

December 17 2015

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
Mayor Pro-Tem: Spencer Street III
Council Member: Brint Albritton
Darby Brockway
Lee Boyd
City Manager: Brandon Anderson
City Secretary: David Maddy
Chief Accountant: Sharon McFadden - absent
Police Chief: Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock - absent
Fire Chief: Jerry David

VISITORS: Chris Blanton, Neal Blanton, Diana Theall, Larry Novak, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey and Carla McKeown.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:
None.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the December 03, 2015 regular meeting were approved 4-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1045 MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS TO RESIDE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF PREMISES WHERE CHILDREN GATHER; PROHIBITING PROPERTY OWNERS FROM RENTING REAL PROPERTY TO CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENDERS FROM ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES:

This was the first reading. The Ordinance would give more control to the City to ensure consistency and oversight of offenders in situations not covered under the law. Several changes were made since the last meeting. The Ordinance will have no effect on churches on Sundays; only Monday through Friday for those offering day care. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve Ordinance #1045, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

The nine Holidays as allowed by the policy handbook were included in the agenda. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSS AND GET UPDATE ON COOPERATIVE DISPATCH CURRENT STATUS:

City and County personnel met at an earlier date to clear up misunderstandings regarding the items the County would bill for reimbursement and those the City will pay. The City did agree to pay its half of the new dispatch system including the related equipment.

DISCUSS AND GET UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE OF WATER METERS AND PLAN MOVING FORWARD:

At the last reading time in November the City had a system wide failure with 2300 of the 4600 active meters failing to read. The current system has reached its lifespan and will be costly to upgrade and now would be a great time to look into new technology that would better serve the City and the customer. Staff had to average meter readings last month and will have to average for the next 3-5 months. If the City wants to keep the old system it can be upgraded to new registers for about \$700,000 but it would still be dealing with old meters that are not accurately reading. A Request for Proposal was prepared and submitted to Council for approval. The deadline for bids is January 21, 2016 with Council reviewing the bids at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2016.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RELEASING AN RFP FOR A REPLACEMENT OF ALL WATER METERS, REGISTERS AND SOFTWARE TO A FIXED BASE AMI SYSTEM:

Jason, Sharon, David, Randall and Brandon have been meeting with companies to discuss the issue and needs. It is felt that we have a good grasp on the needs and that the R.F.P. would fix those needs. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve releasing the RFP, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 4-0.


REPORTS:

The November Police Report was presented and Chief Widner noted that offenses were down for the year. Sales tax collections were down again in December and may result in budget adjustments. FY 2015 financial information will be presented at the next meeting. Library and Code Enforcement reports were included in the agenda packets for Council's review as well as an update on gas prices as they relate to electricity costs.
City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake at 1075.15 or 100% capacity; 1075' is full. Tracey Terasas met with staff on making the lake safety signs. The school district will help fund the cost.
Mayor Graham said the next scheduled Council meeting on December 31 will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary