

October 20, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016 with the following members present:

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Mayor:</b>	Jack Graham
	<b>Mayor Pro-Tem:</b>	Darby Brockway
	<b>Council Member</b>	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy - absent
	<b>City Manager:</b>	Brandon Anderson
	<b>City Secretary:</b>	Sharon McFadden
	<b>Police Chief:</b>	Tony Widner
	<b>Assistant Police Chief:</b>	Brent Bullock
	<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Jerry David

**VISITORS:** Thomas Wallner, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Jenea Knight, and Diana Theall.

**ORDER:** Mayor Jack Graham called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the October 6, 2016 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Darby Brockway making the motion and Brint Albritton making the second.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIAL REPORTS AND SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:**

Sharon McFadden provided an overview for September 2016 end of fiscal year reports. Sharon presented the Sales Tax report for October 2016 that included August 2016 collections. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and financials were unanimously approved.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON VARIANCE TO EXCEED MAXIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR ACCESSORY BUILDING TO BE LOCATED AT 1110 PLUM STREET:**

Brandon Anderson stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee has already reviewed and approved the variance request. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second, and variance was approved unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO CLOSE CHERRY STREET BETWEEN 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> STREETS ON OCTOBER 31, 2016 FROM 3-9 P.M. TO PROVIDE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT:**

Brandon Anderson said it is an annual event. There is a traffic concern and the church is seeking closure for safety reasons. Police Chief Tony Widner agreed with the street closure request. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the street closure request, Darby Brockway made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

- Police Chief Tony Widner provided a copy of the Monthly Activity Report for September 2016. Tony stated the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) now has Sargent Christopher Denny who has moved from patrol. Chief Widner said Sargent Denny has done a tremendous job in removing the back log and presently the case level is the lowest in history of the Chief's tenure with the Graham Police Department. Chief Widner said Patrol is very busy. Bud Bumpus has resigned and there are several pending retirements resulting in the Police Department being 4 officers short for a while.
- Fire Chief Jerry David said the Grant paperwork has been sent off and is working on bids.
- Diana Theall, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, has been hospitalized and her baby is scheduled to be born today. Diana said the Holiday Shopping Spree kicks off next week. Diana mentioned the Salt Creek Outdoor business after hours from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday night, October 27, 2016. Diana said the Christmas Stroll and Parade with the theme "It's a Wonderful Life" is scheduled for December 1, 2016. The movie "It's a Wonderful Life" will be shown at the Downtown Square on the evening of December 2, 2016 and the students of Graham Junior High School will be participating in a Hot Chocolate contest. Diana said Jenea Knight, CVB Manager, is reserving an Ice Slide that will be free of charge for the Christmas events.
- Jenea Knight, CVB Manager, said Friday, October 21, 2016 will be Education Day at Fort Belknap for school students. Jenea said events open to the public at Fort Belknap will begin at 9 a.m. and lasting all day on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Jenea mentioned that the Young County Arena is hosting the Kids Junior Rodeo Association on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

- Brandon Anderson said the City received notification from Progressive in August 2016 on garbage rate adjustments based on a .87% CPI change.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



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John Chiles Graham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sharon McFadden, City Secretary