

April 9, 2015

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

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

VISITORS: Orvel Johnson, Larry Jordan, Shirley Jordan, Alex Heartfield, Jennifer Conway, Derrell Dodson, Jerry Schultz, Jimmy McLeroy, Don Nance, Eddie Gellner, Randall Dawson, Jim Helvey, Neal Blanton, Sandra Helvey and Dennis Fellows.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Orvel Johnson expressed his concerns against the proposed variance request by Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) for alcohol sales during planned event on June 6, 2015. Concerns included use of tax revenue to fund the event and using "situational ethics" in the decision toward alcohol sales after citizens have twice voted against alcohol. Shirley Jordan expressed her admiration for Graham, suggested the city to stay the way it is, and agreed with Mr. Johnson's concerns. Don Nance stated his agreement with Mr. Johnson. Mayor Jack Graham addressed the tax revenue issue by providing a detailed explanation of CVB funds being obtained through Hotel/Motel (HOT) taxes and private donations. The Mayor further explained the restrictions of monies obtained and spent by the CVB.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the March 26, 2015 regular meeting were approved 3-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Pam Scott made the second motion.

APPROVAL OF "NATIONAL WEEK OF THE CHILD" EVENT:

Ms. Isabel Smith submitted a request for certain street closures during the event being held April 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Pam Scott made the motion to approve the requested street closures, Spencer Street made the second, and motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL FOR FAITH CENTER ASSEMBLY OF GOD REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO WATER ORNAMENTAL FLOWERS DURING OFFICE HOURS, 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.:

Ms. Mia Mixon presented a Stage 4 Variance Request with specific watering time of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with city approved watering method (water hose/shutoff nozzle or watering can). Mayor Jack Graham considered this a reasonable request. A motion to approve the variance was made by Pam Scott, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS:

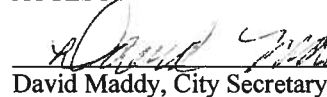
Larry Fields reported the lake level at 37.6% with water usage decreased and under Stage 4 water restrictions. Mr. Fields also commented on his review of the new Water Treatment Plant being on schedule and no issues. He has also touched base with Dean Hinton on the water line project and informed it is on schedule. Jennifer Conway reported Visitor Center construction is on schedule and should be completed by June 6, 2015. Larry Fields stated Corps of Engineers has contacted him regarding mowing bids.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway, and a vote of 3-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

  
 John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 David Maddy, City Secretary