

September 21, 2017

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 with the following members present:

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| MEMBERS: | Mayor: | Jack Graham |
| | Mayor Pro-Tem: | Darby Brockway |
| | Council Member: | Brint Albritton |
| | | Lee Boyd |
| | | Kyle Peavy |
| | City Manager: | Brandon Anderson |
| | City Secretary: | Sharon McFadden |
| | Police Chief: | Tony Widner |
| | Assistant Police Chief: | Brent Bullock |
| | Fire Chief: | Jerry David |
| | Assistant Fire Chief: | Jim Don Laurent |

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Sandra Helvey, Marci Bueno, Jason Cottongame, Jimmy McLeroy, Dorman Holub, Neal Blanton, Krisa De La Cruz, Diana Theall, Alex Heartfield, Anne Skipper, James Jones.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Called Meeting were approved unanimously with Darby Brockway making the motion and Brint Albritton making the second.

Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Regular Session Council Meeting were approved unanimously with Kyle Peavy making the motion and Lee Boyd making the second.

Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Called Meeting were approved unanimously with Lee Boyd making the motion and Darby Brockway making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1063 APPROPRIATION FOR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR, ADOPTING A BUDGET ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018:

Brandon Anderson said the required public meetings have been held for the proposed budget. Kyle Peavy said, "I am FOR." Darby Brockway said, "I am FOR." Brint Albritton said, "I am FOR." Lee Boyd said, "I am FOR." Ordinance #1063 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget was adopted with the attached cover page as required by Local Government Code §102.007.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1062 TAX LEVY FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR, FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018:

Brandon Anderson said the public hearings for the proposed tax rate increase have occurred. Kyle Peavy made the required Tax Code §26.05 statement of "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.658126, which is effectively a five (5) percent increase in the tax rate." Kyle Peavy said, "I am FOR." Darby Brockway said, "I am FOR." Brint Albritton said, "I am FOR." Ordinance #1063 for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tax Levy was approved according to the requirements of Tax Code §26.05.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1064 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, PRESCRIBING WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Brandon Anderson briefly stated the three (3) water rate options were presented to Council in early August, 2017. Brandon complimented The Graham Leader for doing a good job of publishing the explanation of the options being considered. Brandon said he is proposing Option 1 which changes the base meter rate from \$18 to \$26. Rather than the first 2,000 gallons of water being free, it will be changed to charge \$3.42 for each of those 1,000 gallons, which historically have not been previously billed. Consumption from 4,000 to 10,000 gallons will be charged \$4.86 per thousand gallons. Consumption exceeding 10,000 gallons will be charged at \$6.90 per thousand gallons. What it equates to at the per thousand gallon basis, the cheapest rate would be \$6.58 per thousand gallons. Wholesale rate customers' contracts state we will not sell them water for more than what we charge our residential customers. \$6.35 per thousand gallons is being proposed with no base meter fee. The rates will go into effect on October 1, 2017. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve Ordinance #1064. The second motion was made by Lee Boyd. The motion was unanimously passed.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the financial reports. Brandon Anderson mentioned the Water Fund Revenue concerns and the General Fund deficit. Sharon said the sales tax was down this month and the overall end of year was \$181,782 over the projected \$2,000,000. Brint Albritton made the motion, Lee Boyd made the second, and the reports were unanimously accepted.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON DESIGNATION OF SPONSOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, DESIGNATION OF SPONSOR'S CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT FUNDS REPORT FOR THE UPCOMING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Brandon Anderson said we need to take these actions for the 90/10 airport project. This designates Brandon as the Authorized Representative. Brandon recommended a Councilman serving through both years to be designated to serve on the Committee. Brandon recommended a Councilman, Chairman of the Airport Board which is Wayne Christian, Airport Manager Will Butler, Director of Public Works Jason Cottongame, and Brandon Anderson. Responsibilities will include hiring a Project Consultant and selection of Engineers. Final section is giving the Financial Director the authority to sign forms certifying the funding is available for the project. Mayor Jack Graham recommended Brint Albritton to serve as representative. Brint Albritton accepted the position. Mayor Jack Graham mentioned that GEIC is considering funding of the project. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and the designations of authorization were unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM JAMIE EPPERSON FOR USE OF FIREMAN'S PARK AND THE SPIVEY HILL AREA FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL SPIVEY HILL CHALLENGE AND 5K ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018:

Brandon Anderson referred to the letter of request submitted (within the Council packet) for the event. The race will honor Bill Spivey and Spencer Street III. Lee Boyd made the motion to approved, Brint Albritton made the second, and the request was approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM DORMAN HOLUB ON BEHALF OF THE GRAHAM REGIONAL THEATRE AND FORT BELKNAP ARCHIVES TO HOST A TALKIN' TOMBSTONES TOUR AT OAK GROVE CEMETERY ON OCTOBER 28TH, 2017:

Mr. Dorman Holub explained the unique opportunities of the event. He plans to lead as well as teach respect during the presentations. Brandon recommended blocking specific areas for safety reasons of those attending the event. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the request. Darby Brockway made the second motion. Mr. Holub's request was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

- Fire Chief Jerry David said the department is prepared for Halloween night (October 31, 2017) on the Square with necklaces to give away starting at 6:00 p.m. Jerry said Fire Prevention Week at the schools will begin on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.
- Police Chief Tony Widner informed Council that the radio project is complete and operating in digital. The system can operate in either analog or digital. Tony said the system has been tested and reaches up to twenty-two miles. The new canine has been delayed due to search and rescue operations in Texas and Florida. Tony said a different canine has been selected as a better fit for our community.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and the CVB, mentioned that the Christmas Stroll and Parade is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017.
- Neal Blanton of the GEIC mentioned submitting an application for the Amazon Headquarters.
- Brandon Anderson said the swing bridge at Fireman's Park is near completion and looks great. Brandon mentioned the hard work and talent of the city employees involved with the bridge. He said the lake level is currently at 93.3 percent full. Brandon said there was a request to change Rodgers Street to one-way on Halloween night (October 31, 2017) but the request was denied. He asked citizen's to use caution in the area. The City is sending out a letter to all utility customers in response to a clerical error in 2016 that TCEQ is requiring customer notification. Brandon mentioned that the Rotary Club has the Backpack Buddies fund raiser today (September 21, 2017) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and encouraged participation in the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary