

December 13, 2018

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 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
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David (absent)
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Krisa De La Cruz, Jimmy McLeroy, Sarah Lundgren, Gabe Choate, Lindsay Huerta, Shirley Choate, Thomas Wallner, David Miller, Crystal Noyola, and Jeff Smith.

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 29, 2018 were approved. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Lee Boyd seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

SWEARING IN OF CITY OF GRAHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT, NEW OFFICER DANIEL HUERTA:

Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock introduced Officer Huerta to the Mayor and City Council. Sharon McFadden conducted the Oath of Office.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE OCTOBER 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT AND THE DECEMBER 2018 SALES TAX REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the reports. Brandon mentioned receipt of property tax (ad valorem) has started coming in and explained details of expenses for the fire department. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Kyle Peavy made the second motion. The reports were unanimously accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1080 ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO (2) COUNCIL PERSONS; ESTABLISHING THE DATES AND PLACE FOR VOTING; ESTABLISHING APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOTS BY MAIL; ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BALLOTS BY MAIL; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Sharon said the ordinance is required by law and the contract has been received from County Election Administrator Lauren Sullivan. Sharon explained if there are no opposing candidates, the election will be cancelled at no cost to the City. Darby Brockway made the motion and Brint Albritton seconded. Ordinance #1080 was approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED:

Brandon said this provides employees with a set schedule for holidays in 2019. Lee Boyd made the motion. Darby Brockway made the second. The 2019 holiday schedule was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPOSED NEW ARENA RATES AS PROPOSED BY THE G.E.I.C. IF APPROVED AT THEIR DECEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING:

Brandon informed Council the G.E.I.C. meeting occurred and the rates were recommended. Brandon said if approved, the rates will be presented to the Arena Board at their next scheduled meeting. Brandon said having the rates in place provides the Arena Manager, Tony Fellows, leverage for enforcing the rates. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the arena rates were approved 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock mentioned a public concern about the recent public intoxication arrest in the downtown area of the square. Questions were brought up about the frequency of arrests made on the square due to intoxication. Brent researched records and identified from December of 2017 through December of 2018, there were six (6) calls pertaining to that specific area. Only the incident earlier this week was related to intoxication. He said the police would keep an eye on it and if concerns did rise, they would make patrol adjustments to combat the issue.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and the CVB expressed appreciation to the City of Graham and employees for assisting with the Christmas Parade and Stroll. Success of the shopping spree generated a quarter million dollars spent locally. The Chamber Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and will have a casino theme.

- Sharon McFadden reviewed City Hall Activity Report. Brandon thanked Council for supporting the AMI meters to enhance customer service and accuracy. Sharon explained the new solicitor permit process and tags to display on persons while soliciting.
- City Manager Brandon Anderson said the lake level is 100 percent full. He mentioned Police Chief Tony Widner attending the meeting and thanked him for his service to the City of Graham. Brandon invited everyone to attend the retirement party for Chief Widner at the Young County Arena Barclay Room on Friday, December 21, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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