

December 05, 2013

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 05, 2013 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Barry White
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Jack Graham
 Council Member: Spencer Street III - absent
 Pam Scott
 Greg Montgomery
 City Manager: Larry Fields
 City Secretary: David Maddy
 Public Works Director: David Casteel
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock
 Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: David Proctor, Shane Weatherbee, J. McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Jim Helvey, Robert San Miguel, Jason Cottongame, Jennifer Conway and Brian Rash.

ORDER: Mayor Barry White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM:
 None.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the November 21, 2013 regular meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion from Jack Graham and a second from Greg Montgomery.

YOU LEAD GROUP PARK NAME DISCUSSION:

The YOU LEAD Group at the Chamber of Commerce has been soliciting names for the new park to be constructed in the BRA/Corp of Engineers flood buyout area in west Graham. Shane Weatherbee said that 57 names has been submitted via Facebook and the Chamber. These had been narrowed to the most popular: Heritage Park, North Star Park and Salt Creek Park. It was decided to go back to the public with the final names and get a consensus on the favorite and bring it back to Council for approval.

CONSIDER VARIANCE FROM SIDE YARD SETBACK REGULATION AT 728 VIRGINIA:

Fred Ortegon requested a variance from the five foot side yard setback regulation. He has proposed the construction of a carport that will abut the neighbor's existing fence. Even though he has the neighbor's approval, staff recommends approval with the condition the structure not drain water across the property line thus requiring a gutter or setback. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve the variance with the stated condition, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER VARIANCE SIDE YARD SETBACK REGULATIONS AT 907 EAST STREET:

Monte Eason removed a garage and proposed to construct a guest house in the same location. The new location is to be within 2 ½ feet of the side yard. Mr. Eason has approval from the neighbor. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve the variance, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO OPERATE CVB:

Council authorized staff in a previous meeting to negotiate a contract with the Chamber of Commerce to operate the CVB program for the City providing for separate financial accounting and the continuance of oversight by a city appointed CVB Board. A contract was provided to Council which called for separation of accounts, limits on wages and spelled out plans and performance measures. The contract becomes effective January 1, 2014. Council will consider a building for the combined operations of the Chamber, CVB and Graham Economic Industrial Corp. after the first of January. Jack Graham made the motion to approve the contract, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION CASTING VOTES FOR YCAD BOARD CANDIDATE:

A ballot was provided to Council for the election of members to the YCAD board. The City has 392 votes to cast for its representative to the board. Candidates are: Worth Gragg, Edwin Graham, Mark McClelland, Forrest Meacham, Shannon Plowman, Larry Robinson, Bruce Smith, Joni Street and Spencer Street. Jack Graham made the motion to adopt the resolution casting the City's votes for Spencer Street, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS:

- A. **Airport Board.** Wayne Christian and Win Graham are nominated for re-appointment.
 - B. **Planning and Zoning.** Jess Turner and Corey Gober are nominated for re-appointment.
 - C. **Cemetery Board.** Allen Oliver and Dan McMillan are nominated for re-appointment.
- Greg Montgomery made the motion to re-appoint the above nominations, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

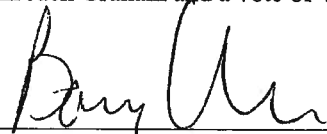
REPORTS:

Chief Covey presented the November Fire Rescue Report which included notes about the five new volunteers in training, an application for safety equipment sent to the Texas Forest Service, 37

businesses had been inspected for fire safety and the tactical assault team has been activated to drive the buzzards from their nesting sites on Cherry Street and Calaveras Street. The flock on Calaveras Street moved to a new location and the team has directed their efforts to that location. David Casteel reported that crews are preparing for icy roads in the next 4-5 days. The gazebo at the cemetery is ready for services. Less water has been used during the stage 2 restrictions and as the lake level is lower more treatment is required. Larry reported the lake level at 1064.81' or 53%. 1075' is full. Financials for November were given to Council and it was noted that the General Fund was behind budget due to the ad valorem taxes not yet being received. Those revenues start coming in during December.

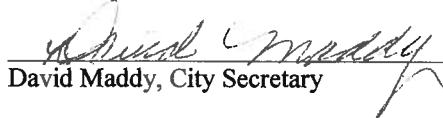
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Greg Montgomery, a second from Jack Graham and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary