

October 17, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 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 (absent)
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Thomas Walner, Joe Beruda, Toby Reddell, Karibe Dixon, Tony Ramirez, Melinda Ramirez, Gordy Ramirez, Cole Epperson, Pedro Ramirez, Tanner Walls, Krisa De La Cruz, Randall Dawson, and Allen Dixon.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW FIRE FIGHTER PEDRO RAMIREZ:

Fire Chief Jerry David introduced Pedro Ramirez and gave honor to Pedro's accomplishments for being valedictorian of his training class and excelling in grades during training. City Secretary Sharon McFadden conducted the Oath of Office with Mr. Ramirez. Each Council Member, the Mayor, and the City Manager each shook hands with Mr. Ramirez, stated congratulations, and welcomed him to the position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 were considered. Darby Brockway made the first motion and Lee Boyd seconded. Regular session council meeting minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 2019 SALES TAX REPORT, AND THE THIRD QUARTER 2019 INVESTMENT REPORT:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed each report. Brandon provided additional details regarding each report presented. Mayor Blanton commended Brandon and his staff for their contributions on financials and the difficult task of keeping everything organized. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second motion and the reports were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION # 115 PERTAINING TO THE TERMS OF THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND THE NEED TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS FOR THESE POSITIONS FOR LATER CASTING OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM'S ALLOTTED VOTES:

Brandon referred to the Young Central Appraisal District letter in the Council packet and explained the process of nomination. Brandon recommended Darby Brockway be nominated as the representative. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve Resolution #114. Lee Boyd seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRINT ALBRITTON JOINED THE COUNCIL MEETING AT THIS TIME.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF THE 2019 PARK IMPROVEMENT STUDY EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PREPARED BY JACOB AND MARTIN ENGINEERS AND AUTHORIZE THE PARKS BOARD THE ABILITY TO ASK JACOB AND MARTIN TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE GRANTS WITH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND AUTHORIZE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATIONS:

Brandon said the Parks Board has been working diligently to establish the new park system with the funds received. The Parks Board is seeking grants to assist with the projects. Brandon reviewed details of the three phase plan in the packet. Brandon suggested a public meeting be held in the near future. Lee Boyd said the deadline for parks grant is December 2019 and the deadline for the trails grant is February 2020. Lee Boyd said the City is seeking two 80/20 grants. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Darby Brockway seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM ALLEN DIXON WITH THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO CLOSE SECOND STREET FROM PLUM STREET TO CHERRY STREET AND CHERRY STREET FROM SECOND STREET TO THIRD STREET ON OCTOBER 27, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR THEIR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT:

Brandon said this is a reoccurring annual event and safety is a priority. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM JESSICA MCCLANAHAN WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO CLOSE CHERRY STREET FROM FOURTH TO THIRD STREET ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. FOR THEIR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT:

Brandon said this is a reoccurring annual event and safety is a priority. Kyle Peavy made the first motion, Darby Brockway seconded and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CLOSING PORTIONS OF THE SQUARE AS NEEDED FOR THE TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT AROUND THE SQUARE ON OCTOBER 31, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.:


Brandon said this is an annual reoccurring joint effort with the Chamber. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second. The request was unanimously approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Public Works Director Randall Dawson informed Council of the increased number of water leaks. The leaks are being addressed as they occur. Street work is occurring and new personnel are receiving training. Water and sewer plant projects are in process. We are two weeks into the burn-out of the water system and should be complete at the end of next week (October 25, 2019). Another flush will occur after the burn-out is complete.
- Joe Beruda, Executive Director of Economic Development informed Council of Bealls Store closing and in the spring of 2020 will reopen as a new brand store named Gordman's.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the Trunk or Treat on the square on Thursday, October 31, 2019 starting at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Halloween costume competition at the gazebo. Holiday Shopping Spree will begin on Friday, November 29, 2019 at the Jailhouse Boutique and Jordan Pharmacy.
- Brandon Anderson mentioned the Municipal Court Reports from Judge Bishop. Judge Bishop is out for a surgical procedure but has submitted two reports (August 2019 and September 2019). Remodel is still going on for the new City Hall. The burn-out of the water system has gone well and water process system. If citizens experience colored water, they need to contact City Hall and report it. The lake level is 87 percent full as of October 15, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Noel Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST 
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary