

April 18, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Jeff Smith, Thomas Wallner, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Dennis Fellows, Roy Pitcock, Jr., and Scott Swanson,

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, April 4, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

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

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the reports. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Darby Brockway made the second and the reports were approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1085 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHANGING RATE ON ITEM (b) WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS WILL BE CHARGED THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY RATES: \$5.52 PER THOUSAND GALLONS (OLD RATE WAS \$6.35):**

Brandon Anderson mentioned the discussion regarding the water rate study at the previous Council meeting held on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Brandon explained the details regarding the completion of the wholesale rate portion of the water rate study. The City is still waiting on the retail section of the study to be completed. Wholesale customers' grievance that was filed is still pending. Brandon said the purpose of the water rate study was to obtain accurate water usage. Brandon recommended immediate passage by unanimous vote to go into effect for the upcoming billing cycle which will be calculated based on April 15, 2019 readings. Brandon mentioned there was no one present at this meeting or have responded to him from the wholesale water accounts. There is a reserve built-in the new water rates with the intent for water and sewer line replacement. Brandon said a copy of this ordinance will be sent to wholesale customers after conclusion of this meeting. Brint Albritton made motion to pass Ordinance #1085. Lee Boyd seconded and motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1086 ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT PLAN: ESTABLISHING DATA, INFORMATION AND POLICY FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Brandon introduced Scott Swanson. Scott explained details regarding the 2019 Water Conservation & Draught Contingency Plan. Scott explained how the policy acts on the emergency demand for drought conditions and that updates are required every five years. The updates are based on data from the past five years and goals have been adapted. Previous goals from the previous plan were met. Scott stated that public education is required and the policy complies with state regulations (TCEQ). The format is comprehensive to the public. Scott said a graphic designer is working on a format for hard copies for public distribution. Scott informed Council that the report will be submitted to the Commission and Board. Brandon said we are essentially updating our plan. Scott encouraged posting of the report on the City's website. Brandon said notice will be provided on upcoming water bills and a link on the City's website will be available. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve. Brint Albritton seconded and Ordinance #1086 was unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1087 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1082/1073 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE SOUND SYSTEM OF THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:**

Brandon said the sound system previously approved for him to seek bids, he has obtained two bids, and is requesting to move forward. He said the sound system is categorized as M & O maintenance and not a capital expenditure. Brandon said Council must amend the budget by ordinance. Brandon mentioned that GEIC will reimburse the City for the sound system. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Ordinance #1087. Darby Brockway made second and motion was unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM CARS AND STARS FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE ON AUGUST 3, 2019 FOR THEIR ANNUAL CAR SHOW RESCHEDULE:**

Brandon said that severe weather threats on the previous scheduled approved date (April 13, 2019) deterred participants from bringing out their vehicles. No other conflicts were present and he recommended approval. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve and Lee Boyd seconded. Motion was unanimously approved 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM TRACEY TERASAS WITH REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAEETY FOR RESERVATION AND USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE ON MAY 18, 2019 FOR THEIR 6TH ANNUAL REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS DAY (FLYER ATTACHED):**

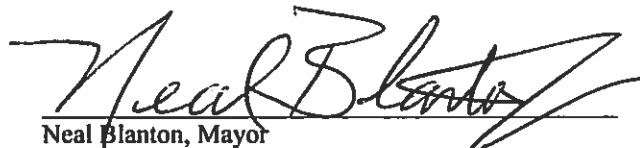
Brandon said the water safety program follows the Run for the Children event. He mentioned that any nonprofit business is welcome to set up a booth at this event. Brandon said in addition to water safety, there are other forms of safety covered during the event. Darby Brockway made the motion and Brint Albritton provided the second. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

**REPORTS:**

- Investigations Lieutenant Jeff Smith presented the February 2019 Graham Police Department Monthly Activity Report. Jeff said narcotics seizures continue nearly on a daily basis. The Student Resource Officer (SRO) and the Municipal Judge are collaborating on working to reduce truancy rates. GISD administration have provided positive comments on the joint effort to reduce truancy.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the golf tournament to be held on Monday, April 29, 2019 and the City of Graham has entered a team. Krisa said the Possum Pedal and the Food Truck Championship of Texas competition takes place on Saturday, June 1, 2019. She said 49 food trucks applied, 40 have been accepted, and there is a maximum capacity of 50. 2018 food truck event consisted of 53 food trucks. There will be new children's activities on the square for the event. Krisa mentioned that Crawfish and Cannon's event is being held at Fort Belknap on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The Rotary Duck Derby will be on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Fireman's Park.
- Mayor Neal Blanton recognized City Secretary Sharon McFadden for completion of the Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) certification program.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the lake level is 100 percent full. City hall will be closed tomorrow (April 19, 2019) for Good Friday.

**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