

July 12, 2018

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 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
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Jimmy McLeroy, David Miller, Krisa De La Cruz, Claudia Sanchez, Alvert Hernandez, Thomas Wallner, Stephanie Campbell, and Chris Blanton.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Darby Brockway identified an error in the minutes of the June 28, 2018 Regular Session Council Meeting. Darby recommended "CONSIDER AND ACT ON YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET" section that the word "increasing" be corrected to read "decreasing." Darby made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Lee Boyd made the second motion and the minutes were approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A BUDGET AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED TO ADDRESS THE NEED TO SHIFT MONEY IN WATER MAINTENANCE AND STREETS DEPARTMENT:

Brandon said the City has two Vermeer vactrons machines that are used daily. One is used for water, the other for sewer, and cannot be used for both. The new vactron has already been purchased and Brandon was informed after the last Council agenda was posted. Brandon requested to pay for the vactron from water revenue. There is excess revenue in water and he hopes to generate additional excess revenue in the future to create a new department for water and sewer line replacement. The purchase needs to be approved. Brandon requested a change in Street department budget of \$10,000 to purchase 8 fans to keep the shop cooler. \$3,500 will be moved from Hauling/Transportation, \$5,000 from Equipment Repairs, and \$1,500 from Streets, Alleys and Grounds. Brandon said the shop was 102 degrees and the equipment was 109 degrees. The Mayor mentioned he has been in the heat of the building and supported the need for the fans. Kyle Peavy made the first motion, Brint Albritton made the second, and the budget amendment was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1071 SUSPENDING THE 2018 RATE CASE FILING OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC. FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS AND DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE A 90 DAY SUSPENSION ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL 35 DAY REVIEW PERIOD OF THE 2018 CASE FILING:

Brandon mentioned the Oncor recent rate case filing. Brandon said there are tax implications affecting their revenue stream and referred to the data in the council packet. There is a base rate increase of \$6.03 which equates to about a 25 percent increase. Brandon said Weatherford and other communities are also concerned with the rate increase and recommended the suspension to give the City an opportunity to possibly negotiate. The Mayor said the gas rates are determined by the Railroad Commission and he also recommended the suspension. Brandon said the City has an extended franchise agreement with One Gas. Brint Albritton requested a map of coverage for One Gas. Darby Brockway questioned when the last rate review occurred. The suspension was unanimously approved with a motion from Kyle Peavy and a second by Lee Boyd.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM CHURCH OF GOD OF THE FIRSTBORN TO CLOSE THE INTERIOR STREET AROUND THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE ON JULY 21, 2018 FROM 12-8 FOR A FESTIVAL/CONCERT FOR THE COMMUNITY:

Ms. Claudia Sanchez apologized to Council for previous years in using the area without submitting a request to Council for use. Ms. Sanchez mentioned the success of the previously held events and guests attending from other states. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve and Brint Albritton made the second. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tony Widner reviewed the Police Department's May 2018 Monthly Activity Report. He mentioned the City is experiencing an increase in neighborhood vandalism.
- CEO of the Chamber and CVB, Krisa De La Cruz said the Graham Independent School District Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for August 9, 2018. The Chamber is still accepting sponsors and volunteers.

- Brandon requested the cancellation of the next council meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018. The Council and Mayor agreed to the cancellation. Brandon said the final budget calendar is in the Council packet. All agreed the budget meeting would occur at City Hall on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Brandon mentioned the next budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. Brandon said we do not have the appraisals for the upcoming budget meeting. He was informed that the appraisal district did not foresee many changes. Brandon said the budget meeting for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 will be posted on Friday, July 13, 2018. The lake level is 87 percent full. Brandon mentioned when the lake decreases to 65 percent, the City initiates the drought plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Neal Blanton, Mayor**ATTEST:**

Sharon McFadden, City Secretary