

February 25, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016 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 - absent
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock - absent
 Fire Chief: Jerry David

VISITORS: Debbie Robertson, James D. Reeves, Kim Birdwell, Mike Elmore, Patricia Franklin, Jennifer Shields, Kathy Martin, Shelly Hale, Knox Bishop, Mark B., Sarah L., David Proctor, Tammy Morrison, Beverly Smith, Robert Coleman, Roy Pitcock, Dan De LaCruz, Glenn McGee, Fr. Ron Moore, Neal Blanton, Larry Novak, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey, Sue Argabright, Jenea Knight, Krisa De La Cruz and Thomas Walner.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:
 None

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the February 11, 2016 regular meeting were approved 3-0 (one member arrived late). Spencer Street made the motion to approve the minutes and Lee Boyd made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA (SECOND READING)

The GEIC is considering capital expenditures at the arena that would not be considered as maintenance and operations. These include around 35 RV hookups and 100 stalls as well as a fence to secure the facility and livestock. Costs would be approved up to \$150,000 and require a 90 day waiting period after approval. The RV hookups will be west of the Arena. The City is extending the sewer line. Improvements should result in larger events. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the request, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON TAX RESALE DEED BID FOR CITY TRUSTEE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 920 TEXAS:

Staff recommended approval to get property back on tax rolls. The bid was for \$1,200 from Dennis Wicks of Benbrook, TX. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the bid, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1048 APPOINTING A RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS. (FINAL READING):

The ordinance is needed in order to comply with the Local Government Code requiring designation of a records management officer for the City and to provide a document retainage schedule. The City Secretary will be responsible for this duty. Approval was recommended by staff. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the ordinance, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

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

David Maddy presented the reports noting that the budget cuts were reflected in the General Fund statement. Sales taxes continue to be down and he reported on a letter received from the Texas Comptroller stating that a business had filed an amended December return resulting in Graham being overpaid by \$59,782.24. A reimbursement is due back to the state. Additional information on the situation has been requested and will be reported upon receipt. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the January 2016 financials as presented, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CVB REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM ORDINANCE #540, POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY SQUARE DURING FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT. (FIRST READING) (TABLED AT LAST MEETING):

Information offered during last year's variance request was included in the Council packets. Mayor Graham noted that a RFP would be issued for a vender if the variance passes. The floor was opened to comments from the public.

Mike Elmore said that last year's event was a success. This issue is a variance and not a change in law. There were no incidents last year and the tax dollars are needed by the City. He said in response to last week's expressed concerns about children being present that there are so many other places and situations that they are already being exposed to alcohol consumption that this one occurrence should not be an issue. Knox Bishop questioned if a cost/benefit analysis was done for last year. Mayor Graham said there were no direct dollars for the City. Bishop questioned if the receipts would be enough to offset security costs and commented that any sales would be for the benefit of visitors only. Kathy Martin said she would like to have a choice of whether or not to drink at the event and asked if the City knew what the beverage taxes to

the City were after the event. Jennifer Shields said she supported getting more people and tax dollars into Graham. Shelly Hale said she has a business on the Square, business is down and is for anything that brings people in to town. Fr. Ron Moore suggested not granting the variance this year and compare results to last year. David Proctor said he lives next to the Square and noted no problems last year and supports the event and alcohol sales during the event. Tammy Morrison and Beverly Smith are business owners and were part of the Wildcatter that had the wine and beer sales last year. They said there were no incidents and had positive feedback from attendees. Spencer Street said he was concerned about the precedent that would be set in granting the variance, not only for this event but others as well as all types of variances in the future. Darby Brockway said that Council always considers each request on its own merits and did not think Council would have any problem denying a variance in the future. Mayor Graham said he supported the variance and Lee Boyd said he would like to see more statistical data. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the variance, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-1.

REPORTS:

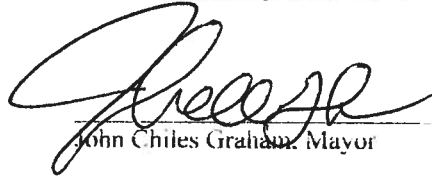
Mayor Graham reminded attendees about the dedication of historical marker at Shawnee Park on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

City Manager Report

Clean up week is scheduled for April 2-10. Guidelines were printed and handed out at the meeting. The lake is at 1075.05' or 100% capacity: 1075' is full. Brandon noted that the American Legion building had been made available to the friends and family of Rebecca Beale for her reception when she won the national kids baking competition on the Food Network. He also noted that Creed Jordan had the champion Hampshire pig at the livestock show.


ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway and a vote of 3-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary