

October 22, 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2015 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Bud Attaway, Alex Heartfield, Chris Blanton, Glenn McGee, J. McLeroy, Larry Novak, Eddie Gellner, Neal Blanton, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame and Casey Holder.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Larry Novak spoke in support of the City Police Department.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the October 08, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1044 AMENDING SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE #249 REQUIRING LICENSING OF PERSONS SELLING AND/OR SOLICITING SALES OF MERCHANDISE FROM DOOR TO DOOR; PROVIDING FOR RESTRICTIONS ON PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, OTHER ORDINANCES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (1st Reading)

The amendment was made to account for concerns of Kirby Co. and their Attorney and has been worked up by Bill Myers and presented for Council approval. Passage is recommended with a concerted effort to inform public that this change has been made and present their options moving forward. Appointments will no longer be required. Residents can post a "No Soliciting" sign and/or put their names on a list at City Hall to accompany any issued permits. Paragraph 5 will be changed to reflect this. The first reading was delayed to the next Council Session.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED:

Current financial report for September 30, 2015 was presented along with the sales tax collection report. Spencer Street made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

The request is to close Cherry Street from Third to Fourth Street for their Annual Trunk or Treat Event from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2016. The Police Department said they had not been contacted but this event has been held without incident in the past. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:


Chief David said that reported that Fire Prevention activities are ongoing and the department has obtained a forest service grant for equipment. Chief Widner submitted the September Police report and said that the Halloween safety program has started. Jennifer Conway introduced the new manager at United Supermarket and confirmed that she would be resigning to move to New York at the end of December. Mayor Graham said that her service has been exemplary.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 85.4% capacity, 1072.22 feet. He referred to the Code Enforcement report that listed 778 code violations for the year to date. He also provided a tax breakdown by jurisdiction for 2014 and 2015 and submitted a draft ordinance regarding Sex Offenders' residency for future consideration.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Brint Albritton a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.


 John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


 David Maddy, City Secretary