

January 14, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016 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
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Fire Chief: Jerry David

VISITORS: Irene McMillan, Whitney Crawford, Atitio Noyola, Lucila Noyola, Sandra Noyola, Neal Blanton, Larry Novak, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey, Dennis Fellows, Robert San Miguel, Teresa Bishop, and Carla McKeown.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop swore in new police officer, Crystal Noyola.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the December 17, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve minutes and Darby Brockway made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1045 MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS TO RESIDE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF PREMISES WHERE CHILDREN GATHER; PROHIBITING PROPERTY OWNERS FROM RENTING REAL PROPERTY TO CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS FROM ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES:

This was the second and final reading. The Ordinance would give more control to the City to ensure consistency and oversight of offenders in situations not covered under the law. The map included in the packet is not sufficient and will be revised to highlight the safety zones and to clarify them better. Spencer Street made the motion to approve Ordinance #1045, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ITEM REGARDING ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN HIBBETT SPORTS AND THE SHOE DEPARTMENT:

The Request is to bring the parcel at 2210 Highway 16 S. in under PD3 Zoning, which allows for Commercial Retail and/or Restaurants. Planning and Zoning approved at its meeting. The water and sewer lines are already installed. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve annexation of the property, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSED INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF GRAHAM FOR PURPOSE OF BUILDING THE LIVESTOCK PROJECT FEEDING FACILITY:

The School District approved this inter local agreement last night (Wednesday) at their meeting. This will allow the City to get moving as soon as final plans are approved, hopefully by the end of January to Mid-February. The County deeded the land located northeast of the Arena to the School District. The City has committed in kind labor and services with no funds committed. The School District approved \$400,000 for the project. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the agreement, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSS AND GET UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE OF WATER METER RFP AND PAYMENT OPTIONS:

The estimates obtained from the meetings with representatives of a number of meter companies ranged from \$1.75M to \$2M. Financing can be obtained through local banks or another approved lender, depending on terms and interest rates. It was mentioned that the City could assess a \$5 per meter technology fee although that is not currently planned. Final bids will be presented January 28, 2016.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM MARTHA FLOYD ON BEHALF OF THE CARS & STARS CAR SHOW REQUESTING USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON APRIL 9, 2016 FOR THE ANNUAL CAR SHOW:

Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT IF NEEDED ON AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

If quotes from Energy by 5 look good and the City wants to take advantage of low rates the Council could authorize the City Manager to lock in the rates. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the City Manager to enter into a contract for electric services, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

The 2015 Summary report of Police Department activities was presented by Chief Widner. It noted 4,998 calls, 2,769 citations, 969 criminal offenses of which 567 were solved, one homicide and the hiring of five new officers. Chief David said the new fire truck is due back from servicing so it can be put into service. Robert San Miguel reported that code enforcements have increased and credited clerical support, Judy Walls, for being a big part of that activity. Neal Blanton said that GEIC has a couple of prospects. Krisa De LaCruz, the new Chamber director, said the Food Truck event website opens 1-15-16 and the annual Taste of Graham is being planned. Dennis Fellows reported that the major work on the new water treatment facility is complete and contractors promised a Mar. 1 completion date for phase 1 work. Phase 2 is the new water line into town. Jason Cottongame said that 3 ½ miles of road overlay have been completed. There have been numerous water line breaks.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 1075.16 or 100% capacity; 1075' is full. New YCAD board members were announced. Darby Brockway will represent the City on the board. Proposed budget cuts will be presented at the next Council. The Council meeting scheduled for the week of Spring Break may need to be rescheduled or cancelled.

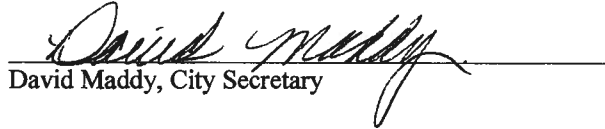
ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary