

October 29, 2020

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Kelli Shifflett, Alex Heartfield, Randall Dawson, Thomas Wallner, Shana Wolfe, and Sarah Lundgren.

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 15, 2020 were considered. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the minutes. Lee Boyd seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

MAYOR BLANTON ANNOUNCED THE NEXT TWO AGENDA ITEMS (ORDINANCE # 1104 AND ORDINANCE #1105) WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER IN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER KYLE PEAVY WILL BE CALLING BY PHONE TO JOIN THE MEETING. (THE ITEMS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PLACES IN THESE MINUTES.)

CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO INVITE ALL LAKE LOT LEASE HOLDERS TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF POSSIBLE LAKE LOT LEASE TRANSFER AND OWNERSHIP AS WELL AS RELEASING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO BE PUT OUT INVOLVING POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE R.V. HOOK UPS AND ENHANCEMENT OF RECREATION AREA ON LAKE EDDLEMAN:

Mayor Blanton said there is a need to visit with the lease holders so they may understand where the City is in this process and what may occur moving forward. There is the possibility of selling the lots to those individuals, similar to what occurred at Possum Kingdom Lake. Lee Boyd asked for clarification on the plan. Mayor Blanton said the input from them (lease holders) on their feelings toward the City's intentions. Mayor Blanton mentioned the second part is about the Recreational Vehicle (RV) park hook-ups and enhancement of the recreational areas of Lake Eddleman. Mayor Blanton said that overall impact for the City and the profound effect of bringing people to the area. Brint Albritton asked if selling the land would be included. Mayor Blanton stated it would include sale of land. Mayor Blanton said there is more of a focus on the RV hook-ups and boat dock access to the lake. Lee Boyd asked if there has been any interest in this (referring to the RV hook-ups and boat dock lake access). Mayor Blanton said one group has made a preliminary proposal and have spent some time with an engineering firm to prepare a proposal. This action will authorize Council to move forward and review the proposal. Darby Brockway asked if the informational meeting would be like a Town Hall meeting. Mayor Blanton stated it would be as a Town Hall meeting with lease holders invited to attend. Mayor Blanton said there will be a program presented with a discussion on the situation, what could happen and allow them (lease holders) to respond. Mayor Blanton said the meeting may need to take place at a larger facility, such as the Activities Center (formerly Senior Citizens Center). Mayor Blanton said a date is not set at this time. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request. Lee Boyd seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION ON A REQUEST FROM JAKE AND ROBIN WOMACK FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 FAWN TRAIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF GRAHAM (PRELIMINARY STEP IN ANNEXATION PROCEDURE):

Mayor Blanton said the Planning and Zoning Committee has recommended approval. Public Works Director Randall Dawson attended the meeting. The request includes only one connection. Randall said the property is the third house on the road. Lee Boyd made the first motion and Darby Brockway provided the second. The request was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRAHAM TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND INVESTMENT IN THE CLOTHES CLOSET TO ASSIST THE CRISIS CENTER (THE CLOTHES CLOSET BUILDING IS OWNED BY THE CITY OF GRAHAM):

Rotary Club President Sarah Lundgren said Rotary is proposing a three-year president's project that includes myself (Sarah Lundgren), Matt Hughes, and John Brown. Matt Hughes is past president, Sarah Lundgren is the current president, and John Brown is president elect. Sarah said the building needs repair. Rotary, assisted by a private donor, has purchased a freezer for food storage. Graham High School has stripped and waxed flooring. There is an exceptional new director, Cathy Partridge. Jason Cottongame is aiding with casing on the exterior of the building. The casing will provide a more modern look. Rotary would like to paint the building and install informational graphics on the windows. Rotary would like to repair the parking lot with private donor assistance. Rotary would like to add a mural to the side of the building facing the City Pool. Mayor Blanton informed Rotary that the City Council would have to acquire approval to add a mural to any City of Graham owned buildings. Pecos McCool has been contacted about creating a mural focused on the details of the food bank and clothes closet. The trailer parked at the side of the building is going to be removed. Mayor Blanton requested this item be put on hold since Kyle Peavy was calling.

COUNCIL MEMBER KYLE PEAVY TELEPHONED TO JOIN THE MEETING.

— PER RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ATTORNEY, DAN DE LA CRUZ: IT IS NOTED THAT KYLE PEAVY WAS PRESENT AT THE FIRST READING TO APPROPRIATELY DELIBERATE ORDINANCE #1104 AND ORDINANCE #1105. TODAY (OCTOBER 29, 2020) IS AFTER DELIBERATION IN A PUBLIC FORUM.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1104 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1102 ADJUSTING SALARY AND COMPENSATION LINE ITEMS BY THE AGREED UPON 1.5 PERCENT DURING THE ADOPTION MEETING OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET (SECOND READING):

Mayor Blanton stated that this item will satisfy the entries necessary to adjust employee salaries. Mayor Blanton asked Sharon McFadden for confirmation and she confirmed. Second and final reading that includes Kyle Peavy by telephone. Kyle Peavy made the first motion to approve and Lee Boyd seconded. Ordinance #1104 was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1105 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES #1090 AND #1099 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (SECOND READING):

Mayor Blanton asked Sharon McFadden if approval of this ordinance will satisfy the necessary entries to close the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Sharon confirmed the entries are the end-of-year adjusting entries requested by the auditors. Darby Brockway asked if this was the second reading. Mayor Blanton confirmed. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Darby Brockway provided the second motion. Ordinance #1105 was unanimously approved 4-0.

COUNCIL MEMBER KYLE PEAVY ENDED HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING.

CONTINUATION OF:

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Mayor Blanton apologized to Sarah Lundgren for the interruption. Sarah visited with Mayor Blanton and each Council Member and presented (on her cell phone) an example of what the mural will entail. Mayor Blanton said a benefactor purchased the building and offered it to the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center declined. The City of Graham took responsibility for the building. The City installed a new roof with a donation from a benefactor in Graham. Mayor Blanton said Cathy Partridge (Director) has a great plan for moving forward. Mayor Blanton said the Crisis Center is seeking to move away from the bowling alley, finding a new location, and selling the bowling alley. Mayor Blanton said Cathy Partridge has relocated her office to the Clothes Closet/Food Pantry building. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve and Lee Boyd seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

REPORTS:

- Sharon McFadden informed Council that the current lake level is 96.2 percent full.
- Lee Boyd asked about Brandon Anderson. Mayor Blanton said Brandon has strep throat in addition to COVID-19. He stated there are approximately 125 active cases in Young County. Mayor Blanton thanked everyone attending for wearing a mask.

— **ADJOURNMENT:**

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary