

January 28, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2016 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Spencer Street III
 Council Member: Brint Albritton
 Darby Brockway
 Lee Boyd - absent
 City Manager: Brandon Anderson
 City Secretary: David Maddy
 Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden
 Police Chief: Tony Widner - absent
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock - absent
 Fire Chief: Jerry David - absent

VISITORS: Brian Hubbard, John Bullock, Tom Gentry, Neal Blanton, Larry Novak, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey, Sue Argabright, Randall Dawson, Krisa De La Cruz and Thomas Walner.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Tom Gentry addressed Council about two issues regarding the lot and area where he lives at the lake (LL 55 & 56 or 826 Kendrick). His house floods when it rains as the drainage culvert is overgrown and the drainage pipe is laid at the wrong angle to catch the runoff. There are a significant number of pot holes in the road which is washed out at the curve at the top of the hill. Brandon Anderson said the City would look at both situations.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the January 14, 2016 regular meeting were approved 3-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1046 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO COUNCIL PERSONS AND ONE MAYOR:

The Ordinance orders the election. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the Ordinance, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE YOUNG COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

The agreement allows the Young County Elections Administrator to handle the City election. Funds were budgeted to cover the City's portion of the expenses. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the agreement, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1047 AMENDING ORDINANCE #1040 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016:

The Budget adjustment is needed to account for weaker than expected Sales Tax Receipts. The total reduction in General Fund expenses is \$194,990. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the Ordinance, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

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

September 2015 pre audited financials and December 31, 2015 financials were presented. David Maddy pointed out that the September statements reflect an excess of revenues over expenditures in the General Fund of \$165,200. It is not expected that any audit adjustments will significantly change this number. Sales tax payments through January continue to be about 7.56% less than last year. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the reports, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADVANCED METER PROGRAM RECEIVED, CHOOSE A PROPOSAL, AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ALL NEEDED DOCUMENTS FOR SWIFT COMPLETION OF PROJECT:

David Maddy reviewed the bid recap of the lowest three bids for Council and explained the bid items. Jason Cottongame and Brandon Anderson discussed the scope of the project and the completion time frames submitted by each. They then told Council that Ferguson Waterworks was the recommended bid at \$1,817,280 which fell in between the bid totals of HD Waterworks and Aqua Metric. They like the brand of meter which are brass and the reputation of the company which has a large number of meters installed nationwide. David Maddy reviewed the financing options stating that two local banks had declined to bid, one quoted 4% and Government Capital quoted 2.75% for seven years. Mayor Graham recommended including 200 remote controlled meters for addresses that have a history of being turned off frequently and thought the City could pay the approximate \$40,000 extra from one of the special water funds. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the bid from Ferguson, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 3-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the financing with Government Capital Corp., Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

Spencer Street made the motion to approve the City Manager to sign the contracts, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM RANDI JONES ON BEHALF OF YOUNG COUNTY YOU LEAD FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FROM 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. ON APRIL 16, 2016 FOR THE YOUNG COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR.

This is a You Lead group project to help raise awareness of services provided and opportunities to volunteer or serve. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS:

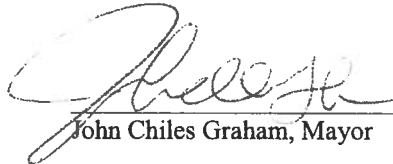
The Mayor commented that the Chamber banquet was attended by 450 people. The December Police Department report was submitted. Krisa De La Cruz said that CVB is progressing quickly on the Food Truck event. The 2015 Code Enforcement report was included in the agenda packets and reflected 1,201 total actions.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 1074.96 or 99.8% capacity; 1075' is full.

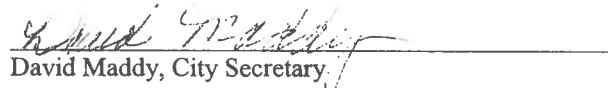
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Brint Albritton a vote of 3-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary