

May 19, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016 with the following members present:

**MEMBERS:**

Mayor:	Jack Graham
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Spencer Street III
Council Member:	Brint Albritton
	Darby Brockway
	Lee Boyd
City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
City Secretary:	David Maddy
Chief Accountant:	Sharon McFadden
Police Chief:	Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
Fire Chief:	Jerry David- absent

**VISITORS:** Fr. Ronald Moore, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Judge John Bullock, Neal Blanton, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey, Krisa De LaCruz, Frank Herpeche, Randall Dawson, Jim Helvey, Dennis Fellows, Jenea Knight, Robert San Miguel, Teresa Bishop and Thomas Walner.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 5, 2016 Council meeting were approved 4-0 with Brint Albritton making the motion and Darby Brockway making the second.

**OATH OF OFFICE GIVEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop administered the oaths of office to Brint Albritton and Darby Brockway. The oath will be administered to the Mayor after the results of the recount are certified.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIAL REPORTS AND SALES TAX REPORT:**

Financials for April reflect a continuing trend of stability and an excess in the General Fund. Sales tax collections for March were up by 4.22% over March 2015 and 148% over February collections. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the reports, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST TO CLOSE SQUARE FOR EVENT:**

Krisa De LaCruz said that the CVB would like to close the inside of the Square starting noon June 3 for the Food Truck Event on June 4 and Third Street between West and Elm for the concert. Judge Bullock said the Courthouse would close at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jason said the concert area is being sprayed for mosquitoes. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the request, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON RENEWAL OF CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT:**

The current contract expires on May 31, 2016. It is a one year renewal The Mayor commended Anderson on his job performance the past year. There are no changes in the contract. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the contract, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

**PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT GIFT:**


A plaque and watch were given to David Maddy who is retiring May 27, 2016 after 15 years with the City.

**REPORTS:**

The Municipal Court report for March was attached reflecting 8,374 cases at the beginning of the month and 8,517 at the end of the month. Judge Teresa Bishop said they had been very busy. Krisa De LaCruz said that the Pat Green concert tickets were on sale and 42 trucks had been signed up for the Food Truck Event. There is room for 12 more. Dennis Fellows said the rain water pump is running and they are working on the third clarifier. Jason said that 3,000 new meters are in the ground and the larger meters will be installed in the next weeks. Brandon stated his appreciation for David and the quality of the City staff. Randy Neugebauer is pushing the BRA on the park funding and should include the provision in a bill to the State House this summer. The lake is 1075.11. 1075' is full. The Humane Society recently reported they got no support from the City. Brandon corrected this. (The City pays them \$32,000 a year). There is no written agreement and the work on one has been stalled. A local vet has agreed to house the stray dogs for the 3-5 day waiting period because of liability issues with the Humane Society. Payments will still be made to the Humane Society but he feels the payments to Dr. Burnham should be deducted from the payments. He referred to the Code Enforcement report and the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report in the Council packets.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

  
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John Chiles Graham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sharon McFadden, City Secretary