

August 16, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30a.m. On Thursday, August 16, 2012 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Sandra Helvey, Neal Blanton, Cherry Rushin, John R. Hamilton, Robert Davis, Dean Hinton, Charlotta R. Hamilton, Rusty Allen, Neil Nusz, Edie Dooley, Judy Etling, Judy Langrill, Mack Tiner, Frank Hefner, Cliff Smith, Charles Birdwell, James Jones, Ronnie Cavitt, Devin Smith, Dennis Fellows. Minutes taken by Monica Johnston.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: There was no public forum.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the August 2, 2012 regular meeting were approved by a motion from Jack Graham and a second from Greg Montgomery. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR A LOAN FOR ENGINEERING SERVICE.

City Manager Larry Fields asked the Council to consider a resolution that would authorize staff to submit an application on behalf of the City for a \$1 million loan from D-Fund at the Texas Water Development Board. The loan will be used to fund engineering for all aspects of the proposed water project. Current rates for the D-Fund loan are 4.01% with average terms being 22 years. Repayment of the loan is anticipated to be funded with an increase in water rates. Debt service for this loan has been included in the water rate computations. The submission of the application does not bind the City to the loan, but does start the process should the city proceed. A motion was made by Gregg Montgomery to accept. A second was made by Pam Scott. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AS CITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR SIGNATURE OF ALL NECESSARY PAPER WORK FOR TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD LOANS.

This action authorizes the Mayor as the Official Representative of the City for submission of required paperwork for a Texas Water Development Board Loan. A motion was made by Jack Graham to accept. A second was made by Spencer Street. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER COWBOY CHURCH GATHERING REQUEST FOR EVENT.

The Cowboy Church Gathering of Graham requests holding an event on the North half of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, October 20, 2012. They are asking that the inside street all around the square be blocked off from 4:00-8:00 pm. City Manager, Larry Fields, stated that the city did not have any conflicts with this. A motion was made by Pam Scott to accept. A second was made by Gregg Montgomery. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FALLFEST EVENT.

Open Door Christian School requests permission for a portion of Oak Street to be closed off from 7:00-10:00pm on October 13, 2012 for their annual Fall Fest. The section would be from the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak to the end of the property line of 735 Oak Street. They are also requesting permission to host a 1K run/walk and 5K run/walk as part of the activities. A motion was made by Spencer Street to accept. A second was made by Jack Graham. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER COWBOY CHURCH REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE SQUARE.

The Cowboy Church of Young County has obtained permission from Young County to have a public worship service at the Square in Graham on September 22, 2012. The service is scheduled to start at 7:00pm and the Church requests permission to have the street inside the Square blocked off during the service. A motion was made by Gregg Montgomery to accept. A second was made by Pam Scott. Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION WITH FORT BELKNAP RURAL WATER CO-OP BOARD CONCERNING PROPOSED WATER PROJECT.

Fort Belknap requested to meet with the Council concerning the proposed water project. City of Graham staff is scheduled to meet with this board on August 21<sup>st</sup> but they requested to meet with the council this date. Fort Belknap board members have now been at three meetings that Staff has made a presentation on the water project, the Graham Public meeting, the Newcastle City Council meeting and the Bryson City Council meeting. The issues that the Belknap Board has been in disagreement with staff about are as follows:

1. Staff proposes that the cost allocation for the project be based on percent of meters each entity represents, graham 63%, Ft. Belknap 33%, and Graham East 3%. Ft. Belknap wants cost allocations to be based on water use, Graham 77%, Ft Belknap 23% and Graham East less than 1%. Staff proposes that the rural customers be assessed a minimum meter charge, proposed to \$5.60 per meter per month. Ft Belknap does not want a minimum charge; just a rate per thousand gallons of actual usage.
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3. The date that any water rate increase is enacted.
4. Each entity wants to have representation during discussions of any rate changes.

REPORTS.

City Manager Larry Fields reports that the Stage 2 water restrictions be lifted completely due to water is back to full capacity. Sales tax report is up to 2.89%. Lake level is 1072.1 and is 85% full.

David Casteel, Director of Public Works reports that the waste water had to replace broken paddles and rotators. He stated that Dennis Fellows at the water treatment plant was doing a good job and was able to flush back the system. Mr. Casteel reported that with regard to the Street Department; TXDOT was able to split the cost of repairing a service road and one runway at the City Airport 50/50 by utilizing hot mix that was already available. Mr. Casteel introduced Mr. Devin Smith with Corlett Probst & Boyd who has been overseeing the Calaveras Street project. He states that Zack Burkett Company finished milling the road. He expects to start the Seal coat on Monday or Tuesday of next week, the overcoat on Wednesday or Thursday and be completed by the "End of the Week"; weather permitting.

Fire Chief Covey was absent but sent his proposed budget for the Council to review. There were no reports given from the City Police or GEIC.

Jessica James with CVB was not present for reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion Gregg Montgomery, a second from Pam Scott and a vote of 5-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.

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Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Maddy, City Secretary