

July 31, 2014

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2014 with the following members present:

MEMBERS: Mayor: Jack Graham
 Mayor Pro-Tem: Pam Scott
 Council Member: Spencer Street III
 Brint Albritton
 Darby Brockway
 City Manager: David Casteel
 City Secretary: David Maddy
 Police Chief: Tony Widner
 Assistant Police Chief: Brent Bullock- absent
 Fire Chief: Dennie Covey

VISITORS: Doug Stroud, Casey Cannon, Clifton Hawkins, Todd P., Train Wilson, F.C., Bohner Cottongame, Landry Turner, Hunter Bacca, Cameron Patterson, Hagen Hughes, Taylor Reddel, Corey Groves, B. Sides, J.K. Perry, Aaron Williams, Thomas Rogers, N. Martin, Bud Bumpus, Tammy Vaughn, David Uselton, Teresa Bishop, Hailey Calcote, Amy Knolls, Chris Denney, Eddie Gellner, J. McLeroy, Sharon Kirkwood, Jennifer Conway, Sandra Helvey, Robert San Miguel, Jason Cottongame, Jim Helvey and Casey Holder.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:
 None

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the July 16, 2014 regular meeting were approved 5-0 on a motion from Pam Scott and a second from Spencer Street.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GRAHAM 7 ON 7 TEAM:

The Graham 7 on 7 Team won the state tournament recently in College Station. This is the second year in a row that the Graham team has won the tournament. This is the first time any team has won the tournament twice in a row. Mayor Graham handed out the Most Valuable Player certificate to Landry Turner and certificates of recognition to all the players and their coach.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS:

Attrition at the Police Department resulted in three patrol officer vacancies. The vacancies were recently filled by Richard Bumpus, B.J. Cook and Hailey Calcote. These individuals were issued the oath of office at the meeting by Municipal Court Judge Teresa Bishop. Hailey Calcote is the first female patrol officer in Graham's history. This was an opportunity for the council to meet these officers and for photographs with the Mayor.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE # 1023 CONCERNING COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT FOR TEXAS GAS COMPANY:

This ordinance would adjust the agreement with Texas Gas Company to reflect increases in the cost of service. The city of Weatherford has been negotiating with Texas Gas in the region and recently adopted a cost of service adjustment of \$2.48 per customer. The increase amounts to \$2.48 per customer. The City of Weatherford negotiated on behalf of Graham. This was the second and final reading. Pam Scott made the motion to approve Ordinance #1023, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE #1024 PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELM STREET BETWEEN FOURTH AND SECOND STREETS:

In previous meetings, the concept of restricting parking on the west side of Elm Street between Fourth and Second Street has been discussed. This restriction would allow TxDOT to widen the parking lanes on the east side of Elm Street within these limits. The Chamber of Commerce was requested to interface with potentially impacted businesses. The Chamber of Commerce has reported unanimous support for the concept. TxDOT was contacted and replied that they concur with the concept. TxDOT requires a city ordinance prohibiting parking as described. Staff recommends approval with an effective date of completion of re-surfacing and re-striping by TxDOT. TxDOT does not yet have a date for the work. Aaron Williams with TxDOT explained the parking diagram in Council's packet. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve Ordinance #1024, Spencer Street made the second and motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSS BUDGET VISION AND GOALS FOR FY 2015:

In previous meetings, presentations were made concerning major city departments and background information concerning sales tax and property tax revenue. At the previous meeting, input was received regarding sales tax growth rate and property tax collection rate for FY 15. A final budget workshop is scheduled for August 20, 2014 at 6 pm. The pool ramp, two pickups and a SUV were dropped from the general fund budget for this next year. Final appraised and taxable property values were received from the Appraisal District reflecting about \$390M in taxable values. The tax rate has been proposed to drop one cent reflecting 2011 revenue adjusted for inflation. This still results in an increase in tax revenues. The cost of living raises were reflected to take effect mid-year on April 1, 2015. A public hearing will be scheduled on the tax rate. The Sewer Fund budget is balanced with two major projects being paid from reserves rather than operating

revenues. The Water Fund budget is still being developed and will be impacted by the drought and higher cost of treatment. The budget will not include funds needed to develop any alternate water sources, at this time. The consultant is working on analyzing the water rates which will likely increase.

DISCUSS PLANNED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS TRAINING AND EXERCISES:

Training is being scheduled for August 28 at the City Council chambers for elected official emergency management. A table top exercise is being planned in September for testing of emergency management operations in Graham. Some elected officials may be called to participate in the exercise. Assistant Fire Chief Jerry David, who is the emergency management director, will brief the Council on the training and the exercise as well as coordination with other entities. Funding for the operations depends on the City achieving an advanced level of participation and training.

CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Parks and Recreation Board

Ms. Laura Taylor has agreed to join the Parks Board and will fill the final vacancy on the board.

Arena Board

Mr. Mark Denny has agreed to join the Arena Board replacing Mr. Pascal Hosch. Mr. Denny will be the designated representative of the Graham Economic Improvement Corporation on this board.

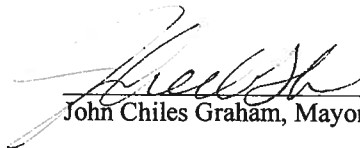
Pam Scott made the motion to approve the two appointees, Brint Albritton made the second and motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

David Casteel said that crews are seal coating streets in several areas and reported the lake level at 1062.64' or 45.3%. 1075' is full.

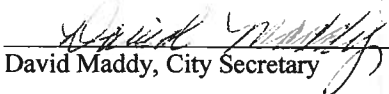
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Darby Brockway and a vote of 5-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary