

May 2, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 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 (absent)
	Interim Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Jeff Smith, Thomas Wallner, Jimmy McLeroy, Sandra Helvey, Lisa Kinkead, David Miller, and Gordon Drake.

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, April 18, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Kyle Peavy seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON FIRST QUARTER OF 2019 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the report. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second and the quarterly investment report was accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1088 DENYING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Brandon Anderson mentioned that Gordon Drake, West Region Customer Operations Area Manager for ONCOR, was present at the meeting. Brandon said rate adjustments are now reviewed by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The last review took place in 2015 and it was for a rate increase. Gordon said this request is related to the April 8, 2019 filing to re-coop distribution costs. Gordon said when the PUC reviews the request in June, if approved, an increase of 68 cents will apply to residential customers. Brint Albritton made motion to pass Ordinance #1088. Darby Brockway seconded and motion passed unanimously 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM KRISA DE LA CRUZ (CEO OF THE CHAMBER AND CVB) FOR "SOUND ON THE SQUARE.":

Brandon said this is a formal request for a contribution by the City. Brandon mentioned the Chamber will be responsible for maintaining the sound system. Lisa Kinkead, Manager of the Chamber, provided details regarding the wiring and placement of the speakers for the new system. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve. Brint Albritton seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

PERSONNEL UPDATES:

Connie Deweber, a resident of Bowie, Texas sent a hand-written letter to Brandon expressing her appreciation of the auditorium's management staff (Mandy Logan and Jerry McDowell). Ms. Deweber stated she worked at the auditorium in conjunction with One-Act-Play contests and was pleased with the facility and the uniqueness the auditorium provides for the youth in Texas.

Brandon informed Council that Street Department Superintendent, Frank Herpeche, is retiring after 29 years and one month of service. Parks Department Superintendent, Jim Helvey, is retiring after 15 years of service. Brandon said Jack Edwards will assume the position of Street Department Superintendent and the Parks Department Superintendent will be promoted from within. Jerry McDowell, Memorial Auditorium Manager, has retired but has returned as a consultant. Jerry will assist in the new lighting transition. Brandon intends to provide a plaque and reception following a future Council meeting to recognize the retirees mentioned.


REPORTS:

- Interim Police Chief Brent Bullock presented the March 2019 Graham Police Department Monthly Activity Report. Brent mentioned narcotics seizures by Officer Lawrence and the effectiveness of the K-9 units. The department is in the process of conducting policy review that was prepared by attorneys. Review and participation will include multiple units within the department. Once approved, then the staff will receive training and become familiar with the policy before the policy is implemented.

- Fire Chief Jerry David informed Council a staff member has left the department. A new member has been hired, is currently in EMT school and then will attend fire school. Last night staff did their first storm watch and will continue to monitor for flooding.
- Lisa Kinkead, Manager of the Chamber, introduced Grant Ingram who has been hired as the new Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Manager. Grant briefly reviewed his employment history with Council.
- David Miller, Assistant Executive Director of Economic Development said the GIA has a partnership for purchasing some commercial property on the Square and will be closing soon.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson referred to three months of Municipal Court reports in the back of the Council packet. The lake level is 100 percent full and lake area residents have reported water a foot over the spillway. Moving of the Civic Clubs from the American Legion Building to North Central Texas College is taking place today and clubs will begin meeting there next week. Jason Cottongame is currently tending to a water leak at the Crisis Center and Food Bank building. OPOMAC will be having a Derby Day on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Farmer's Market will be open at the Old Ag Barn on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Brandon said the building on Fourth Street has received many complaints. The City is nearing the expiration of the required waiting period and intends to take action in cleaning the lot.

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