

January 24, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson (absent)
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden (absent)
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz
	Police Chief:	Vacant
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (recording of minutes), Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Sarah Lundgren, Jack Edwards, BJ Cook, Thomas Wallner, Tim O'Malley, and Jeff Smith.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 were approved. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Darby Brockway seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE DECEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE JANUARY 2019 SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Mayor Blanton mentioned that the financial report is not in the packet. He said the sales tax report continues to look encouraging and is trending in the right direction. No action was taken.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A POLICY CHANGE FROM THE ARENA ADVISORY BOARD REGARDING USE OF THE OUTBACK ARENA:

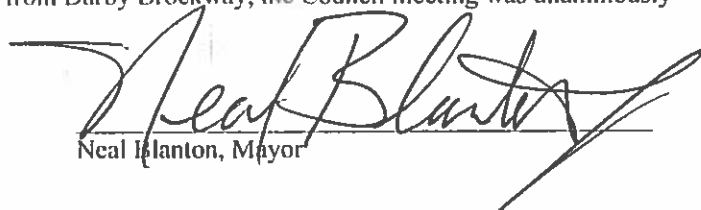
Mayor Blanton referred to the outline within the Council packet. The Mayor stated that the Arena Advisory Board has approved the outline. Council Member Darby Brockway questioned if there were charges for the Outback Arena in the past. Mayor Blanton responded stating that there were charges. Council Member Kyle Peavy said use without paying is the concern and moving toward focus on pleasure riding. Council Member Kyle Peavy said exclusive use will require a reservation for the facility. Mayor Blanton said area is useful to youth and benefits the community. Council Member Kyle Peavy said a donation box is to be installed to help offset some of the expenses. Public Works Director Jason Cottongame said a timer is going to be installed to help reduce the energy usage and some type of credit card machine will be installed. Mayor Blanton added there is a plan to install cameras at the facility. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the arena policy change requested. Brint Albritton made the second motion. The outback arena request was approved unanimously 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB said there was great attendance at the Chamber Banquet held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Recognition of restaurants and community members for those making an impact on the community. The You Lead class will be attending Graham Day in Austin on February 26 and 27, 2019. The group intends to meet Senator Fallon, Representative Springer, and other agency representatives.
- Thomas Wallner introduced the Graham Leader's new publisher, Tim O'Malley.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary