

February 26, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Pam Scott
 Council Member: Spencer Street III
 Brint Albritton
 Darby Brockway
 City Manager: David Casteel
 City Secretary: David Maddy (absent)
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden (record minutes)
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: Don Dorsey, Robbie Roberts, Brad Boyett, Blane Stengle, Bruce Street, Dawna Gage, Guy Gage, Neal Blanton, Jimmy McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jerry David, Randall Dawson, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Jim Helvey, Jason Cottongame and Bryan Rash.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Dawna and Guy Gage representing the Graham Soccer Association (GSA) requested consideration for funding assistance for maintenance of soccer fields. The GSA claims poor field conditions resulted in fewer participants in previous season and inability to host soccer events with other local communities. Ms. Gage stated the organization has gone through reorganization and now has a Board in place.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the January 29, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve minutes and Darby Brockway made the second motion.

CONSIDER FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2015:

David Maddy was absent, David Casteel recommended to defer financial reports to next month. Mayor Jack Graham agreed to deferment.

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH IDIQ FOR REPLACING AND UPGRADING LIGHTING IN CITY OWNED AND OPERATED FACILITIES:

In the previous meeting, Council authorized staff to work with Basic IDIQ to examine lighting in city facilities and determine if there would be significant energy cost savings by conversion to newer light emitting devices. In a subsequent meeting Basic IDIQ presented their findings and a proposal for replacement of lighting. Staff was instructed to check the references of Basic IDIQ. All references were checked out by Jason Cottongame and all had excellent things to say about the company and the quality of their work. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the agreement of the 60 month contract. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS OF TEXAS, INC. FOR REMOVAL OF WASTE WITH INCLUSION OF ACTIVE RECYCLING:

In previous meetings dating back over a year, the council and staff have discussed improving the recycling program in Graham. In previous meetings the framework for an agreement with Progressive Waste was discussed and examined which provides for curb side recycling at each residence at no added cost to the resident. The council voted to implement this approach. Staff and Progressive Waste have negotiated a contract. The highlights of this contract include all of the discussed items from previous meetings. These include:

- Curbside recycling at each residence at no added cost to the home owner. This is for the residents of the City and those residing on leased lots at Lake Graham
- Provisions for the Waste Company to move the carts for those with physical challenges for City residents and those residing on lots leased from the City at Lake Graham
- Once per month curbside bulk item pick-up
- The ability for rural residents within a ten mile radius of the city to access refuse collection through the city contract at fixed pre-negotiated price.
- Vehicles used on city collection will be newer models and in good condition.

Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the agreement with recycling inclusion. Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A STOP CONDITION ON EAST STREET AT FOURTH STREET:

Changes in traffic patterns have negated the need for a traffic light at the intersection of East and Fourth Street. Staff recommended replacement of the traffic light with Stop signs on East Street. Similar changes were done at Fourth and Virginia in prior years. Spencer Street stated the 2 way stop would increase safety. Pam Scott made the motion to approve. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH JACOBS AND MARTIN TO DEVELOP CONNECTIONS BETWEEN KINLEY PARK AND THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR WELL SUPPLIED WATER:

In a previous meeting staff was authorized to proceed with design of a system to transport water collected from wells to the water treatment plant. Jacobs and Martin produced a scope and contract for such work. The estimated cost is \$180,000 and includes design and construction oversight. Spencer Street made the motion to approve to the contract. Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 1036 AMENDING THE BUDGET TO REDUCE GENERAL REVENUE BUDGETS:

In a previous meeting, staff discussed sales tax revenue coming in below expectations and proposed budget reductions arrived in conjunction with department heads. This Ordinance Authorizes changes to the budget. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Ordinance 1036 budget amendment. Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING FINAL SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATER LINES AND STREET REPAIR ON TEXAS STREET FROM OLD JACKSBORO ROAD TO SECOND STREET:

In a previous meeting, the council discussed submission of a grant application for community block grant funds for a project on Texas Street. A favorable vote would authorize the mayor to sign the final application. Pam Scott made the motion to approve application submission. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE HOLDING OF A JOINT ELECTION:

