

December 15, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016 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

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Eddie Gellner, Jimmy McLeroy, Anita McLeroy, Jim Don Laurent, Jason Cottongame, Jenea Knight, Sandra Helvey, Neal Blanton, and Glenn McGee.

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 November 17, 2016 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Brint Albritton making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM ORDINANCE #540 POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY SQUARE DURING THEIR FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT:

Brandon Anderson said this is the third year for the request and the variance has been approved the past two years. Brandon referred to copies in the Council packets that included the previous request and Ordinance #540. Brandon said that former city leadership addressed the Ordinance's primary concern to be littering on the Square. Robert San Miguel, Code Enforcement Officer, stated there were no previous problems. Jenea Knight, Manager of the CVB, said so far the community has been very quiet with alcohol concerns for the event. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

Brandon Anderson said the schedule allows for 13 paid holidays for City employees and is consistent with the Young County government schedule. Brint Albritton accepted the motion, Darby Brockway made the second, and the 2017 City Holiday Schedule was unanimously accepted.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST TO CLOSE THE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016:

Brandon Anderson said the Chamber of Commerce with the permission from City Council will be providing Mr. Cool Snow Slide event for the community to enjoy. Jenea Knight, CVB Manager, said the event will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the closure. Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIALS AND SALES TAX REPORTS AS PRESENTED:

Sharon McFadden briefly stated the Sales Tax Report figures for December 2016. Brandon Anderson provided details regarding the October 2016 and November 2016 Financial Reports. Brandon said consideration may need to be given in the near future on water rates. Mayor Jack Graham said the consistent accumulation in rain is directly related to less consumption and we need to generate enough revenue to cover our expenses. Mayor asked for the status of the water treatment plant. Brandon Anderson provided details on funds spent for the Water Treatment Plant and the status of new water lines being ran to the plant. Brandon said the largest part of the project is near completion. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and the financial reports were unanimously accepted.

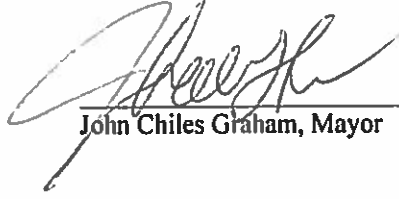
REPORTS:

- Robert San Miguel, Code Enforcement Officer, said he appreciates the new vehicle issued to him.
- Police Chief Tony Widner reported that the two Cadets in the Academy are graduating Saturday, December 17, 2016. The new police officers will start patrol on Monday. Chief Widner said they are in the process of setting up the physical fitness tests for five applicants. Chief Widner said Officer Jeff Smith has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in place of Jim Reeves who recently retired.
- Glenn McGee reported the Chamber of Commerce will be providing the Mr. Cool Snow Slide event on the Square Friday, December 17, 2016.

- Brandon Anderson said the Code Enforcement Report is in the Council packet. Brandon said the Library Report was sent to Council by email. Brandon reported that Lake Graham is 100% full.

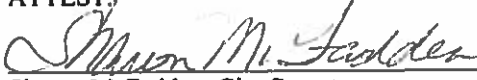
ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary