

December 03, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 03, 2015 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Spencer Street III
 Council Member: Brint Albritton
 Darby Brockway
 Lee Boyd
 City Manager: Brandon Anderson
 City Secretary: David Maddy
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock - absent
 Fire Chief: Jerry David- absent

VISITORS: Kent Pettus, Tracey Terasas , John C. Bullock, Larry Novak, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jennifer Conway, Jason Cottongame, Sue Argobright and Carla McKeown.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

Mayor Graham read a letter from Graham FFA Ag Issues Team members expressing appreciation for being allowed to make their presentation to Council at the previous meeting. The group has advanced to state level competition.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the November 19, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1045 MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS TO RESIDE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF PREMISES WHERE CHILDREN GATHER; PROHIBITING PROPERTY OWNERS FROM RENTING REAL PROPERTY TO CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS FROM ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES:

The Ordinance would give more control to the City to ensure consistency and oversight of offenders in situations not covered under the law. Kent Pettus addressed Council to say that he thought the state law should be sufficient enough and the proposed ordinance was too general. The Mayor said the point is to keep Graham from being an attractive place for offenders to live. Mr. Pettus prepared comments on the ordinance and handed them to Council. A few of the points he made were:

1. Section 1-3 references "potential" predators and should have clarification or be removed.
2. The needs to be a clarification on the term of semi-private swimming pools.
3. He asked about churches that provide child care, wondering if the City can prohibit offenders from attending church services.
4. He thought Fireman's Park should perhaps be exempted thinking that children are well supervised there. Council disagreed with this point.
5. Referring to 4-1, he asked what due diligence is expected of property owners and feels that owners need specifics to follow. Council said that owners need to check the data base, police and sheriff's department for registered offenders.
6. He referred to Galveston's ordinance on this topic as a good one if an ordinance was deemed necessary. Council said they would read it.

Brandon Anderson said that Ordinance #1045 is a starting place for any decision. Action was deferred.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSAL FROM GRAHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SKID UNIT WITH 90/10 GRANT:

This is grant up to \$20,000+ from the Forestry Service. The quote for \$20,296.39 included in the Council agenda was the least expensive and met all specifications. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS BOARD:

Tracey Terasas asked to place signs in the Lake Eddleman and Lake Graham areas to promote the use of life jackets as well as providing training on the importance of water safety on the area lakes. The size and materials have not been decided, but will work with the City. The City will offer assistance with its sign maker but other than that there should be no cost to the City. Darby Brockway made the motion to grant the request, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON SALES TAX REPORT:

The November report was included in the Council packets. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

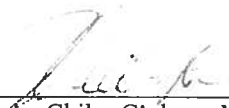
The October Police Report was presented. It was noted that this was the last Council meeting that Jennifer Conway will attend before she resigns and moves. Council thanked her for her service and wished her well. Jennifer said the skating rink would be set up later in the day and reminded everyone that the stroll and lighted parade would be this evening. Reports from Code Enforcement and the Municipal Court were included in the Council packets.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 1075.74 or 100% capacity; 1075' is full. The City utility billing department experienced major issues with the water meter registers and staff is reviewing options which will be presented to Council the next meeting.

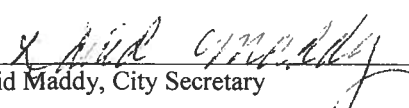
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary