

March 21, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton (absent)
	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
	Interim Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Christian Sanders, Sarah Lundgren, Thomas Wallner, Jeff Smith, and Jimmy McLeroy.

ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Darby Brockway 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, March 7, 2019 were considered. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FEBRUARY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND THE MARCH 2019 SALES TAX REPORT:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the reports. Brandon mentioned the water rate study is near completion. Brandon said the refuse company breakdown has been completed and errors have been identified with accounts not removed as requested. This has caused excess charges to the City and we intend to approach the refuse company for credit. Brandon mentioned we are finalizing a few items with the auditors that involved Municipal Court and the Library. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second and reports were accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1083 AMENDING SECTION 24-130 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ADDING TO SECTION A, ITEM 5 STATING "THE VEHICLE IS IN AN ACCIDENT AND THE VEHICLE'S OWNER OR OPERATOR FAILED TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 601 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, AS AMENDED; OR, THE VEHICLE IS STOPPED BY A POLICE OFFICER FOR AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF A CITY OR STATE TRAFFIC LAW OR OTHER LAW APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATION OF A VEHICLE ON THE ROADWAY AND THE VEHICLE'S OWNER OR OPERATOR FAILS TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 601 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, AS AMENDED", BY RECOMMENDATION OF THE DA'S OFFICE:

Brandon said the additional language needs to be added to cover the City in these type of incidences. Interim Police Chief Brent Bullock explained that if someone is ticketed for lack of insurance and is allowed to drive away, the City may be liable for an accident because we allowed them to drive away. Brent said officers call insurance companies to verify the insurance before towing a vehicle. The verification helps prevent the City from being liable for a tow bill. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve. Lee Boyd seconded and Ordinance #1083 was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1084 AMENDING SECTION 24-133 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY ADDING TO ITEM C THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "1400 BLOCK OF EAST STREET AS DESIGNATED BY SIGNAGE: AND "ALONG CURB OF 815 MONTGOMERY STREET,

ALSO KNOW AS WELLNESS CENTER", AS REQUESTED BY GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (GRMC):

Brandon referred to the request in the packet from Shane Kernell, CEO of GRMC. Jason and Brent met with Shane to discuss the issue. Jason said the closing of two parking spots has not had an impact on the available parking. Lee Boyd made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. Ordinance #1084 was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING SUSIE WHITE TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU (CVB) BOARD:

Brandon said that the Mayor supports the CVB's choice of Susie White. Kyle Peavy made the motion and Brint Albritton seconded. The CVB Board's appointment was approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM KNOX BISHOP ON BEHALF OF GRAHAM'S 2019 "RED, WHITE, AND YOU" PARADE COMMITTEE FOR USE OF THE CITY SQUARE FOR THE PARADE AND OTHER ASSOCIATED EVENTS ON THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019:

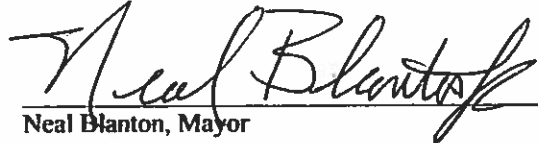
Brandon said this is a great event. The police department will shut down the streets around the square for the parade. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve and Kyle Peavy made the second. Knox Bishop's request unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Sarah Lundgren reported the City's Facebook page is working well with minimal negative comments.
- Public Works Director Jason Cottongame said approximately 800 vehicles have been cleaned and he receives approximately one complaint call each week.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson referred to the Code Enforcement Report and the Municipal Court Warrants Report in the back of packet. The current lake level is 100 percent full. He announced that Toni Elliott, Young County Arena Manager, will start working on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The Rodeo will take place this weekend at Young County Arena.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary