

August 13, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at the Graham Visitor and Business Center, 608 Elm Street at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 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: Brandon Anderson
 City Secretary: David Maddy
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Fire Chief: Jerry David

VISITORS: Bud Attaway, Adrian Attaway, Zane Brandt, Tyler Scitern, Brayden Delong, Alan Rolanos, Catherine Delong, Horace Freeman, Chris Watson, Susan Lake, Mardi Andrews, Alex Heartfield, Samuel Thomas, Chase Heartfield, Lisa McCool, Troy Lambden, Wayne Christian, J. McLeroy, Neal Blanton, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame and Casey Holder.

ORDER: Mayor Jack Graham called the meeting to order and recessed until 2:00 p.m. at which time he reconvened the meeting with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Alex Heartfield said that Boy Scout Troop 62 and Cub Scout Pack 39 were present to observe as part of their citizenship merit badge. The Mayor briefly explained the functions of the City Manager and Council.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the July 30, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1039 PROPOSING A CHANGE FROM ONE WAY TRAFFIC TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC AROUND THE INTERIOR OF THE SQUARE:

This change would allow easier access to CVB and Chamber offices and has been looked at to ensure there is room for traffic both ways and to maintain the existing parking. Spencer Street made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLACING THE CITY OF GRAHAM TEMPORARILY ONTO STAGE 5 (EMERGENCY STAGE) OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN DUE TO REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR TWO DAYS A WEEK STARTING AUGUST 18 THROUGH OCTOBER 6 FROM 5 A.M. TUSEDAYS THROUGH 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAYS:

This will allow needed repairs and tie-ins to be done without a drain on the water towers. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSED PROJECT FROM GRAHAM ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORP. TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GRAHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

The GEIC Board of Directors met on August 4th and authorized by a unanimous vote the creation of the project to allocate up to \$200,000 for improvements and renovations at the Airport. Wayne Christian was present and told Council the project would include a self-service fuel pump at a cost of about \$40,000. The Airport RAMP grant will cover 50% of the cost. Also included is the renovation of the terminal to add 24 hour access (including new restrooms) and to renovate the interior. The allocation from GEIC for this is capped at \$150,000.00 Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSED ELECTRIC CONTRACT AND GIVE CITY MANAGER AUTHORITY TO SIGN IF ACCEPTED:

Chris Watson with Energy by 5 presented a proposal from their RFP for electricity rates. The City's contract with Green Mountain ends May 2017 and the proposal would begin at the end of the present contract. He presented 4 bids, with Reliant being the lowest at .04334 per kWh for a 44 month term. Chris said that current rates were the lowest in many years. Mayor Graham suggested Mr. Watson keep the rates updated and the Council can decide later. Proposal was tabled on a motion by Darby Brockway, a second by Lee Boyd and a vote of 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ALLOWING HORACE FREEMAN WITH FAITH CENTER AT 161 HIGHWAY 380 BYPASS TO DO AN "OPEN BURN":

Mr. Freeman wants to burn off the stickers and burs on the park next to the church and said he would have water hoses and the fire department would have a water truck present if needed. Open burns of this nature are allowed only with Council permission. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the burn, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM MARDI ANDREWS TO HOST THE BEAR CRAWL 5K AND 1K FUN RUN ON OCTOBER 31, 2015:

Funds will support the Organization of Seizure Support Opportunities, a 501(c) 3 organization. The 5k run will utilize First and Brazos Streets between Plum and Cliff Drive. The Police Department is aware of the event. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the event, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST BY SUSAN LAKE TO HAVE CARRIAGE RIDES IN FIREMAN'S PARK ON AUGUST 29TH .

She carries her own liability insurance and would like to offer carriage rides for a fee at the park on this Saturday night. Ms. Lake was present and said she has a Cinderella carriage and would leave no trash or droppings in the park. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the rides, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FOR USE OF THE CITY SQUARE FOR THE ANNUAL GRAHAM LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 7, 2016:

Set up will begin after 5:00 on Friday, April 29 and all equipment will be removed on Monday May 9th. The club will hire someone to monitor and clean the public restrooms as needed Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the use of the Square, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

The Code Enforcement report was included in the packet and reflected 413 violations year to date. And 811 warrants issued for the same period. Chief Jerry David said the new Fire truck was on display. Jason Cottongame said the gates were up on Brazos Street at the high school.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 95.4% capacity. He referred to the letter written to residents about The change in garbage service effective 9-19-15 and said that disabled households were to contact the City. Council Budget meetings will be held August 17th and 18th at 6:00 p.m.

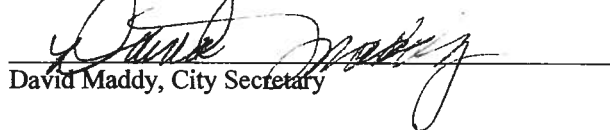
ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary