

March 27, 2014

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Barry White
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Jack Graham
	Council Members:	Spencer Street, III
		Pam Scott - absent
		Greg Montgomery
	City Manager:	Larry Fields
	Public Works Director:	David Casteel
	City Secretary:	David Maddy - absent
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Dennie Covey
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jerry David

VISITORS:

Sandra Helvey, Jennifer Conway, Sarah Barron, Jason Cottongame, Jim Helvey, Frank Herpeche, Randall Dawson, Robert San Miguel, Neal Blanton, Julie Rainwater, Vickie Walker, Kathy Weaver, Joel Williams, Eddie Gellner, J. McLeroy, David Procter, Ryan Conway, Magen Bunyard, Amy Pinkston. Minutes taken by Monica Johnston.

ORDER: Mayor Barry White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Barry White recognized this as the last Council meeting that Larry Fields will attend as the acting City Manager. Mayor White thanked Larry for his thirty five years of service and presented him with a plaque and a watch. Larry thanked the Council and the City for making it such a good experience. Mayor White also took the time to recognize the Water and Street departments as well as the Parks department for all their hard work and long hours on the water line break caused by the gas company.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no public forum.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the March 13, 2014 regular meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion from Greg Montgomery and a second from Jack Graham.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF BRAZOS VIEW ESTATES:

A public hearing was opened up for discussion on the annexation of Brazos View Estates, an 86 acre +/- subdivision along SH 16 near the south city limits of Graham. There was no public present. The public hearing was closed and no action was taken.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #1016, DELETING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II. HOSPITAL BOARD FROM THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES:

The hospital is now an independent entity and this article is superfluous to the code. This ordinance repeals this provision of the code of ordinances recommends approval of the ordinance. This is the first reading of the ordinance. On a motion by Jack Graham, a second by Greg Montgomery, the motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO RE-ROOF YOUNG COUNTY ARENA:

The Young County Arena roof sustained hail damage and was declared a total loss by the City's insurance carrier. Bids to replace the roof with a TPO Metal Retro Fit System roof was facilitated through Basic IDIQ the Agent of Contract for the City. The low bid of \$1,371,495.69 was approved by the Arena Board and recommended for approval by the City Council. We have already received and deposited the insurance proceeds in the same amount. Staff recommends approval of the contract. A motion was made by Greg Montgomery, second by Spencer Street. The motion passed 4-0

DISCUSS BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

There are a number of boards appointed by the City Council. City Manager's Secretary, Sandra Helvey, presented a report concerning the status of membership and terms on each of the boards. The staff will develop recommendations for existing or soon occurring vacancies for Council consideration at a future meeting. No action was taken.

CONSIDER YOU LEAD REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NAME FOR NEW PARK:

The current You Lead class surveyed citizens on names for the new park. The three semi-finalists were: Salt Creek Park with 141, Heritage Park with 70 and North Star Park with 22. The You Lead class recommends naming the new park; Salt Creek Park and asks the Council to consider it later by a resolution.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #1015 CANCELLING 2014 ELECTION:

In accordance with Sections 2.051-053 of the Texas Election Code, unopposed elections for a governmental entity, other than a county, may be, cancelled upon presentation of an executed certification of unopposed candidates by the municipal clerk. The government entity is required to review the certification by the municipal clerk and take action to cancel or not cancel the election. This is the second reading and the Council is asked to consider a motion to cancel the elections. A motion was made by Greg Montgomery, second by Jack Graham. The motion passed 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION. TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS).

At this time the board asked the room to adjourn for a brief Executive Session at 9:45am to discuss personnel matters. Executive session closed at 10:00am and Council reconvened at 10:00am.

CONSIDER ACTIONS RELATED TO SELECTION OF A CITY MANAGER:

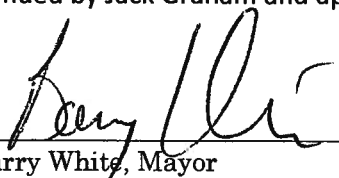
Upon the upcoming retirement of City Manager Larry Fields, He wishes to recommend to the Council to appoint a new City Manager. Mayor Barry White stated the He, along with Council Member Jack Graham made up the committee that reviewed the potential candidates for City Manager. Mayor Whites states that upon careful consideration that the City Council has offered the position to David Casteel and Mr. Casteel agreed. A motion was made by Spencer Street and seconded by Greg Montgomery. The motion passed 4-0 The City Council has approved Mr. David Casteel as the incoming City Manager to begin his term on April 3, 2014.

REPORTS:

Police Chief Widner did not have any reports. Fire Chief Covey reported that the Texas Forrest Service sent a grant to the Fire Department for training reimbursement. Chief Covey also stated that his department is currently testing the sirens. Fire Department calls were a total of 67 this month. There were 5 fires. Chief Covey is happy to state that the buzzard evacuation had been turned over to the Police Department. Neal Blanton, of GIA/GEIC reported that the Valew job fair was a success. Code Enforcement Officer Robert San Miguel did not have any reports. City Inspector, Jason Cottongame, did not have any reports. Joel Williams, with the Convenience Station, reports that Spring Cleanup starts April 5th. There will be special hours at the Convenience station on the weekends for citizens to utilize. Chamber Director and CVB Director, Jennifer Conway, reported a new Facebook page. She stated that hotel relationships are great and that she will be meeting with the architect about the new Visitor Center. Director of Public Works, David Casteel reported that while the lake is down, Jim and Frank will be widening the boat ramps. Lake Eddleman will have a new boat ramp by mid May. Mr. Casteel also reported that contracts on the water plant will began with bids being taken yesterday. He reported that Phase 1A was estimated at \$10.6 million and that there were five bids. The low bid of \$9.8 million was from Graycon out of Mesquite. The Engineer has used them before with good results. Phase 1A is looking at a possible May/June start. In the interim, the City is looking at advancing water lines to town. City Manager, Larry Fields, reported that the lake level was 1064.04 at 50%. Larry's last comment was to compliment the council on giving the opportunity for David Casteel to fill the City Manager's roll.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Montgomery, seconded by Jack Graham and approved 4-0.


Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:


David Maddy, City Secretary

Minutes by Monica Johnston