

June 4, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015 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: Larry Fields (Interim)  
 City Secretary: David Maddy  
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden  
 Police Chief: Tony Widner  
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock  
 Fire Chief:

VISITORS: Dennie and Debbie Covey, Charles Rogers, Jim Don Laurent, Greg Speck, Jerry Schultz, Jimmy McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Neal Blanton, Brandon Anderson, Randall Dawson, Frank Herpeche, Dennis Fellows, Jerry David, Joel Williams, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Jim Helvey, Jason Cottongame and Casey Holder.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:  
 None.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the May 21, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FIRE CHIEF DENNIE COVEY:

Chief Covey has retired as Graham Fire Chief after 28 total years of service to the Graham Fire Dept. Dennie joined the Volunteer Fire Department and served in this capacity for six (6) years. He then joined the Graham Fire Department serving as a Firefighter for fourteen (14) years and then was appointed Fire Chief for his remaining 8 years of service. Mayor Graham presented Covey with a gold watch and thanked him for his years of service.

CONSIDER WATER DROUGHT EMERGENCY STAGES:

Lake Graham is full!! The lake crested at an elevation of 1076.85' Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1'10" above the spillway level of 1075.0'. It was noted that other cities were keeping some contingency in place. Mayor Graham encouraged conserving water regardless of the stage implemented. Spencer Street made the motion to go from the current stage 3 to no restrictions at all, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLAT FOR PROPOSED ZERO LOT LINE SUBDIVISION PINE TREE ROAD:

A preliminary plat for a Zero Lot Line "RZ-1" subdivision that is presently an undeveloped tract of land abutting the south side of Pine Tree Road, west of the Lone Oaks Apartments was approved by the P & Z Board Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The houses will be between 1200 and 1500 square feet with varying elevations and appeal to retirees. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the re-plat, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT:

Renovation of the Lake Eddleman Pump Station is a part of the Water Treatment Plant project. The low lake elevation would have allowed the lowering of the elevation of the intake structure that would allow access to more water. The pumps that were specified for this have long shafts. Because of the lake filling up crews do not have the ability to lower the intake structure, therefore the longer shafted pumps cannot be used. City staff asked for council approval of a change order to replace the long shaft pumps to shorter shafted pumps. This will reduce the cost of the pumps. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the change order, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE GRAHAM INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION:

The Graham Industrial Association purchased the Hexcel properties and transferred ownership to the City subject to an executed agreement, copy enclosed, between the GIA and the City executed in 1995. The intent of the agreement was to allow city ownership, for tax purposes, but give the responsibility of ownership to the GIA. Under the agreement the GIA has the power and authority to contract to sell the Property for any price on any terms. The GIA has contracted to sell a portion of this property, commonly referred to as the "Schlegel Building". Approval to authorize the Mayor to execute the deed to convey this property was requested. Staff recommended approval. The name of the new business cannot yet be disclosed but Neal Blanton said it would add local jobs. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the transfer, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE GEIC BOARD:

John Cox, Jeff Dickinson and Stan Peavy III are all eligible for re-appointment to the GEIC Board. They have all agreed to serve another term if appointed. Staff recommended re-appointment. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the appointments, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 4-0.

## CONSIDER APPROVAL OF "RED, WHITE &amp; YOU" EVENT:

The letter of request and information concerning this event was included in the agenda. Staff recommended approval. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the event, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

## CONSIDER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHERRY STREET FOR VBS:

The letter of request was included. The hours that Cherry Street will be closed is 5:30-9:00 p.m. Staff recommended approval. One half of the block between 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets would be closed. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the street closure, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS: Spencer Street asked for clarification of the work being done at the drive in prior to concert on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Larry said City crews worked two hours to make the driveway into the theatre smoother for pedestrians that night. The total cost of \$200 would be borne by the City. This is a City sponsored event even though it is being held on private property. Chief Widner said that the Bond Supervisor report was included in the Police Report, the crime rate is lower than this time last year. Police are helping with the search for the missing Graham teenager. Trainees from the Academy will graduate next week. The video gambling charges are now in the state's hands and they are continuing the investigation. Jennifer Conway said that City staff and volunteers have been a big help in setting up for the Food Truck Competition and more volunteers are needed. Jerry David said the new fire truck should be in for the July 4 parade. Larry Fields reported the lake level at 1075.3' or 100+%. 1075' is full. Mayor Graham thanked Larry for stepping in as interim City Manager. Brandon Anderson starts on June 16.

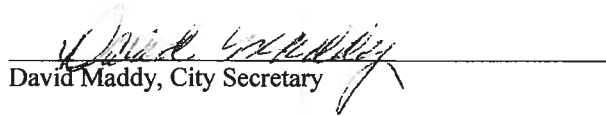
## ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

## ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary