

February 22, 2018

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, and James Budarf.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 8, 2018 Regular Session Council Meeting were approved unanimously with Brint Albritton making the motion and Lee Boyd making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1068 ANNEXING TERRITORY, SPECIFICALLY BLOCK 600, JR TANNER A0276, 5.9450 ACRES (101 FAWN TRAIL) AND BLOCK 700, JR TANNER A 2076, 4.260 ACRES (105 FAWN TRAIL), EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM, GRANTING INHABITANTS TO ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS IN GRAHAM AND BINDING INHABITANTS TO ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM, AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN:

Brandon Anderson mentioned the two previous public hearings regarding this annexation. No negative comments have been made from the residents or the public. Brandon said this is the last formal action for this annexation. Kyle Peavy made the motion, Darby Brockway made the second, and Ordinance #1068 was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CAPITAL ITEMS AS BUDGETED THROUGH A CAPITAL LOAN WITH INTERBANK:

Brandon said the capital purchases amount has decreased from previous years and was approved by Council in the budget process this year. Interbank requires documented approval from the Council. The total is \$125,500 and includes an ATV for the Arena, a Tahoe for the Police Department, two mowers for the Parks Department, and one truck for the Public Works Department. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and the Capital Loan with Interbank was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM JIM BUDARF TO CONSIDER A FIFTEEN (15) YEAR LEASE FOR LAND LEASE AT THE GRAHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

Brandon referred to the Council packet for the current five (5) year lease contract. Brandon said one instance in the past, the Council did approve a ten (10) year lease for a similar situation. Mr. Budarf is requesting a fifteen (15) year lease in order to obtain financing for hanger #117. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request as a one-time exception for financing purposes. Kyle Peavy made the second motion and the one-time financing exception for a fifteen (15) year lease was unanimously approved.

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

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the January 2018 financial reports and the February 2018 sales tax report. Brandon mentioned the cash account is positive this time during the year as a result of our ad valorem tax dollars. Sharon verified bond loan payments for February 2018 have been made. Brandon said the sales tax numbers reflect Graham experiencing higher sales during the month of December. Kyle expressed his concern regarding the lack of revenue for the Arena. Brandon explained additional required equipment purchased for the Arena. The Arena annual deficit contribution by Graham Economic Improvement Corporation (GEIC) was briefly discussed. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and the financial reports and sales tax report were unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM RUN FOR THE CHILDREN BOARD TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL 10K, 5K AND FUN RUN ON SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018. THEY ARE REQUESTING USE OF THE SQUARE, CERTAIN STREETS AS LISTED IN REQUEST TO BE BLOCKED OFF AND ASSISTANCE FROM POLICE AND FIRE TO HELP SECURE THE APPROVED RACE ROUTE THROUGH GRAHAM:

Brandon referred to the request letter and route maps in the Council packet. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the request. Darby Brockway made the second and the Run for the Children race routes were unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tony Widner mentioned that during the ice storm on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, there were no traffic accidents and he gave credit to the Street Department staff.
- Fire Chief Jerry David said five structure fires have occurred in the past two and a half weeks. Three of the fires were in the County and deemed total losses. A fire on Carolina Street burned the attic, roof, and ceiling but the remainder of the structure remained but ruined. The man that reportedly jumped from the second story apartment on Indiana remains in the hospital but is progressing toward recovery.
- Public Works Director Jason Cottongame said the first attempt at a trial for the Rotary Club Duck Race was a failure and work will continue to get it right.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said trash service will be delayed and running behind due to the inclement weather. He praised the city, county, and state crews for working hard to make roads safe for travel. The lake level is currently 93.6 percent full.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary