

August 6, 2020

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2020 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Chester Smith, Thomas Wallner, Sarah Lundgren, Krisa De La Cruz, Tony Ramirez, Alex Heartfield, Shana Wolfe, and Randall Dawson.

ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Darby Brockway 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, July 23, 2020 were considered. Kyle Peavy made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1100 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES. ORDINANCE IS TO CORRECT WATER RATE ERROR IDENTIFIED BY MWH ON THE 2019 AUDIT FINDINGS:

Sharon stated the error was on 25-13 Section 1. (a)(2) All water will be charged at the following rates: 0-6,000 gallons at \$3.42 per thousand gallons. The correction reads 0-4,000 gallons at \$3.42 per thousand gallons. Brandon advised this change will correct an error identified during the 2019 audit. Brandon said this is considered the first reading due to lack of quorum for the meeting. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve and Brint Albritton made the second. Ordinance # 1100 was approved 3-0 as the first reading.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1101 DISCONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TMRS), AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE:

Brandon referred to the letter within the Council packet. The ordinance only applies to previous City employees that are working for the hospital. Employees were transferred to the hospital when it became its own taxing entity. TMRS has been paid by Graham Regional Medical Center (GRMC) since the change occurred in 2014. Administrators of GRMC requested to terminate the fund. Some employees are still carrying the benefit. This ordinance will enable GRMC to terminate their contribution requirements. Brandon said GRMC staff are being offered a different plan. Brint Albritton made the first motion and Lee Boyd seconded. Ordinance # 1101 was approved 3-0 as the first reading.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA):

Brandon referred to the program information within the packet. The grant would be for Texas Street water and sewer line replacement. The City of Graham was eliminated from consideration on a previous grant application. The scoring factor has been eliminated and the City of Graham has a good chance this time. Per CDBG guidelines, the City is required to advertise the work associated with the grant. This request would allow staff to open the bids for this request. Lee Boyd made the first motion to approve. Kyle Peavy made the second. The request was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION # 119 APPROVAL OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Brandon said this project was presented two years ago and H2O partners have been working with Council of Governments on this plan. Assistant Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Don Laurent has been the City's representative for the plan. Young County has an Emergency Management Coordinator working on this. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is available online. A printed copy was not provided with the Council packet due to being over 600 pages in length. Brandon offered to send anyone interested a link and stated the website is on the enclosed

letter. Judge Bullock has provided Young County's resolution for approval. Lee Boyd made the first motion and Brint Albritton seconded. Resolution # 119 was unanimously approved. 3-0.

REVIEW PROPOSED BUDGET ON FILE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM (NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN):

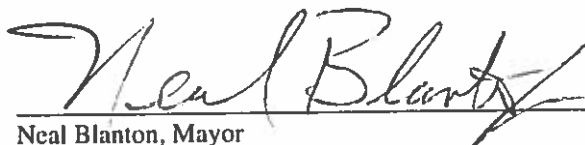
Brandon referred to the copy of the full proposed budget provided to each Council Member. The Summary Sheets will be placed on file for public review. Has been discussed during the two budget workshops with some of the staffing changes we discussed. The purpose of reviewing this proposed budget today is to make the public aware that the summaries will be on file at City Hall and anyone who wants a full copy may request it. Lee Boyd questioned what the tax rate would be to meet this budget. Brandon said he received the Appraisal District "No-New-Tax Rate" and all the calculations late yesterday (August 5, 2020). He has not had an opportunity to review what was provided. Brandon said with the increase in appraised values that would cause the tax rate to decrease in order to raise the same amount of funds. If there is a decrease in taxes, the City would still need to generate around \$200,000 out of that. Darby asked when the next Council meeting will take place and how long the budget has to be on file. Brandon informed Council the proposed budget must be on file at least 30 days before it is considered. A Public Hearing will take place on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the Regular Session Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. The other Public Hearing will be during a Special Called Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Lee Boyd asked which meeting Council would vote on the budget. Brandon informed Council the budget would be considered on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at the Regular Session Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Darby stated no action was to be taken on the proposed budget.

REPORTS:

- Brandon said the lease holders at the airport elected one person to serve on the interview committee. That individual, the Airport Board, and himself (Brandon) were the committee. The committee has selected a new Airport Manager. The position was advertised for a month and received 34 applications. The candidates were narrowed down to five and interviews were held on July 28, 2020. There were two or three that were very suitable. We have entered into negotiations with one and he has accepted. He will be starting around August 20, 2020. He is from the southeast part of the United States but has most recently been in the state of Washington. John Delamarter is his name. He will submit a biography so we can get it submitted to the Graham Leader and other groups. He will be a real asset to the airport. Lake level at 95.9 percent full. For being in the middle of summer, we have been very blessed with moisture. Day to day activities are occurring with the City and the Car Show was a success. City Staff members, Fire Department, and the Police Department are working on burning a mobile home posing a community health hazard.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the Teacher Appreciation event tomorrow August 6, 2020. On August 15, 2020, the Possum Pedal Bike Ride event is scheduled and details are available on the Possum Pedal website and their Facebook page. September 19, 2020 is the annual Chamber Golf Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary