July 27, 2017

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Jack Graham
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton (absent)
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden (absent)
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (record minutes), Thomas Wallner, Krisa De La Cruz, Sandra Helvey, Jason Cottongame, Jimmy McLeroy, Alex Heartfield, Rhonda Dougless, Deloris Kearney, Roy Miesfrian, Cara Hilbrich, Rick Knight, Edward Manuel, Peyton King, Linda McBride, James Jones, Tom Pierce, John Paclik, Judge Teresa Bishop, Carla Ritchie, Richard Ferguson, .

ORDER: Mayor Jack Graham called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A moment of silence was conducted for fallen canine officer Marko.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 15, 2017 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Darby Brockway making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

HEAR THE AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR FROM CARA HILBRICH, C.P.A. WITH DAVIS, KINARD, & CO., P.C. THEN CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING THE AUDIT FINDINGS AS PRESENTED:

Cara Hilbrich explained the audit findings, required disclosures, material weaknesses, and advisory comments. Lee Boyd made the motion to accept the audit findings presented. Darby Brockway made the second motion. The audit findings were unanimously approved.

RECONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN IN PLANNING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #3 FOR DOLLAR TREE:

Brandon said the site plan that was previously declined has been discussed and more information has been added that would incline approval. The site plan has been changed as requested. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve the site plan. Lee Boyd made the second. The site plan was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2017 AND THE SALES TAX REPORT FOR JULY 2017 AS PRESENTED:

Brandon briefly reviewed the financial reports and sales tax report. Kyle Peavy made the motion to accept the reports presented. Darby Brockway made the second motion. The financial reports and sales tax report presented were unanimously accepted.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW DRUG DOG AND PLANS TO PAY FOR THE REPLACEMENT FOR OUR FALLEN OFFICER MARKO:

Brandon said we have lost our canine officer Marko from health complications. He was insured and we should replace as quickly as possible not to laps in our fight against drugs. Brandon explained the insurance coverage, replacement costs involved, and training schedule required for replacing the canine. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve. Kyle Peavy made the second. Approval of a new canine officer was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON CONDEMNATION ACTION FOR A HOUSE LOCATED AT 1312 SOUTH RODGERS, GRAHAM, TEXAS. FIRE DAMAGE AND ABANDONMENT OF THE PROPERTY JUSTIFIES THE SCHEDULING FOR DEMOLITION:

Brandon referred to the photos included in the council packet. Brandon said the structure has been properly documented and all essential guidelines have been followed per ordinance and state law. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the demolition. Kyle Peavy made the second motion. The house demolition was unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A QUOTE TO APPROVE PURCHASE FROM SUPERIOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC:

Brandon said the quote is for gently used radios that are P25 compatible to cover the requirement for the Police, Fire, EMC, and Public Work at a fraction of the cost. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve the purchase of the radios. Kyle Peavy made the second motion. The motion unanimously passed.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHOP CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-2018 CITY OF GRAHAM BUDGET PROCESS:

Brandon reviewed the schedule in the council packet. Kyle Peavy made the motion to approve. Darby Brockway made the second. The budget workshop calendar was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS REVAMPED WATER RATE PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ON OCTOBER 1, 2017:

Brandon referred to the three water rate proposals in the council packet. Brandon said his goal was to get the data out to the public through the newspaper and the Police and Chamber Facebook pages. Brandon said the options will change the cost per thousand gallons of water. Brandon reviewed the specific details of all three options. Brandon mentioned the aging infrastructure resulting in receipt of dirty water complaints by citizens. The proactive approach of flushing the lines in addition to the "burn-out" of the lines has and will continue to help with the problem. Brandon recommended citizens flush their water heaters occasionally to extend the life of their water heaters. Brandon stated that the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the governing agency the City is accountable to for complying with regulations. Brandon encourages anyone that has a complaint on their water quality to contact City Hall and staff will flush the line. Lee Boyd requested Brandon's recommendation on the three options being considered. Brandon stated he recommended the first option. Brandon said this is merely a discussion of the options and no action is being taken at this time.

REPORTS:

- Brandon stated the Municipal Court and the Code Enforcement reports were in the council packet. He said that from Tuesday August 1, 2017 until Monday, August 14, 2017 the City will be conducting the "burn-out" of the water lines that is required by the TCEQ. Brandon said that he, Krisa, and Neal have been in discussion with CGI. He said CGI promotes communities through a source of videos at no cost to the entity. CGI obtains sponsorship from businesses in the community and provides informational videos for non-profits. Brandon said businesses can have link to our website by sponsorship but is concerned with rates businesses may be charged.
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber and CVB, mentioned the Teacher Appreciation breakfast at Graham High School on August 14, 2017 and said sponsorships for the event are being accepted.
- Brandon said the lake is at 97 percent capacity as of today, July 27, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon McFadden, City Secretary