

October 5, 2017

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2017 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Jack Graham
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Jimmy McLeroy, Neal Blanton, Krisa De La Cruz, Diana Theall, Jenea Knight, Judge Teresa Bishop, Carla Ritchie, Richard Ferguson, Justin Ash, Charlie Rogers, Cole Epperson, and BJ Cook.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the September 21, 2017 Regular Session Council Meeting were approved unanimously with Brint Albritton making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

**SWEARING-IN OF NEW FIREFIGHTER FELIPE FLEURY:**

Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop conducted the Oath of Office for Felipe Fleury.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON INCREASE IN AIRPORT HANGER LEASES PER REQUEST OF THE AIRPORT BOARD:**

Brandon Anderson said at the last Airport Board meeting hanger leases were discussed. Brandon referred to the comparison in the Council packet that City staff compiled of other cities with airports. The Airport Board suggests a rate increase of approximately twenty (20) percent that will be \$3.50 per linear foot with a minimum charge of \$175.00. Brandon and the Airport Board recommend increasing the lease rates. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the Airport Hanger Lease increases. Lee Boyd made the second and motion unanimously passed.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION #107 NOMINATING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE YOUNG COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Brandon Anderson said nomination is needed and suggested Darby Brockway. Mayor Jack Graham said Darby Brockway is willing to accept this nomination and has been serving as representative. Lee Boyd made the first motion, Brint Albritton made the second, and Darby Brockway was unanimously designated as the City Representative to the Young County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1065 AMENDING CHAPTER 16 – MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS SEC. 16-9.1 POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY PARKS. ADDING “ONLY EXCEPTION ALLOWED IS A PROPERLY CITY STAFF VETTED AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVED EVENT FOR LOCAL NON-PROFITS WITH SECURITY REQUIRED AT EVENTS EXPENSE.”**

Brandon Anderson said adding this language to the ordinance allows the City to waive the variance for non-profits. The proposed event will be reviewed with each department to ensure all areas of concern are addressed. Then the proposed event will be presented to Council. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve Ordinance #1065. Brint Albritton made the second and motion unanimously passed.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1066 AMENDING CHAPTER 16 – MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS SEC. 16-9.2 POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY SQUARE, ADDING “ONLY EXCEPTION ALLOWED IS A PROPERLY CITY STAFF VETTED AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVED EVENT FOR LOCAL NON-PROFITS WITH SECURITY REQUIRED AT EVENTS EXPENSE.”**

Brandon Anderson said Ordinance #1066 adds the language directed to the City Square and applies equivalent to Ordinance #1065. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve. Darby Brockway made the second motion and motion for Ordinance #1066 was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TRANSFER STATION:**

Brandon Anderson said he and Jason Cottongame have been looking at this project the past six (6) months. The damage to City streets is concerning. The City has had to cut street repairs due to budget restraints. Waste Connections agreed that Graham would be a good location for a transfer station. Brandon said a transfer station, not a convenience station, would be restricted to Waste Connections only. The transfer station will be a dropping point for trucks, transferring of refuse to an 18-wheeler truck, and then transported to Iowa Park. Waste Connections would like to re-do their contract and have it for 20 years. \$850,000 would be an estimate of cost. However, the City may be able to build it for approximately

\$650,000. Brandon said a twenty (20) year commitment would give the City time to become marketable when that contract expires. Wear and tear on their trucks has been recognized by Waste Connections. There is concern for the wear and tear on City streets. Bowie has a transfer station facility and takes all of North Ft. Worth. Brandon recommends continuing discussions with Waste Connections. Jason Cottongame mentioned Waste Connections would pay the City rent plus royalties by the tonnage. Brandon said a regional HUB like Bowie is possible for growth. 250 tons for the facility is the most that would ever be needed according to Jason Cottongame. Brandon said he took a tour of Bowie's facility and the odor was surprisingly limited. The City of Graham possible location does not pose concern for residents. Brandon said discussions included possibly dropping recycling and adding a second time per week trash pick-up. Mayor said the transfer station is not a true dump station, but a transfer station. Jason said in 20 years when contract expires, our transfer station will be established and create competition beyond just Waste Connections.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST TO CLOSE CHERRY STREET FROM 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET TO 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM 4-8 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31, 2017 (HALLOWEEN) FOR TRUNK OR TREAT:

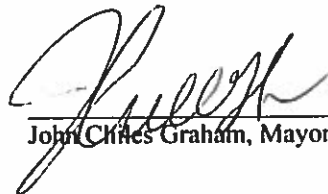
Brandon Anderson said the First Baptist Church is sponsoring this annual event again. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Darby Brockway made the second, and the requested street closures were unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and the CVB, mentioned that Paradise RV and Steakhouse having their Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony tonight (Thursday, October 5, 2017). Krisa also said the Christmas Stroll, Parade, and Hot Chocolate Competition is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017.
- Chief David said Fire Prevention Week at the schools will continue for the next two weeks. Jerry said the department is prepared for Halloween night (October 31, 2017) on the Square with approval from the County. Necklaces will be given away starting at 6:00 p.m. He expressed appreciation for the Kiwanis Club for donating the necklaces the past eight (8) years.
- Police Chief Tony Widner informed Council that Officer Austin Lawrence has completed his first week of training with the new canine.
- Brandon Anderson said the City letter has been mailed to all utility customers in response to a clerical error in 2016 that TCEQ is requiring customer notification. A small area of town that was allowed to have alley dumpsters is being revoked. There will no longer be any residential alley dumpster service. Waste Connection trash trucks have caused damage to alleys as well as City streets. The City will begin maintaining those alleys. Brandon referred to the Municipal Court Report being in the Council packet. The lake level is currently 100 percent full. Brandon said at the end of this month (October 2017) that the final transfer of land and funds from the Brazos River Authority (BRA) to the City of Graham should be complete. Brandon invited all present to go down to Fireman's Park to view the new swinging bridge.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

  
John Charles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary