

May 28, 2020

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020 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 (absent)
	Municipal Judge:	Teresa Bishop (absent)
	Police Chief:	Brent Bullock (absent)
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Randall Dawson, Sarah Lundgren, Krisa De La Cruz, Kyle Anderson, and Tony Ramirez.

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, May 14, 2020 were considered. Darby Brockway made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2020:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the financial report. Brandon said the budget amendment being considered today (May 28, 2020) will correct the overages within departments. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. Kyle Peavy provided the second motion. The April 2020 financial report was unanimously accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1099 AMENDING ORDINANCE # 1090 TO REFLECT NEEDED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO SHOW DONATIONS FOR BUILDING OF CITY HALL, DONATIONS TOWARDS LIGHT UPGRADE AT AUDITORIUM, DONATION TOWARD TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE AT THE LIBRARY, AND DONATION TOWARD THE ROOF AT THE CLOTHES CLOSEST/FOOD BANK:

Brandon said also included is moving funds from the general fund to the new enterprise garbage fund. Brandon reviewed the revenue and expenditure amounts being requested in Ordinance #1099. Kyle Peavy made the first motion and Lee Boyd seconded. Ordinance # 1099 was approved unanimously 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM KIWANIS CLUB FOR STREET CLOSURES AND RESERVING OF THE SQUARE FOR THEIR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON JULY 4, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST LETTER):

Brandon said Kyle Anderson, representing the Kiwanis, is attending today on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. Brandon said they are still wanting to do the pancake breakfast on the Square like last year (July 4, 2019). The Kiwanis are also considering to offer curb side service. Kyle Peavy questioned if curb side service for pick up will interfere with the parade. Brandon said that has been discussed and the curb side service will end 30 to 45 minutes before the parade starts. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the request. Brint Albritton made the second and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM COL. KNOX BISHOP FOR RESERVATION OF THE SQUARE AND ASSISTANCE WITH ROAD CLOSURES AND LOGISTICS FOR GRAHAM'S 2020 "RED, WHITE, & YOU" CELEBRATION OF OUR NATIONS INDEPENDENCE ON THE SQUARE WITH PARADE FOLLOWING TO BE HELD ON JULY 4, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST LETTER):

Brandon said the entire group met that included the Chamber, CVB, Colonel Bishop, and the Kiwanis to discuss the event. Brandon mentioned the Auditorium would be the back-up location for Colonel Bishops' program if inclement weather occurs. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the request. Lee Boyd seconded and the request was approved unanimously 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CERTAIN STREET CLOSURES AND RESERVING THE SQUARE FOR THEIR POSTPONED POSSUM PEDAL NOW TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2020 (DETAILS IN REQUEST LETTER):

Brandon said the request is primarily the same as the previously scheduled event. Brandon mentioned the Food Truck Committee cancelled their event this year (June 6, 2020). Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, said the registration and starting of the race include large groups of people. Krisa said they are seeking ways to spread the people (for social distancing). Brint Albritton made the first motion to approve the request. Darby Brockway made the second motion. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM CHRIS DENNEY FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENDED TERM FOR A PENDING AIRPORT LEASE FOR FINANCING PURPOSES (DETAILS IN REQUEST LETTER):

Brandon stated the need to remain consistent with other requests. The City of Graham does not own any of the buildings, only the land which is similar to the lake. The bank is requiring more security in that the City of Graham

will not do anything with the land lease. Mr. Denney is asking if the negotiations are right with the hangar owner and he can purchase that, Mr. Denney would like the ability to finance that for 20 years. The bank requires the land lease be contracted for 20 years as well, Brandon continued, stating this is consistent with previous requests, most recently, Mr. Burdarf. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the request and Kyle Peavy seconded. The request was approved unanimously 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Neal Blanton requested all attending to exit the Council Chamber for the Executive Session.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:21 A.M.

TLGC Sec. 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property

Discussion on Proposed Changes to Commercial Lake Lease on Lake Eddleman with Owner of the Crappie House.

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:38 A.M.

CONSIDER AND ACT (IF NEEDED) ON ANY CHANGES TO BE MADE TO THE COMMERCIAL LEASE AT LAKE EDDLEMAN:

Mayor Blanton said there is no action being taken today on the Commercial Lake Lease on Lake Eddleman.

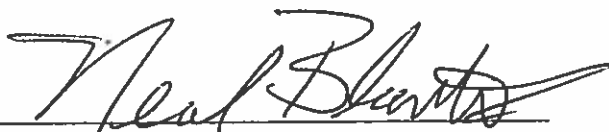
REPORTS:

- City Manager Brandon Anderson said he had informed the Police Chief and the Fire Chief that they are welcomed back to attend Council meetings and should be returning at the next scheduled meeting. Brandon said for the past two months we waived cutoffs and the cutoff fees. Brandon informed Council a letter was sent to customers requesting them to contact City Hall if they are in need of a payment arrangement. Brandon said Sharon has been busy with customer requests. Brandon said we have worked with a few customers. Brandon said the cutoff list contained 58 customers. Lee Boyd asked if there was a big increase in delinquent bills. Brandon stated there are quite a few. Sharon said that on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, there were 28 arrangements made by phone and there were 13 who visited City Hall. Brandon said the lake level is 100 percent full. Brandon complimented the Governor's office on releasing information and setting forth guidelines on the Corona Virus. Brandon said the source for guidance on the Corona Virus is the Governor's website. Within the guidelines of the Governor, a rodeo occurred at the Young County Arena this past weekend (May 23 and 24, 2020). This was the Knights of Columbus event cancelled in March 2020. Two rodeos were held nationwide which included Cave Creek, Arizona with 700 entries and here in Graham with nearly 600 entries. Big turnouts on the contestants' side. No one showed up to support it. Very good rodeo and well ran by the Knights of Columbus. T.C. Long was the rodeo announcer. We are currently in uncertain times, hopefully next year will be different, and the event will go back to the March date. Our audit presentation will occur at the next Council meeting (June 11, 2020). Brandon said he

provided Council a copy of a letter received from Captain Game Warden Rose from Wichita Falls (Texas Parks and Wildlife). The letter referred to an incident on the Brazos River and he was very thankful of our dive team assisting in the recovery. Brandon said we are blessed to have a good Fire Department and a good dive team.

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