

February 16, 2012

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Barry White  
Mayor Pro-Tem: Jack Graham - absent  
Council Member: Spencer Street III  
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: Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Jessica James, Neal Blanton, Jason Cottongame and Cherry Rushin.

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

David Casteel was introduced as the new Public Works Director.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Minutes from the February 2, 2012 regular meeting as corrected were approved 4-0 on a motion from Greg Montgomery and a second from Spencer Street.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE REAR YARD SETBACK REGULATION IN BLOCKS 11, 12, 13, 15, PITCOCK SUBDIVISION, PHASE III AND BLOCKS 16 AND 17, PITCOCK SUBDIVISION, PHAVE IV:**

The above blocks in the Pitcock Addition were platted with lots having a depth of 110 feet. There is now a market for homes to be built in this addition that because of their size cannot meet the thirty (30') foot rear yard requirements. Bob Pitcock is requesting a variance from the thirty (30') rear yard to allow twenty-five (25') rear yards on all of the remaining undeveloped lots. Granting this variance will allow this subdivision to continue to develop. The new houses are about 2,000 square feet rather than the originally planned 1600 to 1700 square feet. There are 85 lots left to be built on. Planning and Zoning met on February 14 and approved the change, recommending it to Council for approval. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve the variance, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

**CONSIDER RELAY FOR LIFE REQUEST:**

The event is to be held may 5, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include the Turtle Relay Race in Fireman's park. Pam Scott made the motion to approve the request, Greg Montgomery made the second and motion was passed 4-0.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR A RECORDS STORAGE UPDATE GRANT:**

The Police Department is seeking a grant from the Criminal Justice Division to fund updating their records storage. The new system will be a mechanical system as considered during the previous budget hearings. Grant number is 2557501. Greg Montgomery made the motion to approve the resolution, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

**REPORTS:**

Chief Widner presented the January Police Department Report. Chief Covey presented the January Fire rescue report noting the fire at Ramsey's Lock & Key stating the department was late in responding due to communications being disrupted by lightning damage. The cause of the fire is unknown. Jessica handed out copies of the new CVB brochure noting the QR code that has added

allowing readers to scan it and pull up the website. Larry reported the lake level at 1075' or 100% capacity. 1075' is full. He showed pictures of the new stair lift ordered for the stairway to the Council Chambers. It is an affordable option and allows the current chambers to be used for a longer period of time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Maddy, City Secretary