

March 9, 2017

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Darby Brockway (absent)
 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
 Assistant Fire Chief: Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Krisa De La Cruz, County Judge John Bullock, Jenea Knight, Diana Theal, and Gordon Drake.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: County Judge John Bullock stated his concerns regarding comments in the previous City Council meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Judge Bullock read directly from the Saturday, February 25, 2017 edition of the Graham Leader newspaper. The article titled "Council discusses expensive transition to digital radios" included comments made by the Mayor, City Manager, and the Police Chief. Judge Bullock was not able to attend the previous Council meeting and challenged comments made in the newspaper. The Mayor, City Manager, and the Police Chief provided explanations for the comments. The Mayor, City Manager, and County Judge John Bullock agreed that meetings between the City and the County should establish necessary communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 23, 2017 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Kyle Peavy making the motion and Lee Boyd making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1056 CANCELLING THE ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR PLACES 3 AND 4 AND DECLARING EACH UNAPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE:

Brandon Anderson congratulated Kyle Peavy and Lee Boyd for being unopposed candidates. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM RUN FOR THE CHILDREN BOARD FOR CLOSING OF STREETS AROUND THE SQUARE AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE FOR COURSE SAFETY IN HOSTING THEIR 10K/5K/1K RUN ON MAY 20, 2017 (CLOSURE DETAILS ARE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST LETTER):

Police Chief Tony Widner said there have been no issues previously with this event. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion unanimously passed.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL FALL FEST ON OCTOBER 14, 2017 FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE AND ALSO ASK FOR CLOSURE OF PORTIONS OF OAK, 1ST, GROVE, AND 2ND STREETS FOR A 1K FUN RUN ON OCTOBER 13, 2017 FROM 9:15 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. (ALL DETAILS ARE IN THE REQUEST LETTER AND MAP):

Mayor Jack Graham mentioned that Judge Bullock with the County needs to consider too. Police Chief Tony Widner said there have been no issues previously with this event. Brandon Anderson noted that the evening before the event is their annual 1K Pumpkin Run. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve subject to the County's approval, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion was approved 3-0.

REPORTS:

- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, said there is a business after hour's event this evening (Thursday, March 9, 2017) at 6:30 p.m. The event is being held at 434 Oak Street for Chamber members De La Cruz and Reddell, PLLC, Attorneys at Law. Krisa said the Chamber luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017 with guest speakers Guy and Donna Gage and the Food Truck Championship is sponsoring the lunch.
- Sharon McFadden, City Secretary, provided details regarding Solicitor's Permits. Details included process of issuance and companies that are actively soliciting.
- Brandon Anderson said that at the NCTC Starlight Gala that the City of Graham was honored with an award for assistance over the years. Neal Blanton and Brandon accepted the award.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Brint Albritton, a second from Lee Boyd, the Council meeting was unanimously adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary