

February 6, 2020

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 with the following members present:

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| MEMBERS: | Mayor: | Neal Blanton |
| | Mayor Pro-Tem: | Darby Brockway |
| | Council Member: | Brint Albritton |
| | | Lee Boyd |
| | | Kyle Peavy |
| | City Manager: | Brandon Anderson |
| | City Secretary: | Sharon McFadden |
| | City Attorney: | Dan De La Cruz |
| | Municipal Judge: | Teresa Bishop (absent) |
| | Police Chief: | Brent Bullock (absent) |
| | Fire Chief: | Jerry David |
| | Assistant Fire Chief: | Jim Don Laurent (absent) |

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Randall Dawson, BJ Cook, Mary Odom, Jeff Smith, Karibe Dixon, and Jack Edwards.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion and Lee Boyd seconded. Regular session council meeting minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1093 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE (1) MAYOR AND TWO (2) ALDERMAN, ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND PLACE FOR THE VOTING, ESTABLISHING APPLICATIONS FOR VOTING BY MAIL, ESTABLISHING THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BALLOTS BY MAIL, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SECOND READING):

Mayor Blanton said a unanimous vote is required and the last meeting (January 23, 2020) Darby was sick. Three (3) readings are required unless a unanimous vote to approve the ordinance is obtained. Kyle Peavy made the first motion and Darby Brockway seconded. Ordinance #1093 Ordering an Election was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM JONI STREET FOR CONSIDERATION OF LEASING LAND ADJOINING HER NEW PROPERTY A 000 QUAIL RIDGE LANE (DETAILS IN REQUEST):

Brandon said the property is at Hot Point Loop that is an undeveloped designated road. The area is open to the public and people like to "mud" vehicles causing damage to the area. In addition, there are many issues of dumping and illegal camping. Brandon said Code Enforcement Officer BJ Cook can attest to issues. Around Lake Eddleman there are no leases with the exception of the commercial leases that has been recently reworked. Commercial lease for the Crappie House was changed to enclose the road into that lease along with extra land to allow that gentleman to put in a couple of RV hook ups. In return, he is going to help safe guard that end of Hot Point Loop area so the City does not get ingress and egress into that area to avoid destruction or illegal dumping. Joni has bought that property and Brandon has visited with Chance Condron. Brandon asked that Joni put her request in writing for presentation to Council. What she would like to do is get a survey at her expense. Brandon believes it is approximately fifteen (15) acres. Joni would like to enter into an Agriculture Lease for the rest of the property (15 acres) that adjoins her property and there is currently a fence around it. Her request includes removing trash and debris. Chance said they intend to install a solid fence and shore up the entrance on the other end of Hot Point Loop. Then the property will be safe guarded so no one would be able to access the Hot Point Loop area. Brandon said lots in this area (like Lake Graham) are not suitable for leasing due to the size. Brandon stated that City Attorney Dan De La Cruz has reviewed the lease and recommends a five (5) year lease with an Evergreen clause included that provides both parties the ability to get out. Joni's letter states if the property is ever sold she would like to be given the chance of first right of refusal and if she has a lease in effect (according to Dan) then she will have that ability anyway. Mayor Blanton asked, "If the City decides to sell the property we wouldn't have to put it up for bids." Dan said, "Technically she has the first right of refusal under the current statute that any property we own if we sell it, it has to be sold to the lease holder if they want it." Lee Boyd asked if the lease goes to the shore line. Brandon said it does. Kyle Peavy disclosed he had a conflict of interest in this request and will be abstaining from voting. Lee Boyd made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. The lease request was approved 3-0. Kyle Peavy abstained from the vote.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM GRAHAM ROTARY CLUB FOR USE OF FIREMAN'S PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL DUCK DERBY ON APRIL 17-18, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST):

Mayor Blanton said this is the third annual derby and is a sponsored event with plenty activities. Brandon said it is a good use of Fireman's Park and hopefully it will continue to grow. Brandon added that the Rotary Club would also like to use the old agriculture barn too. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO RESERVE THE SQUARE TO HOST THEIR ANNUAL FALL FEST ON OCTOBER 10, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST):

Brandon said he should have added October 9, 2020 since they have a few events. He mentioned the 1k family run walk at 10:30 a.m. on October 9, 2020. Brandon said the event brings people to the square. Brandon complimented the event staff for working well with City staff on the road closures in prior events and the event is well prepared for. Brint Albritton made the first motion with Darby Brockway providing the second motion. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM FAITH CENTER TO USE THE SQUARE FOR THEIR ANNUAL CARS

AND STARS CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST):

Brandon said there have been changes the last couple of years. The event has always occurred in April. The event last year was planned for April but was cancelled due to the weather then rescheduled to August. Faith Center staff was presently surprised with how good the turnout was. Brandon said this year they have decided the July 31 and August 1, 2020 time frame. Brandon mentioned there will be additional requests added in the future for this event. This request is specifically for use of the square. Last year the City assisted with a "burn-out" competition which went well. The "burn-out" is not discussed in this request but may be considered at a later time. Brandon said the "Cars and Stars" request is for July 31 and August 1, 2020. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Mary Odom, Police Officer/Records Supervisor, provided Council with the Graham Police Department 2019 Yearly Report. The report included crimes, drug seizures, and racial profiling. Brandon said Mary was presenting due to Police Chief Brent Bullock attending a school this week in Huntsville, Texas. Kyle Peavy mentioned the significant increase in drug seizures from 2018 to 2019. Detective Jeff Smith stated there is no separation of numbers between the K9 (canine) units and Police Officers on drug seizures. Jeff said there is one K9 unit actively working and next week a new secondary canine will be selected. Brandon said one canine got into an aggressive state and was returned to U.S. Canine. The City is currently in negotiation to obtain a replacement canine. Brandon mentioned the decrease in family violence assaults. Mayor Blanton thanked the department for their report.
- Public Works Director Randall Dawson said on Plum Street and Cherry Street there is a gas line in the waterway that is exposed. The gas line is being relocated to the front of those residences.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson mentioned the Municipal Court Warrants Report, Code Enforcement Report, and the Lake Level Report (at 85.2 percent) in the back section of the Council packet. Brandon said he received several phone calls regarding City staff. We were closed but Public Works spent the day salting and cleaning some areas. Brandon said inclines are always addressed prior to Spivey Hill, Pine Tree Drive we try to keep those salted and sanded. Have been working on those quite a bit. Two people called and said the City crews were doing a good job. Brandon told Street/Maintenance Supervisor Jack Edwards he appreciated what he and his crews did and to tell the crews they are appreciated. Brandon said Graham Independent School District (GISD) is closed today (Thursday, February 6, 2019) and Young County will be opening at 10:00 a.m. Brandon told Council the doors for the new City Hall have been delivered but not installed. He anticipates the move at the end of February or first of March 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary