April 7, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Judge John Charles Bullock, Sandra Helvey, Sue Argabright, Jimmy McLeroy, Neal Blanton, Krisa De La Kruz, Diana Theall, Eddie Gellner, Tom Gentry, Roy Pitcock, Jr., Thomas Wallner, and Jason Cottongame.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Tom Gentry who is a resident on Lots 55 & 56 at Lake Graham spoke regarding his previous complaints with the City Manager and City Council. Mr. Gentry explained the failing conditions of the road, the issue with lack of sight for vehicular travel due to incline, and the downhill land culverts causing flooding to his home. Mayor Jack Graham informed Mr. Gentry that the issues had been reviewed. Jason Cottongame stated he had looked into the problem and it has been cleared. Mr. Gentry advised he has not been informed nor has any action been taken. Mayor Jack Graham stated he and Jason Cottongame would make a visit to the area together. Mr. Gentry stated his concern regarding the two-way traffic on the downtown square may be perceived that the downtown square to no longer be considered the largest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 24, 2016 regular meeting remain open due to a typographical error identified by Darby Brockway.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROCLAMATION FOR THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD, APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 16, 2016.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROCLAMATION FOR GO BLUE DAY PROCLAMATION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APROVAL OF USAGE OF DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THE YOUNG CHILD EVENT, THURSDAY, APRIL14, 2016 FROM 9 TO 11 A.M.

Brandon Anderson stated this event is geared toward children under the age of four and it is estimated 300 children will attend. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the Proclamations and Downtown Square usage, Lee Boyd made the second, and all passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAHAM INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION ON THE "OLD TXDOT-CITY OF GRAHAM" PROPERTY WHERE PUBLIC WORKS IS CURRENTLY.

Public Works is swapping locations from the current one on Highway 16 (the old TxDOT yard) to the Red Building by the Convenience Station that is part of the old Hexcel property. Brandon Anderson referred to a 1995 agreement that gave GIA management for the City. The "Land Swap" provides benefit to the City with a better facility and nice work yard. Jason Cottongame advised that it is a good trade for the City and GIA. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the Property Management Agreement. Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CHANGE TO CHAPTER 24 (TRAFFIC) SECTION 121 (DESIGNATION AND MARKING OF PARKING SPACES AND AREAS WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED OR LIMITED) OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING, "(D) TRUCK TRAILER OR TRAILER PARKING SHALL BE PROHIBITED ON AND AROUND THE CITY SQUARE DURING SPECIAL EVENTS DESIGNATED BY CITY COUNCIL. DURING THESE EVENTS PROPER SIGNAGE IN RESTRICTED AREA WILL BE POSTED. THIS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SUCCESS OF THE EVENTS. (SECOND READING)

One issue brought to light by store owners on the square is that during some events on the square that sometimes the parking is overwhelmed with big trucks and trailers that take up more room and possibly block view of businesses open for service. This would alleviate this issue by having portable signs to be posted during designated events to ensure safety and success for all. Brandon Anderson commented that this change will provide the police the ability to enforce. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the change and Darby Brockway made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE ON SUBDIVISION OF TEN ACRES ON HIGHWAY 380 FOR ROY PITCOCK, JR.

Jason Cottongame state the owners want to sell the property and have inquiries. However, the property must be subdivided by City Council. Spencer Street made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM THE REMEMBERING WYATT DALE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS BOARD TO HOLD A WATER SAFETY AWARENESS EVENT AT LAKE EDDLEMAN PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016 FROM 10 – 2.

Krisa De La Kruz informed the City Council that the purpose is to encourage the use of life jackets on the water and the organization provides life jackets at no cost. Brandon Anderson said the event was held at the City Pool last year and the organization wants to move the event to Lake Eddleman. Anderson also informed City Council that April is Water Safety Awareness month in the state of Texas and Water Safety Awareness nationwide is in May. Jason Cottongame stated he was in the process of having signs made. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the water safety event at Lake Eddleman. Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

Police Chief Tony Widner provided City Council with his February 2016 Monthly Report. Jason Cottongame commented on vandalism occurring to signs and he is working to replace them. Cottongame also reported the status of the third clarifier at the water plant. Krisa De La Kruz reported the Chamber/CVB list of upcoming events. Sharon McFadden reported the installation process for new water meters by Ferguson is set to begin on Monday, April 11, 2016. McFadden also stated the auditors are planning to attend a Council meeting in May 2016 to provide the completed audit for last fiscal year.

City Manager Report

Brandon Anderson reported the lake is at 1074.59' or 97.8% capacity; 1075' is full.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maddy, City Secretary