

July 25, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Sandra Helvey, Thomas Wallner, Joe Beruda, Sara Lundgren, Krisa De La Cruz, Elton Montgomery, Mandy Hearne, JW Budge, Ethel Kramer, Norma Grimes, GL McDowell, Larry Hamilton, Judy Smith, Debbie Robertson, Christine Smith, Douglas Stroud, Kyle Ford, Tiffany Snow, Sheri Widner, Tony Widner, Andy Heath, Christy Chappell, Janice Elliott, Chris Blanton, Kent Pettus, Ande Heath, Carol Willis, Larry Novak, Tommy Darnelle, Anita Mezzell, Alicia Harris, Chris Smith, and Phyllis Costis.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Blanton said he assumed most were attending to speak on the relocation of City Hall. Mayor Blanton provided the details on the history of public notification for the move. Mayor Blanton stated he would answer questions after the conclusion of the meeting and welcomed other Council members to participate as long as it does not violate the Open Meetings Act as a quorum. Mayor Blanton asked those wanting to speak to raise their hand. Six attendees raised their hand. Mayor Blanton said there would be a five minute time limit on each speaker. Mayor informed everyone that he and the Council would be listening to speakers but he and Council would not be answering questions in the public forum. JW Budge, Chairman for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) Board was the first speaker. Mr. Budge spoke on behalf of the CVB support as well as the benefits in the relocation of City Hall. Larry Hamilton, Commander of American Legion Post #34, requested continued access for his organization to use the Council Chamber for meetings. Mr. Hamilton also requested the storage building that has exterior access remain intact and accessible to his organization as well as for any other civic club needing storage space. Finally, Mr. Hamilton requested the American Legion sign remain intact for historical reasons. Tiffany Snow, President of the Chamber of Commerce, represented the Board being in favor of the relocation of City Hall. Elton "Monty" Montgomery spoke against the relocation of City Hall and specifically requested the Mayor, Council, and the City Manager slow-down the process, think and consider other alternatives. Ande Heath spoke against the relocation of City Hall. Mayor Blanton asked if anyone else wanted to speak and with no response, he announced the Public Forum is closed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, July 11, 2019 and the minutes from the Special Called meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Darby Brockway seconded and both sets of minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

#### CONSIDER AND ACT ON JUNE 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, SECOND QUARTER OF 2019 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT, AND THE JULY 2019 SALES TAX REPORT:

Sharon McFadden presented the reports. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second and the reports were unanimously approved 3-0.

#### CONSIDER AND ACT ON A MEMO OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAHAM AND HELEN FARABEE CENTERS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF \$20,000 PAYABLE IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST:

Mayor Blanton briefly explained the continued commitment and referred to the memo within the Council packet. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Kyle Peavy made the second. The agreement was unanimously approved 3-0.

#### CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM EVENING LIONS CLUB PERMITTING THE GROUP TO HOST A ONE DAY, TWO PERFORMANCE BIG TOP STYLE CIRCUS ON THE LAND LOCATED NORTH OF THE SOFTBALL FIELD. (ORDINANCE REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THIS TYPE OF EVENT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS):

Mayor Blanton referred to the letter within the City Council packet. The request was unanimously approved 3-0 with Brint Albritton making the first motion and Kyle Peavy providing the second.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS NEEDED BY MAYOR:

Mayor Blanton stated there were no appointments to consider at this time.

#### REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET CALENDAR:

Mayor Blanton reviewed the pertinent dates of the budget calendar. Mayor Blanton disclosed that the Bertha Foundation is providing the funds for the renovation of the American Legion Building to accommodate City Hall.

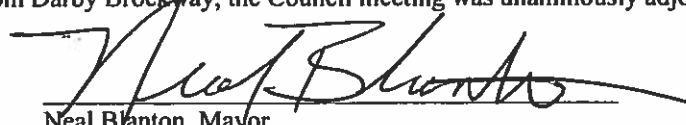
#### REPORTS:

- Police Chief Brent Bullock said his department and the Fire Department along with the Chamber served snow cones to children at the swimming pool.

- Fire Chief Jerry David said Assistant Fire Chief Jim Don Laurent was teaching fire school at Texas A & M for the third year in a row.
- Mayor Blanton said as of today (July 25, 2019), the lake level is at 97 percent full. He announced the City Hall Activities Report and the Utility Clerk Report are in the back of the packet.

## 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