

September 10, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 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 - absent
 Police Chief: Tony Widner - absent
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Fire Chief: Jerry David

VISITORS: Gina Maxwell, Kay Austin, Alex Heartfield, Gordon Drake, J. McLeroy, Larry Novak, Eddie Gellner, Neal Blanton, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Frank Herpeche, Jim Helvey, Jim Laurent and Casey Holder.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Kay Austin told Council that she does not want to see the tax rate increase and that the City needed to cut back expenses to meet the budget.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the August 27, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0 with one correction; noting that the Oncor contract expires 11-24-15. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve minutes and Darby Brockway made the second.

CALL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE:

Mayor Graham opened the hearing at 9:38 a.m.

Proposed Tax Rate of \$.6164241 per \$100 up from \$.59847 per \$100 from last year.

No other comments were made on the tax rate. Mayor Graham closed the Public Hearing at 9:38 a.m.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1040 SETTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. (FIRST READING):

Brandon said the budget had been placed for viewing on 8-24-15 at City Hall and will have been available to the public for 30 days as of 9-24-15, the date of the final reading. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve Ordinance #1040, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1041 TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. (FIRST READING):

The tax rate represents a 3% increase. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Ordinance #1041, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1042, FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ONCOR (SECOND READING):

The first reading was approved at the last meeting. The question has been posed as to shifting the burden of relocation of utilities in the future from ONCOR to the City. This item was tabled until an issue could be discussed with ONCOR.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF OAK STREET FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 10:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 10TH FOR OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL FEST:

Request is to close from the corner of 1st and Oak to the property line of 735 Oak. This is an annual request. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the request, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM CITY OF NEWCASTLE TO CHANGE PORTIONS OF THEIR WATER CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF GRAHAM TO ADHERE TO TCEQ REQUIREMENTS:

The change needs to be made in order for the City of Newcastle to please TCEQ and equates to a very minimal amount of water. Mayor Gina Maxwell was present and told Council that TCEQ said the contract needed to be increased to provide for future growth of the town. They currently have 292 active meters and in order to plan for a possible 310 active meters the maximum daily allowable needs to go from 139,968 MGD to 160,704 MGD. This allocation falls within the maximum allocations for Lake Graham. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

Chief David said that driver training is being done on the new fire truck. Neal Blanton reported he attended the Regional Economic Development Corp. meeting. The Corp represents twelve counties and renewed the document for government grants. Jennifer Conway said the hotels are full during dove hunting season and

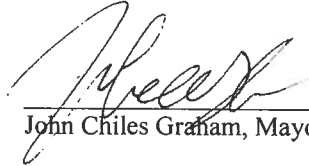
retail sales are up. Jason Cottongame said that rock is being laid at Mad Creek by subcontractors who are able to do the work for less cost.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 91% capacity. Commercial dumpsters are being set and new pricing will go into effect.

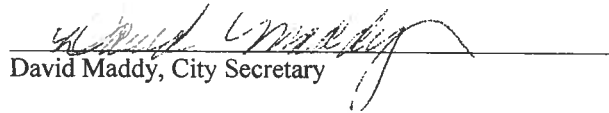
ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary