

January 26, 2017

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 with the following members present:

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Mayor:</b>	Jack Graham
	<b>Mayor Pro-Tem:</b>	Darby Brockway (absent)
	<b>Council Member</b>	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	<b>City Manager:</b>	Brandon Anderson
	<b>City Secretary:</b>	Sharon McFadden (absent)
	<b>Chief Accountant:</b>	Sue Argabright (record minutes)
	<b>Police Chief:</b>	Tony Widner
	<b>Assistant Police Chief:</b>	Brent Bullock
	<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Jerry David

**VISITORS:** Thomas Wallner, Eddie Gellner, Jimmy McLeroy, Lauren Decker, Jim Don Laurent, Jason Cottongame, Krisa De La Cruz, Diana Theall, Neal Blanton, and Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 26, 2017 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Brint Albritton making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

**SWEARING IN OF BRIAN JOHNSON AND JASON BEESIGNER AS NEW OFFICERS TO THE GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Police Chief Tony Widner introduced the new police officers. Chief Widner informed the Council that the Police Department is now fully staffed. Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop simultaneously conducted the Oath of office for the new police officers. Mayor Jack Graham verbally welcomed Officers Brian Johnson and Jason Beesigner.

**HEAR PRESENTATION FROM LAUREN DECKER, DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE EASTERN HALF OF TX 19 WITH CONGRESSMAN, JODEY ARRINGTON'S OFFICE:**

Lauren Decker briefly provided her personal and professional background history. She said community engagement is her main focus and expressed her interest and plans to attend the Graham Food Truck Championship event. Lauren told the City Council that Representative Arrington is serving on three (3) committees during his first term. The first committee is agriculture which is tasked with writing a new farm bill. The second is the budget committee challenged with repealing and replacing Obamacare. The third committee is Veteran's Affairs. Arrington will also be serving as Chairman of the economic sub-committee to create jobs in rural communities. Lauren said she was leaving her contact information and is looking forward to working with our community and thanked the Council. Brandon mentioned his history with Lauren and her family involving 4-H and FFA.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON CITY FINANCIAL REPORT AND CITY SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:**

Brandon Anderson noted the General Fund balance is healthy and that ad valorem taxes are coming in. He said some Bond payments have been made and that the Water Plant is near completion. Brandon suggested that the Council tour the facility in the near future. Mayor Jack Graham commented on the positive difference in the Water Plant. Brandon said our budget versus what we have spent, is in line for most departments. Brandon said he was concerned with the \$284,000 behind on water revenue from what we budgeted. Brandon said he has visited with Scott Swanson of La Costa Environmental on conducting a rate study of our books. Brandon said the low water usage on the report reflects October 2016, November 2016, and December 2016. Brandon said we may need to take a look at rates. Brandon said the overall financials look good. Brandon referred to the red numbers on the Sales Tax Report and hopes to work our way out of the red. Brandon noted \$666,667.00 was budgeted and \$711,049.00 has been collected, which is in line. Brandon said three communities have been added to the comparison on the Sales Tax Report so we can see the changes in tax revenue for the coming months. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTER CLUB FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THE ANNUAL CARS AND STARS EVENT ON APRIL 8, 2017. THEY ARE REQUESTING CLOSURE OF THE SQUARE FROM NOON ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017 UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ON APRIL 8, 2017 (REQUEST LETTER IN PACKET):**

Brandon Anderson said that Brandon Cornelius is no longer handling the event and the Band Booster Club has taken it over. Brandon Anderson said blocking square at noon is a concern. Mayor agreed we need to talk with the County-get approval. AS courtesy, county needs to be involved in the decision. Brandon suggested approval from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve, Kyle Peavy made the second, and motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS:

- Krisa De La Cruz said the Chamber Banquet was successful and a sold-out event. Krisa said the Chamber appreciated all of the support provided for the event. Mayor Jack Graham said it was a great event with good food. The Mayor said Spencer Street was honored as Citizen of the Year, and the award was very worthy. Krisa said 400 people attended the event that honors people in town.
- Neal Blanton told Council that he and Brandon visited with the USDA on expanding broadband service in Graham.
- Brandon Anderson informed Council that Robert San Miguel's Code Enforcement report was included in the Council packet. Brandon said the lake level is 100 percent full.

## ADJOURNMENT:

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



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John Chiles Graham, Mayor

## ATTEST:



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Sharon McFadden, City Secretary