

June 2, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 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:	Sharon McFadden
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David

VISITORS: Jimmy McLeroy, Eddie Gellner, Judge John Bullock, Neal Blanton, Jason Cottongame, Sandra Helvey, Krisa De La Cruz, Sue Argabright, Ronnie McFadden, Larry Novak, Glenn McGee, Robert San Miguel, Municipal Judge Teresa Bishop and Thomas Wallner.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 19, 2016 Council meeting were approved 3-0 with Darby Brockway making the motion and Brint Albritton making the second.

**OATH OF OFFICE GIVEN TO MAYOR:**

Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop administered the oath of office to John Chiles (Jack) Graham.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON GEIC REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS AS NEEDED:**

Neal Blanton stated three year terms were expiring for 3 Board positions. H recommended reappointing Wayne Christian, Mark Denny, and appointing David Norman. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the appointments, Lee Boyd made the second, and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON OFFICALLY APPOINTING SHARON MCFADDEN AS CITY SECRETARY/FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM TO REPLACE MR. MADDY AFTER HIS RETIREMENT:**

Brandon Anderson said this was informally done 6 months ago and this appointment makes it official. Darby Brockway made the motion to appoint, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON ALLOWING CITY MANAGER TO WORK UP A LONG TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAHAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION (GSA) FOR USE AND ACCESS TO LAND THEY ARE CURRENTLY USING:**

Brandon Anderson said the GSA would like a long term lease and access to the land around the fields as well as the old softball fields. GSA would like the ability to add fields, improve parking, and upgrade current facilities. Anderson advised a long term lease allows them to feel good about spending their hard earned dollars and the city will be handing over the maintenance of the area in return. Anderson said he would be presenting proposal and seeking a final approval to Council once the lease is discussed and drawn. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the request, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 3-0.

**CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO BE ALLOWED TO CLOSE CHERRY STREET BETWEEN 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> STREETS NIGHTLY FROM 5:30 – 9:00 ON JUNE 6-10, 2016 FOR THEIR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

Brandon Anderson and Police Chief Tony Widner commented on there being no previous issues from past events. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the contract, Lee Boyd made the second and motion passed 3-0.

**REPORTS:**

Police Chief Tony Widner presented the Monthly Activity Report for April 2016. Fire Chief Jerry David said he skid unit has been inspected and he has received the grant reimbursement money. David said the Fire Department has been continuously checking water levels and reported an additional two inches higher since last night (Wednesday, June 1, 2016). Code Enforcement Officer Robert San Miguel thanked Jason Cottongame, Public Works Director, for the new brush truck and how it will help reduce calls for code violations. Chamber of Commerce CEO, Krisa De La Cruz, advised the Pat Green concert being relocated to Young County Arena due to the excessive rain. Jason Cottongame reported the Sewer Plant being down, by-passing the past 24 hours, and the mains are stacking up. City Manager, Brandon Anderson, reported that the Humane Society has not met with him due to a communication error in the scheduling of the meeting. Anderson also stated all essential emergency personnel have been meeting daily at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall since Tuesday (May 31, 2016) to monitor high water. Anderson said Lake Graham is 100% full at 1076.05. Anderson briefly explained the contract with Progressive regarding brush pick up and that the new City of Graham brush truck will start picking up on Monday, June 6, 2016. Jason Cottongame added that a

plan is in process to establish a route schedule that will include the ability to take work orders. Anderson encouraged citizens to take action in eliminating mosquito habitats by removing standing water and that the City spray trucks would be out spraying for mosquitoes. Anderson said the Food Truck event is ready and will be a safe event.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



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John Chiles Graham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Sharon McFadden, City Secretary