

September 24, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Spencer Street III
 Council Member: Brint Albritton
 Council Member: Darby Brockway
 Council Member: Lee Boyd
 City Manager: Brandon Anderson
 City Secretary: David Maddy (absent)
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden (record minutes)
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Assistant Fire Chief: Jim Don Laurant

VISITORS: Larry Novak, Alex Heartfield, Judge John Bullock, Attorney William Myers, Jennifer Conway, Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Judge Teresa Bishop, Neal Blanton, and Dennis Fellows.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Novak stated the communities of Childress, Iowa Park, and Bowie has "In God We Trust" stickers on police vehicles. Mr. Novak suggested police vehicles in Graham display the stickers. Judge Bullock said there is a Resolution passed in Commissioner's Court to display it in the courtroom. Judge Teresa Bishop conducted the swearing-in of Colton Carlin to the Graham Fire Department.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the September 10, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Spencer Street seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

Brandon Anderson stated the proper public posting has occurred and the finalization is necessary for the operation of the City. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the fiscal year, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

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

Brandon Anderson said the request for budget includes a 3% increase from last year (.59 to .62). Two public hearings and public notification by the local newspaper have occurred. Mr. Anderson noted tax revenue may generate \$78,000 to \$80,000.00. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Ordinance #1041, Darby Brockway made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

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

Mayor Jack Graham stated Oncor provides many services on City property and he is confident the agreement is fair. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the Oncor Franchise Agreement, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REMOVING TRAFFIC LIGHT AT 4TH AND TENNESSEE AND REPLACE WITH A TWO WAY STOP:

Brandon Anderson spoke about the malfunctioning concerns and cost related to replace the light are more expensive than the stop signs. Police Chief Widner advised there are no issues regarding the change from light to stop signage. Brandon Anderson stated an Ordinance would be needed and included on the next Council agenda. Lee Boyd made the motion to make the light to stop sign change and Brint Albritton made the second. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Sharon McFadden provided a brief overview of the Financial Statement Recap and spoke regarding the Sales Tax Collections being disappointingly down due to economic factors mainly in the oil and gas industry. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the financial report, Spencer Street made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON GENERAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS AND THE COUNTY OF YOUNG, TEXAS:

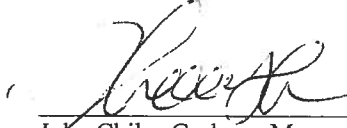
Mayor Jack Graham stated a formal agreement between the entities is needed. Brandon Anderson advised the agreement is needed as a safeguard, to keep both parties on the same page, and from a documentation standpoint it safeguards our tax dollars ensuring fair and equal trade. Brandon Anderson also stated each new project will be presented to both entities and considered. Judge John Bullock agreed with comments and added that the agreement provides value designation. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the General Interlocal Agreement. Spencer Street made the second motion and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

Police Chief Tony Widner stated that all Cadets are now on the street. Jason Cottongame, Public Works Director, provided details of importance on water restrictions with water line tie-in's taking place. Mr. Cottongame said the Mad Creek project should be completed in the second week of October, 2015. Dennis Fellows commented on Water Improvement Plant construction with Phase I being 65-75% complete. Mr. Fellows stated the Phase II is scheduled for January 11, 2015 but said he is trying for an earlier date. Brandon Anderson commented on hoping the two-way traffic change on the square be completed by the first of the year (January 2016). Mr. Anderson stated the garbage roll-outs are being distributed and is encouraging citizens to review the attached information packet prior to contacting Progressive for concerns.

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