If there is a contested City Council race and an election is required this agreement would allow the city and school elections to be held as a joint election. Pam Scott made the motion for entering into agreement. Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE YOUNG COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE TO CONDUCT A MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

If there is a contested City Council race and an election is required this agreement would authorize the Young County Elections Office to conduct the election at a cost of \$5000. Pam Scott made the motion to enter into contract. Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STARS AND CARS TO HOST A CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW ON THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE:

Martha Floyd, Chair of the Stars and Cars Show has submitted a request to hold the event on April 11, 2015 from 7 am to 6 pm on the downtown square. Pam Scott made the motion to approve. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT AS IT RELATES TO WIND, OIL, GAS AND OTHER COMMODITIES:

Former State Representative David Swinford as requested the passage of a resolution to protect the Texas Economic Development Act. Neal Blanton states that the Texas Economic Development Council recommends this action. Staff declined to make a recommendation on political issues. Brint Albritton made a motion to approve. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR WATER USE IN STAGE 4:

Variance Requests have been received from several companies and entities:

- Johnny Appleseed requests a variance on time only to water plants at businesses under contract.
- Several businesses, such as banks, have requested a variance for time only to water plants. They do not have people working during the 7-8pm hour.
- Classic Car Wash (Todd Foust and Stuart Heighten) on SH 16 South requests variance to stay open. The business recycles water and has replaced nozzles to save water.
- Tom Pierce requests variance of two car washes on Indiana and Cliff Drive to stay open. They recycle water and have use water saving nozzles and have changed practices to conserve water while cleaning the car wash.
- The Wash House (Mel Ulrich) requests variance to stay open. The operation recycles water, has reduced irrigation and changed other operations to conserve water.
- The School District and Youth Sports Organizations have requested variances to water grass on playing fields to prevent injuries to participants.

A motion for a 30 day extension on businesses motion was made by Darby Brockway. Pam Scott made the second and motion was passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE WATER PLANT PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT OF A RAG SCREEN AT THE SEWER PLANT:

A TCEQ inspection revealed the need for an address of the head works (rag machine) at the sewer plant. This item was included in budget discussions earlier in the fiscal year. The consultant preparing the plans has discussed the placement with the contractor constructing the water plant project. The consultant recommends a change order to the water plant project to add the placement of the rag machine at the sewer

plant to the existing contract. The negotiated price is considered very reasonable by the consultant. It is higher than budgeted due to the fact that the budgeted amount did not include a conveyor to place the rags in a disposal bin as is required. The change order is proposed for \$243,415.00. The budget amount was \$160,000. The budget also included \$250,000 for lift station improvements. Staff recommends executing the change order to implement the head works project in a time frame acceptable to TCEQ and to defer the lift station improvements. Pam Scott made the motion for change order. Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING A MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ON THE SEWER PLANT ROAD PROPERTY:

Jeremy Morse has made a proposal to design and assist the city in constructing a mountain bike trail system on the sewer plant road property. Mr. Morse is an experienced mountain biker who has won many awards. He has assisted in designing such trail systems in the Dallas area. Mr. Morse and his father-in-law, local citizen and biker Steve Bristow walked the entire property and met with staff and Chamber staff. Mr. Morse feels the property is ideal for mountain bike use and that it will be a very popular attraction for local riders and riders from the metroplex area. Mr. Morse's proposal is for \$14,290 to design and assist city crew in construction of the trail system.

A recent investigation and study of the area for potential use as an ATV park revealed strong citizen support for public use of the land. A Mountain bike system could also be used by hikers and horse riders. Mayor Jack Graham and council agreed deferring item.

REPORTS:

David Casteel reported the lake level at 1064.20'

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO THE INTERIM AND FULL TIME FILLING OF THE CITY MANAGER:

No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE INTERIM AND FULL TIME FILLING OF THE CITY MANAGER POSITION:

No action was taken.


ADJOURNMENT:

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



 John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



 David Maddy, City Secretary