

March 24, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Chris Hunnewell, Knox & Becky Bishop, James Budge, Dan De La Cruz, Orvel Johnson, Neal Blanton, Larry Novak, Jerry McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Jason Cottongame, Jenea Knight, Krisa De La Cruz and Thomas Walner.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:  
None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the March 03, 2016 regular meeting were approved 3-0. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the minutes and Brint Albritton made the second.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON CVB REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM ORDINANCE #540 - POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CITY SQUARE DURING FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT. (FINAL READING):**

Discussions have been held in previous meetings. Mayor Graham clarified the request saying that it is the same request as last year. The affected part of the Square will be closed off. The event is funded by Hotel/Motel taxes and not City revenues. Orvel Johnson said he was opposed to the variance as it would not allow visitors to see the "true" Graham and he addressed the negative media from last year. Knox Bishop said he is also opposed although according to the North Texas Association of Food Trucks most such events include alcohol. Mayor Graham said that the availability of alcohol is not being advertised. Krisa De La Cruz said the advisory committee's decision was thought through and heavily considered. There is big sponsor support for the event. Alex Heartfield said he brought his children last year and the beverage area was not visible and did not see it as a problem for families. James Budge stated that the hotel rooms were filled last year and that it was a family oriented event. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the request, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON BIDS RECEIVED FOR SALE OF 1206 REMINGTON:**

Two bids were received for the purchase of the house and lot at 1206 Remington deeded to the City as a result of delinquent taxes; one for \$2,000 and one for \$4,000. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the bid from Randy Green for \$4,000, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT TO CHAPTER 24; SECTION 21 OF CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES (FIRST READING):**

The change proposed is to add (d) prohibiting truck trailer or trailer parking around the Square during City events as designated by City Council. This is considered necessary to ensure the safety and success of the events. Proper signage will be posted. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the change, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM KNOX BISHOP TO SCHEDULE GRAHAM'S 2016 "RED, WHITE AND YOU" CELEBRATION:**

The event will be hosted by the American Volunteer Reserve, the FreedomCare Warrior Project and the VFW. It will be held on the Square July 4 with the parade to follow. They will coordinate with police for traffic control. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the event, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM HUMANE SOCIETY FO YOUNG COUNTY FOR GARAGE SALE ON SQUARE:

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 7:30am to 3:00pm on the north side of the Square. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request, Darby Brockway made the second and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT:

David Maddy presented the February financials noting that all three funds were in good shape and stating that the majority of property taxes had been collected for the year and there would be a slowing of revenues. March sales taxes were posted and reflected an increase over the same period last year while the year to date is \$186,295 under budget. Darby Brockway made the motion to accept the reports, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS:

Krisa De La Cruz said there were several upcoming events. Neal Blanton reported there were more viable prospects on the Governor's list.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson said he had talked to channel 6 in Wichita Falls about the demeaning publicity at last year's Food Truck Event. City Hall will be closed Good Friday. The lake is at 1075.00' or 100% capacity; 1075' is full.

The Code Enforcement report for February was given to Council.

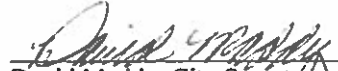
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Darby Brockway, a second from Lee Boyd and a vote of 3-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary