October 3, 2019

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton (absent)
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy (absent)
	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, Joe Beruda, Sara Lundgren, BJ Cook, Grant Ingram, Toby Reddell, Karibe Dixon, Tony Ramirez, Thomas Labbe, Chris Denney

ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Darby Brockway 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, September 19, 2019 were considered. Brint Albritton made the first motion and Lee Boyd seconded. Regular session council meeting minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU (CVB) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM AND ART CENTER (OPOMAC) FOR USE OF THE SQUARE FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL PIGSKIN WEEKEND EVENT ON NOVEMBER 16, 2019 (REQUESTED TIMES AND AREAS TO CLOSE ARE DESCRIBED IN THE REQUEST LETTER IN THE COUNCIL PACKET):

Brandon said staff has reviewed the request and Chief Bullock is in agreement with the event. Events will include a corn hole competition with approximately 120 teams. The sanction committee said with the prize money offered it will draw a lot of teams. There will be three music bands playing in the evening. This is a joint venture with the CVB and the OPOMAC. There will be a whole hog roasted and chopped pork sandwiches will be served. Safety has been reviewed by Police Chief Bullock and the County Sheriff. This request is specifically for use of the downtown square. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second motion and the request was unanimously approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE SPIVEY HILL CHALLENGE BOARD FOR USE OF FIREMAN'S PARK AND CLOSURES OF SOME ROADS AROUND THE PARK AND UP SPIVEY HILL FOR APRIL 4, 2020 FOR THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL SPIVEY HILL CHALLENGE 5K (REQUESTED INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST LETTER IN THE COUNCIL PACKET):

Brandon said the board is submitting their request in a timely manner. Request includes road closures and security for the annual event. Brandon said this is for a good cause and recommended approval. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request. Lee Boyd seconded and the request was unanimously approved 3-0.

REPORTS:

- Brandon said the August 2019 monthly report for the library is in the packet. The September 2019 Utility Clerk and City Hall Activities Reports are in the packet. Sharon can answer any questions on the last two reports. He introduced Karibe Dixon who is taking Sandra Helvey's place as City Manager's Secretary.
- Police Chief Brent Bullock provided information about the LexisNexis program. He introduced Police Sergeant Chris Denney who was responsible for implementing the Community Crime Map. Sergeant Denney informed Council there is no cost to the City for the program and is a partnership with LexisNexis. The department will be providing LexisNexis with real time data. Neighbors can view the map for the block (not exact address) along with a case number. The website is communitycrimemap.com and there is also a mobile application available. Lee Boyd asked Sergeant Denney details regarding the retrieval of historical data. Sergeant Denney said that the majority of the information provided is included in what is generally disclosed according to the Public Information Act. Dallas/Fort Worth cities are actively involved in the program. However, Wichita Falls and the City of Graham are the only participants in this area. Denney said the program is very beneficial to our community and at no cost to the City.
- Joe Beruda, Executive Director of Economic Development informed Council that the Graham Industrial Association (GIA) just finalized a contract with the Hayhurst Brothers to do a design and build on their properties on Fourth Street at 509 and 511. Joe said the designs for the properties are very interesting. The Hayhurst Brothers are from Bridgeport and are known for Texas Flip and Move show. Joe said from a public relations aspect, they bring a name brand to our community. SpotSee (ShockWatch) reached an agreement on a strategy in July 2018 to retain 15 full-time employees (FTE's) in their Graham location. The product ShockLog is relocating to Graham and are currently located in the United Kingdom and Minnesota. The change will bring 22 additional new FTE's to Graham. Jack Graham, Brandon Anderson, and Joe Beruda have spent time with CEO Tony Funk and are continuing to cultivate that relationship. The jobs are not restaurant or retail. Individuals are hired as temporary contractors and then transition to full time employees of ShockWatch.

- Fire Chief Jerry David encouraged everyone to come by the station to view the newly painted facility which is now all one color. Chief David recognized Michael Mitchell and Assistant Chief Jim Don Laurent for their work on painting the building. The fire prevention program started this week at the nursery schools. The fire department is selling their annual breast cancer awareness tee shirts for $15 at the Fire Station located at 815 First Street, Graham, Texas.
- Brandon Anderson said Public Works Director Randall Dawson is off-site attending training. The remodel of the American Legion Building (ALB) has begun. The annual burn-out regimen of water pipes has just started. If there are any discoloration issues, it is recommended citizens contact City Hall. Robert "Bubba" Houser is the new team leader for the water and sewer line maintenance team and will be handling the burn-out. Every Friday a certain number of hydrants will be flushed and checked for residual of chlorine. During the next two weeks there will be intense flushing and water will be running down the roads.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary