

January 10, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 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 (absent)
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz
	Police Chief:	Vacant
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (recording of minutes), Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Sarah Lundgren, Jenea Knight, David Miller, Chris Watson, Thomas Wallner, and Jeff Smith.

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, December 13, 2018 were approved. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE JANUARY 2019 SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Brandon Anderson said staff are still working on the refuse ledgers that reflect \$66,000 negative. The City ended last year \$200,000 negative. Brandon stated the administration fee should be offsetting the negative numbers in refuse. The ladder truck purchase in the fire department eschewed the numbers. Ad Valorem taxes are depositing into the general fund so it will continue to grow. Brandon said our cash balance is not good. The sales tax report will be presented at the next meeting since Comptroller numbers are being released tomorrow (Friday, January 11, 2019). Brint Albritton made the motion to approve. Lee Boyd seconded and the financial report was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM GRAHAM CVB FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THE ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP OF TEXAS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2019:

Brandon said the CVB is submitting to make sure the weekend is held but will be required to submit formal plans for the event. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the CVB request. Brint Albritton made the second motion. The request was approved unanimously 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROPOSAL FROM ENERGY BY 5 REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS WATSON FOR FUTURE ELECTRIC PRICING:

Chris Watson presented the background of the company and explained operational functions of Energy by 5. The company monitors the electricity market for opportunities through proactive procurement. Energy by 5 specializes in wholesale electricity and consistently observes trends in the market, Brandon recommended a 79 month contract with signatory authorization for the City Manager. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve. Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM:

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

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:30 A.M.

Local Government Code Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Discuss posting plans for the Chief of Police and discuss making a formal appointment of Interim Chief.

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:02 A.M.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lee Boyd made the motion to accept the appointment of Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock as Interim Police Chief. Brint Albritton made the second and the appointment was unanimously accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER PROVIDING DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER FOR POSTING JOB LISTING FOR CHIEF OF POLICE:


Darby Brockway made a motion to create a subcommittee including the Mayor, City Manager, and Councilman Kyle Peavy. The subcommittee is to conduct a job search, post advertising, and update Council on progress. The subcommittee was seconded by Lee Boyd and unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

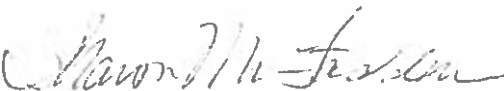
- Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock reviewed the November 2018 Monthly Police Department Report.
- Fire Chief Jerry David informed Council of two recent structure fires. The new ladder truck was successfully deployed on a first run.
- Assistant Executive Director of Economic Development, David Miller, said a new business named Mogurt is opening within the next week on Fourth Street.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the lake level is 100 percent full. Sarah Lundgren is doing a good job with the City's Facebook page. The closure of West Street process was updated by Jason Cottongame. Brandon said the rain and wet conditions are preventing efficient repair of pot holes. When dry weather occurs, the City will begin filling the pot holes.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary