

May 30, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton (absent)
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden (absent)
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz
	Municipal Judge:	Teresa Bishop
	Interim Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (record minutes), Jeff Smith, Thomas Wallner, Jimmy McLeroy, Sandra Helvey, Lisa Kinkead, Krisa De La Cruz, Jason Cottongame, Toby Reddell, Kent Karper, Sarah Lundgren, and Valerie Halverson.

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 2, 2019 were considered. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM VALERIE HALVERSON WITH MWH GROUP, P.C.:

Valerie Halverson, CPA, representing auditing firm MWH reviewed details and responded to concerns regarding the 2017-2018 fiscal year audit. Valerie informed Council the delay in presentation was due to Texas Municipal Retirement System (TRMS) benefit changes.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING THE 2017-2018 AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Darby Brockway made the motion to approve. Lee Boyd seconded and the audit report was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE MAY 2019 SALES TAX REPORT:

Brandon briefly reviewed the financial report and sales tax report. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the reports. Lee Boyd made the second motion. The financial and sales tax reports were unanimously accepted 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR RENOVATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING FOR THE NEW LOCATION OF GRAHAM CITY HALL AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BIDDING PROCESS TO BE BROUGHT BACK AND PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Public Works Director, Jason Cottongame, said the bidding process will consist of three (3) weeks for local entities. The bids will extend outside Graham after conclusion of local entity bidding. Jason said the plan is to use the existing flooring. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve. Darby Brockway seconded and the authorization was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ROAD CLOSURES FOR THEIR ANNUAL POSSUM PEDAL BIKE RIDE (SEE ATTACHED MAP):

Brandon reviewed the route map. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve. Darby Brockway seconded and road closures were unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOR USE OF BARRICADES FOR CLOSURE OF CHERRY STREET IN THE EVENINGS DURING THEIR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 16-20, 2019:

Brandon said this is an annual event with no previous concerns. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve. Kyle Peavy made the second motion. The request for a barricade closure of Cherry Street was unanimously approved 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton announced the Executive Session and requested everyone exit the Council Chambers.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:40 A.M.

TLGC Sec. 551.017 Consultation with Attorney – Discuss wholesale water customer rate grievance and suggested change to the contract with City Attorney.

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:11 A.M.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Brandon stated no action needed to be taken.

REPORTS:

- Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop reviewed the Official Municipal Monthly Report for April 2019. She stated everything was going good and that new laws are making it hard to collect money.
- City Attorney Dan De La Cruz stated he has been representing the City of Graham for one year. He took over a backlog of roughly one-hundred cases since June 2018 that dated as far back as 2016. Cases are now on rotation resulting in old cases being resolved. Currently they are 60 days out on tickets going to Court. Dan stated he has a good relationship with the Police Department, Municipal Court, and Code Enforcement. Dan is handling approximately 10 to 15 cases each month.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the Downtown Square and the Arena are busy in preparation for this Saturday's events (June 1, 2019). The funeral for Bryan Walls, former Young County Sheriff and former City of Graham Police Officer, is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Bryan's mother, Judy Walls, is a City of Graham employee. Brandon requested and was granted approval to close City Hall for staff to attend the funeral. The lake level as of today (May 30, 2019) is 100 percent full. On behalf of the Parks Board, Council Member Lee Boyd and Brandon Anderson met with the firm Jacob & Martin. The numbers look encouraging for the three year plan for Parks. As of September 1, 2019, the State Plumbing Board will be gone and cities will be responsible for issuing plumbing licenses.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Kyle Peavy, a second from Darby Brockway, the Council meeting was unanimously adjourned.


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary