

November 14, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Neal Blanton  
 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  
 Fire Chief: Jerry David  
 Assistant Fire Chief: Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Thomas Wallner, Matt Hughes, Roy Pitcock, Jr., Lisa Kinkead, Karibe Dixon, Krisa De La Cruz, Randall Dawson, Sara Lundgren, Dennis Fellows, Jeff Smith, and BJ Cook.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton 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, October 17, 2019 were considered. Kyle Peavy made the first motion and Darby Brockway seconded. Regular session council meeting minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEE BOYD JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RESOLUTION FOR THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM DESIGNATING CERTAIN OFFICIALS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR, ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT DEALING WITH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE; CERTIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT MATCHING SHARE IS READILY AVAILABLE; AND DEDICATING THE PROPOSED SITE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES:

Brandon said he is preparing documents prior to submittal by Jacob and Martin for grant opportunities. The Parks Board has mapped out a three year plan with Jacob and Martin and it was presented at the previous Council meeting. This resolution provides an authorized signatory. Brandon is diligently responding to the requests of Jacob and Martin to get the packet prepared. Brandon recommended the City Manager be designated as signatory. Mayor Blanton stated the application must be in Austin the first week of December 2019. Council Member Lee Boyd said they (Jacob and Martin) are preparing the trails grant application for submission in February/April 2020. The trails grant is an 80/20 match. Brandon mentioned the "seed" money of \$1,000,000 by the City and each grant of up to \$500,000 in matching grant funds. The first application may lead to acceptance and preparation for second application or if rejected will lead the Parks Board to seek alternative options. Brandon said the plan is very useful and Lee Boyd remains in contact with Texas Parks and Wildlife. Lee Boyd stated the City of Graham is in a good position. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second motion and the resolution was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CERTAIN ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE 2019 CHRISTMAS PARADE:

Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, said the parade route remains the same as previous years. There is only one change this year. A stationary parade located on Third Street will be an option for participants that prefer not to be in the moving parade. The Christmas parade and associated events will take place Thursday, December 5, 2019. Krisa has met with Police Chief Brent Bullock and they are in agreement with the risk assessment plan. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the road closure request. Darby Brockway seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A ONE TIME SALARY INCREASE TO BE PAID TO CITY EMPLOYEES AT RATES DESCRIBED IN THE HANDOUT:

Brandon said the handout is consistent with previous years and the salary increases were budgeted for all city employees. Mayor Blanton said the City has been providing these salary increases for 30 years or more. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED:

Brandon said the 2020 Holiday Schedule is consistent with Young County's schedule. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Kyle Peavy made the second. The holiday schedule was unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Public Works Director Randall Dawson informed Council water leak repairs continue to occur and are being repaired.
- Water Plant Superintendent, Dennis Fellows, said one clarifier pump is currently down and a high surface pump is being installed this morning (November 14, 2019). He is waiting on an aluminum sulfate pump and then the third clarifier will be back in service.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the Holiday Shopping Spree Kick Off on Friday, November 29, 2019 at Jailhouse Boutique and Jordan Pharmacy. \$7,000 in Chamber Bucks will be

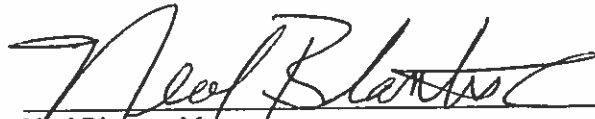
given away and she requested all to get out and shop. Every \$25 spent gets a stamped card that provides an entry in a chance to win Chamber Bucks.

The Pigskin weekend is taking place on Saturday, November 16, 2019. The corn hole tournament will have a \$6,000 pay out. The Old Post Office Museum has the Holiday Market going on inside. Farmer's Market will set up on Third Street. There will be a children's activities area. The farmers market and children's activities are free to the public. Event tickets are \$25 per ticket. The tickets provide access to the concert and \$5 in food tickets. Brothers Smokehouse Restaurant will be serving bar-b-que sandwiches. A trailer with cola drinks will be available. Alcoholic beverages will be available. Graham Savings & Loan will be providing hot dogs. Krisa encouraged all to attend the family friendly activities. Brandon Ryder, Dalton Domino, Vincent Miller Emerson will be performing. Graham Police and Fire departments have entered corn hole teams to compete against each other.

- Brandon Anderson mentioned in the packet are Municipal Court Warrants Report for September 2019 and the Code Enforcement Report for September 2019. The lake level is 86 percent full. The agenda did not include financial reports due to delay in closing fiscal year. Next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day) so no meeting will occur. The Sales Tax Report for November 2019 in the packet reflects a 14 percent increase from this time last year. Brandon projects a possible ten percent increase for the fiscal year. The November 2019 Sales Tax Report will be in the next packet with the financials.

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