

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:

Mayor:	Jack Graham
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
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, Diana Theal, Sandra Helvey, Chris Blanton, Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop, Marci Bueno, Ashlee Kelly, Tina Hollcraft, Tracey Terasas and Jimmy McLeroy.

ORDER: Mayor Jack Graham called the meeting to order. The Mayor announced that the agenda items will be addressed out of order and then opened with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Special Called meeting were approved unanimously with Kyle Peavy making the motion and Darby Brockway making the second.

Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Lee Boyd making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2017 AND THE SALES TAX REPORT FOR MAY 2017:

Sharon McFadden provided a brief overview of the reports. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and the financials were approved 4-0.

GRAHAM FIREFIGHTER OATH OF OFFICE:

Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop administered the Oath of office for Cody Sullins.

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop administered the Oath of office for Kyle Peavy (Place 3) and Lee Boyd (Place 4).

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADDING DORTHEIA HENDERSON AND RENE HOBSON TO THE CITY OF GRAHAM AUDITORIUM BOARD:

Brandon Anderson said the recommendations came from the Auditorium Board and both individuals have agreed to serve. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1060 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, PRESCRIBING WATER AND SEWER RATES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Brandon Anderson said this item was tabled at the previous Council meeting and work is continuing on the water rate study. Brandon said he has requested La Costa to provide additional options. Brandon said he wants a full year of water usage reviewed as opposed to eight (8) months the current rate study includes. At this time Brandon said he is proposing an across the board increase to the base meter rate:

Size	Rate	New Rate	Increase Amt
5/8"	\$18.00	\$38.00	\$20.00
3/4"	\$18.00	\$38.00	\$20.00
1"	\$22.50	\$62.50	\$40.00
1 1/2"	\$45.00	\$105.00	\$60.00
2"	\$70.00	\$150.00	\$80.00
4"	\$144.00	\$244.00	\$100.00
6"	\$198.00	\$318.00	\$120.00

Brandon said the consumption rates will remain the same which includes the first 2,000 gallons of consumption with the base rate. Brandon said this change should generate approximately \$434,000 in the next four (4) months. Brandon said the base rate increase will go into effect on the upcoming billing that will be mailed on May 25, 2017. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the motion, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RE-PLATTING THE OLD CITY SHOP PROPERTIES LOCATED ON
LOVING HIGHWAY TURNING THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY ON SEVENTH STREET INTO AN EASEMENT:

Brandon said the property is located where the old city warehouse formally stood. Brandon said the final plat will allow the City to turn the property over for management by the GIA as agreed. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve, Darby Brockway made the second, and motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Police Chief Tony reviewed the Graham Police Department's April 2017 Monthly Activity Report.
- Assistant Fire Chief Jim Don Laurent said he is coordinating a local emergency management committee. The committee is designed for those who will take part in the event the City encounters an emergency. Brandon noted that table top exercises are a requirement for grant eligibility.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the Remembering Wyatt Dale Water Safety event coinciding with the Run for the Children event on the Square this coming Saturday, May 20, 2017. She said the You Lead Graduation is coming up on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Chamber Luncheon. The Chamber Luncheon will include a Disaster Preparedness presentation.
- Brandon Anderson said the lake level is at 95.7 percent full. NCTC is having an open house today to inform the public of their Welding Program. The open house is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary