

November 15, 2018

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018 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
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner (absent)
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Thomas Wallner, Jason Cottongame, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Sarah Lundgren, David Miller, Jeff Smith, and Louis Pitcock, Jr.

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, November 1, 2018 were approved. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1076 ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR GAS SOLD TO CUSTOMERS BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., AN OKLAHOMA CORPORATION, IN THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS AND DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE A FINAL DETERMINATION OF RATES (SECOND READING):

Brandon said the original agreement included the amounts requested and the final settlement amounts are in the Council packet. Brandon stated that the City of Graham Charter requires unanimous approval of the City Council. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd made the second. Ordinance #1076 was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RESPONSES FOR AUDITOR SELECTION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR:

Brandon referred to the three (3) proposals provided with the Council packet. Brandon said he recommends contacting BMV and MWH to request formal quotes on cost. Brandon recommends a one year agreement. Brandon said Sharon has provided a comparison chart for the submissions. Sharon reviewed her findings in the comparison chart. Brandon said Gayla Fullerton is limited on municipal experience and he has met with her. Brandon recommended informing Gayla Fullerton that her firm is not being selected and possibly offer her a contract as a consultant. Brandon said he has met with a representative of MWH and has not met with anyone from BMV. The Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager agreed the RFQ should be tabled at this time. It was recommended a request for cost be submitted by BMV and MWH. The RFQ was tabled.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A ONE TIME SALARY INCREASE TO BE PAID TO CITY EMPLOYEES AT RATES DESCRIBED IN HANDOUT:

Brandon referred to the handout and stated this increase has been included in the fiscal year budget. Darby Brockway made the first motion. Brint Albritton made the second. The one time salary increase was approved 4-0.

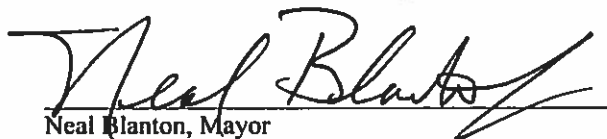
REPORTS:

- Assistant Fire Chief Jim Don Laurent thanked Council for approving the purchase of the ladder truck. He said training for use will begin on Monday, November 19, 2018. Jim Don said the ladder truck will be ready for service by Thursday, November 22, 2018. The old ladder truck will be set for auction.
- Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock presented Council with the Police Department's September 2018 Monthly Report.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB mentioned the Christmas Parade, Stroll, and Chocolicious Competition that is scheduled for December 6, 2018 on the downtown square. Krisa said the Holiday Shopping Spree continues with prizes being awarded in "Chamber Bucks."
- City Secretary Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the City Hall Activity Report for October 2018.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the Code Enforcement and Municipal Court Warrants Reports are in the Council packet. The lake level is 100 percent full. The insurance committee is comprised of a representative from each department of the City. The group meets with insurance providers to determine which service best provides for the employees of the City. The current provider proposed a 7.9 percent increase. The group is visiting with another provider. Brandon


said he intended to have the proposed street closures as a discussion on the agenda. The proposal includes sections of West Street, South Street, Second Street, and Third Street. The areas are marked in red on the map within the Council packet. The City is currently maintaining the by-pass in this area and was included in a jury trial decision. The next Council meeting will include a proposal to block-off the areas in red. City Attorney Dan De La Cruz provided details regarding the jury trial. Jason Cottongame provided details of street closure process and the need to contact and work with other entities (gas, electric) for access. Brandon said he encourages Council to review and provide suggestions on the street closures. He plans to include this as an agenda item for formal action at the next Council meeting. Brandon mentioned moving City Hall to the American Legion Building (ALB). Civic club groups have been mailed letters regarding the changes. Brandon said there is concern with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The City is facing compliance issues at the current City Hall. \$300,000 has been offered to the City for renovations at the ALB. Regardless of City Hall's location, ADA compliance must be addressed according to what is best for the tax payers.

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon McFadden, City Secretary