

July 28, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2016 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor:	Jack Graham
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
Council Member:	Spencer Street III – absent
	Brint Albritton
	Lee Boyd
City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
Police Chief:	Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock - absent
Fire Chief:	Jerry David

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Jimmy McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Dennis Fellows, Sandra Helvey, Krisa De La Cruz, Jim Helvey and Todd Treat.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Council meeting were approved 3-0 with Darby Brockway making the motion and Brint Albritton making the second.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF H.S. BASEBALL FIELD, H.S. SOFTBALL FIELD AND THE 4-H AND FFA PROJECT FEEDING FACILITY ALL LAND OWNED BY THE G.I.S.D. AS WELL AS THE LAND OWNED BY YOUNG COUNTY AND LEASED BY THE CITY OF GRAHAM THAT INCLUDES THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY REASONS:

Brandon Anderson said two Public Hearings are required for annexing property that is publicly owned by G.I.S.D., Young County, and the City of Graham. Brandon stated two properties were excluded from the plan. The main reason for the annexation is G.I.S.D. has requested it for safety, security, and the needs of the FFA. Brandon with the land currently being outside of City limits, the City law enforcement is not able to patrol and enforce. The security limitations at the Food Truck concert is what caused concern for the City. Annexation will also allow for the D.A.R.E. officer to secure and enforce during ball games. Brandon stated that water, sewer, and City services are already in place. Brandon said there will be an Interlocal Agreement with the County on road repairs and maintenance. Brandon stated there would be another Public Hearing at the Budget Workshop (Special Called Meeting) on Thursday, August 4, 2016. Brandon conclude with saying the final hearing will take place at Council meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016. Brandon opened the hearing to the public at 9:52 a.m. and asked if anyone attending the meeting had any questions or comments regarding the annexation. There were no responses so Brandon closed the public hearing at 9:54 a.m.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO GENESIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FT. WORTH:

Todd Treat, representing Genesis United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Mayor Jack Graham. Brandon Anderson said this is the third year the youth group's mission trip to make repairs to houses and provide clean-up. Jack said Todd was a former resident and member of First United Methodist Church in Graham.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #1049 RE-CREATING THE ARENA BOARD:

Brandon Anderson said there was a need for restructure. Brandon stated that through this Ordinance the Arena Board would take an advisory role with less liability and take a more active role in marketing and promoting events. This is the second reading of Ordinance #1049 and was approved 3-0 with Brint Albritton making the motion and Lee Boyd making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1050 ANNEXATION OF H.S. BASEBALL FIELD, H.S., THE SOFTBALL FIELD AND THE 4-H AND FFA PROJECT FEEDING FACILITY ALL LAND OWNED BY THE G.I.S.D. AS WELL AS THE LAND OWNED BY YOUNG COUNTY AND LEASED BY THE CITY OF GRAHAM THAT INCLUDES THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA AND FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY REASONS:

Brandon Anderson said this is the first reading following the Public Hearing and the second reading for final approval will take place at the Thursday, August 11, 2016. Lee Boyd made the motion on Ordinance #1050. Brint Albritton made the second, and motion was approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON TEMPORARY WATER POLICIES:

Brandon Anderson read the contents of the policy and said the policy provides warning for consequences of tampering with new meters and technology. Brandon stated there have been 4 instances of tampering so far on the new system and those have been flagged. Brandon said the new meters have the ability to send a signal to City Hall when possible tampering has occurred. Brandon stated that a permanent policy will be addressed in the Water, Sewer, and Garbage Ordinance that will be passed in late September for the new fiscal year. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve temporary water policies. Brint Albritton made the second and motion approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PUBLIC INFORMATION ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

Brandon Anderson said the policy allows the City to abide by state statute when dealing with records requests. Sharon McFadden stated the City needs to be in compliance with Texas Government Code 552 to

ensure information is disclosed properly. Policy and Procedures for Public Information was approved 3-0 with a motion by Darby Brockway and a second by Lee Boyd.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1051 APPOINTING A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND REQUIRING ALL REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

Brandon Anderson said that as previously stated in the policy and procedures, the City of Graham needs to abide by the state statute when dealing with records requests. This Ordinance designates the representative. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1051, Brint Albritton made the second, and approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION FOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Brandon Anderson stated that a Homeland Security Grant requires an approved resolution for the Graham Police Department's Law Enforcement Grant request. Lee Boyd made the first motion, Brint Albritton made the second, and resolution approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Sharon McFadden stated the General Fund cash deficiency was due to pending transfers of funds from the Water and Sewer funds accounts. Brandon Anderson said the reimbursement to the state last month resulted in less sales tax dollars. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the financials, Lee Boyd made the second, and approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Brandon Anderson stated the Mayor needs to appoint one member to the CVB Board as well as repopulate the five member Arena Board since the Ordinance #1049 was passed in this Council session. Brandon said the individuals on the Arena Board list have been contacted and are willing to serve. Mayor Jack Graham stated the individuals as: Zack Burkett, Louis Pitcock, Eva Hoffman, Pete Brown, and Jeff Gough. Brandon said the Arena Board will elect members based on City Council approval of the list. Brandon stated that at a later date there would need to be a designee of the Council. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the Arena Board list, Brint Albritton made the second, and approved 3-0.

Brandon Anderson said Kyle Anderson was recommended appointment to the CVB Board. Mayor Jack Graham said Kyle and his wife were very involved in the Food Truck event and stated Kyle would be a good choice. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Kyle Anderson to CVB Board, Lee Boyd made the second, and approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM YOUNG COUNTY MASONIC LODGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SERVICE CLUBS OF YOUNG COUNTY FOR THE USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. TO HOST A COUNTYWIDE EVENT TO HONOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS IN YOUNG COUNTY:


Brandon Anderson said Weldon had mentioned the great coordinated event 3 – 4 months ago and that the event has good timing with Service Clubs helping, and all showing support for Firefighters, Police, EMS, and Sheriff's Department. The request was approved 3-0 with Darby Brockway making the motion and Brint Albritton making the second.

REPORTS:

Krisa De La Cruz said Teacher Appreciation breakfast was coming up and that sponsorships are still available. Krisa stated an event is being held Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Downtown Square to honor first responders with the theme "We have your back." Brandon Anderson said Chris Neal, the Swimming Pool Manager, will be opening the pool at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 and showing a moving at 9:30 p.m. on an inflatable screen. Brandon said the last day for the pool to be open is Saturday, August 20, 2016 with Paws in the Pool event. The costs is \$5 for each dog and free to humans with proceeds benefiting the Young County Humane Society. Brandon Anderson commented on the new water meter project stating meters were read on July 15, 2016 and bills were sent out on July 25, 2016. Brandon said there have been questions concerning the accuracy and that staff at City Hall have done a great job at answering the questions. Brandon said he stands behind the new meters and that Ferguson (meter contractor) told him the City of Graham has 99% accuracy which is reading better than any of their previous installation projects. Brandon said 4,000 of the 4,400 meters were in the ground and reading. Mayor Jack Graham said the readings are fair, eye-opening to some, and he is satisfied with the efficiency. Jack said many will exercise discretionary watering and that water used should be charged to the customer. Brandon Anderson stated the lake is 94.7% full and experiencing evaporation due to the hot and dry conditions. Mayor Jack Graham asked all to keep the family of Councilman Spencer Street in their prayers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jack Graham said there would be no Adjournment of this session in honor of Councilman Spencer Street.


John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary