IN COUNCIL PACKET):

Brandon stated the request was for a permit but in actuality, they are requesting use of the Square for the specified time period. Brandon said this is a great opportunity and encouraged everyone to attend. The parade is schedule to start at 10 a.m. Brandon said it is essentially daycares and most children 4 and under that will march around the Square. Brandon said this is a great event and there will be a Proclamation designating "Blue Day" tomorrow (Friday, April 5, 2019). Brandon recommended approval of the request. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second and the request was approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO HOST THEIR ANNUAL FALL FEST ON OCTOBER 12, 2019 ON THE CITY SQUARE (REFER TO DETAILS OF LETTER IN COUNCIL PACKET):

Brandon said Open Door has always held a Fall Festival near their school. However, they are wanting to move some events to the Square. Open Door is also requesting road closures for a run that is taking place from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Brandon will follow up with Open Door on the conflicting dates of October 11th and October 12th. Brandon requested approval specifically for Saturday, October 12, 2019. If otherwise, then Brandon will represent the request to Council at the next meeting on April 18, 2019. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve. Lee Boyd seconded and request was unanimously approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton announced the Executive Session and requested everyone exit the Council Chambers.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:11 A.M.

TLGC Sec. 551.071 Consultation with Attorney – Discuss status of the grievance filed by wholesale water customers and current state of the complaint with the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:05 A.M.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ANY ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED:

Mayor Blanton announced that taking action was not necessary.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESETTING WHOLESALE WATER RATE USING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE WATER RATE STUDY:

Brandon mentioned that Council received a copy of the water rate study. Brandon recommended the wholesale water rate should be \$5.52 starting at the next billing cycle. Brandon said he intends to bring forth an ordinance at the next Council meeting (April 18, 2019) to reset rate. Darby Brockway made a motion for the City Manager and staff to draw an ordinance for adjusting the wholesale water rate to \$5.52 based on the water rate study by Expergy. Lee Boyd made the second and the motion was unanimously approved 3-0.

REPORTS:

- Interim Police Chief Brent Bullock introduced Pastor Gary Elrod. Mr. Elrod has volunteered to take over the duties of Gary Tull. Due to illness, Mr. Tull is retiring. Pastor Elrod will serve as Chaplain for the Police Department. Pastor Elrod has previous experience serving in Denison.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the new Arena Manager, Toni Elliott, started working on Thursday, March 28, 2019. He plans to bring her to Council in the near future to present her goals for the Arena. The lake level is 99.8 percent full. The gates are up on the streets that Council approved for closure last fall. The gates became effective on April 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary