

October 25, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2012 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Barry White
Mayor Pro-Tem: Jack Graham
Council Member: Spencer Street III -absent
Pam Scott
Greg Montgomery
City Manager: Larry Fields
City Secretary: David Maddy
Public Works Director: David Casteel
Police Chief: Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: Chris Ekrut, Jennifer Conway, J. McLeroy, Jessica James, Neal Blanton, Sandra Helvey and Cherry Rushin.

ORDER: Mayor Barry White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM:
None

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the October 11, 2012 regular meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion from Greg Montgomery and a second from Pam Scott.

CONSIDER CLOSING AND ABANDONING STREET R.O.W. 600 BLOCK OF WEST STREET:

This is a portion of West Street that abuts J&N Feed Store. BRA has allowed this property to be exempt from the flood zone buyouts and Mr. Figg wants to purchase the 0.592 acre parcel from the City. It is already fenced. There are no utilities in the r.o.w. If Council approves the closing and abandoning, a market value appraisal will be obtained and Mr. Figg can purchase it at that price. Pam Scott made the motion to approve, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT:

The Relay for Life committee requested the use of the Square around the Courthouse and American Legion Building on March 16, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the relay and car show. This is an annual event. Jack Graham made the motion to approve, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION CREATING GEIC PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

GEIC has agreed to contribute \$13,750.00 towards the Third Street renovation project. The expenditure has to be for a project created and identified by City Council action. This was the second and final reading for the resolution. Pam Scott made the motion to approve, Jack Graham made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER SELECTION OF WATER COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN STUDY:

J. Stowe submitted a proposed agreement to provide a Water and Wastewater Rate Study. Staff interviewed Mr. Ekrut and were able to get the "not to exceed" price reduced from \$24,500 to \$21,500. The study could cost less. Mr. Ekrut said the study would take about 90 days to complete. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve, Jack Graham made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

Jessica said the Christmas Open House on the Square would be Nov. 3. David Casteel reported that the water taps on Third Street are nearly completed and Burkett Co. will start Nov. 5 on the

paving. Street crews will begin by the hospital installing new drainage and redoing the entrance to the parking lot. The Parks Committee will have a plan by November 8. Larry reported the lake level at 1071.12 or 78% capacity. 1075' is full. Sales tax collections were down 3% from last month but were the highest for this period. The Municipal Court report reflects that 2011-2012 revenues were the best on record.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Greg Montgomery, a second from Pam Scott and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maddy, City Secretary